

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the Prattsburgh Town Hall, Prattsburgh, NY. Supervisor Wordingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:**

Albert Wordingham Supervisor  
Angela Einwachter Councilmember  
Elizabeth Peck Councilmember  
Janette Payne Councilmember  
Pete Scheid Councilmember  
Edward Brockman Legal Counsel  
Kim Sobolewski Town Clerk

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Minutes were accepted as presented.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid-Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the December 2023 financial report was accepted as presented by Supervisor Wordingham.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid-Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Schied, the board approved payment of the following bills on ABSTRACT #12 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #12 is \$111910.97.(Voucher#470-517)

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid-Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

**APPROPRIATIONS**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the December 2023 appropriations were accepted as presented.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid- Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

## **HIGHWAY**

Since our last scheduled meeting we have:

Plowed and sanded twice  
Pushed back once  
Did a pipe inspection on Cayward Road  
Changed driveway pipe on Baker Road  
Ditched all of Gleason Road  
Broke up two beaver dams in sluice pipes on Ring Rose and Cook School Road  
Spent four days putting up snow fence  
Recycled old sluice pipes and short steel  
Took old tires to Steuben County landfill  
Checked for plugged pipes after rains  
Switched grader over for winter work plow, wings, and chains  
Spent two days cutting trees

### *Repairs and Maintenance:*

T-100 fixed taillights, new sander battery, installed trickle charger  
T-200 new u joints, passenger side tie rod  
T-305 flipped wing blade, new mud flap brackets  
S-121 service, stored for winter  
CM-140 service, stored for winter  
T-203 service, stored for winter  
T-021 inspection, tailgate cylinder  
TR-117 inspection  
T-104 inspection, bad air bags, new driver sidestep  
TR-119 service, grease, blades, saddles, welded main frame, drive belt, and skid plates  
T-103 wheel sensor  
T-304 service, grease, tailgate valve, sanding light, taillights, and spinner  
Fixed lights on Tim's trailer

## **CODE**

Permits apps -7  
Appearance Tickets-0  
Renewals- 0  
Building inspections- 9  
Septic Inspections – 2  
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Compliance inspections - 0  
Compliance orders – 0  
Phone Calls – 45  
Emails – 41  
Iworq migration, Plan Reviews. Worked on getting common violations in Iworq

## WATER

11/27 - I took our Primary Inorganic Chemicals and Synthetic Organic Chemicals samples to the Wayland Lab (19 sample bottles).

11/28 – Cleaned up the maintenance shop and got the snow blower ready for winter.

11/30 – Put up wreaths at the town hall and Main St, set up Santa and the reindeer and set up the Nativity scene in the park.

12/1 – Russ and I Fixed the school signs above and below the school.

12/1 – Sent in November Water Report to the DOH.

12/1 – Took our 1,4Dioxane sample to the ALS courier in Penn Yan.

12/4 – Picked up our chlorine in Naples

12/4 – Drove Tom Becker from the USDA around looking at our Water System

12/11 – I took December's Coli sample to the Wayland Lab

12/14 – I had to retake a water sample because the lab had broken one of our SOC sample bottles.

12/18 – Read water meters

I have been cleaning, organizing, building shelves and going through maps and files in the basement.

I had three water shut offs

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Tickets – 25

Mark outs – 3

## SUPERVISOR

11/21/23 Angela and I had a discussion with Dwight Kanyuck (attorney, Knauf-Shaw) regarding a quote from LaBella (engineering Company) to do studies on a number of Terra-Gen's proposed turbine sites. Prattsburgh has received a fixed amount and if we were to give LaBella the green light on the current quote, we would not have enough money to complete the submission process. Dwight is going to have a discussion with LaBella. Dwight assured us that he would stay with us through the process.

11/27/23 Brad Sick (Larson Engineering) had a conversation about a grant opportunity from Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). Brad is preparing a quote to help write the grant. This grant covers many areas that would decrease the water usage in our water district (water meters, installation cost, related parts for replacement, etc.).

11/29/23 Angela's report from the November Planning Board meeting.

- The PB adopted the resolution declaring themselves lead agency for the Dinehart Solar Project, since the 30 days of notice to other interested parties had passed with no response.

- The solar developer received a letter from the D.O.T. regarding concerns about an endangered bat species but this pertains specifically to the time of year that trees can be cut so as not to disrupt seasonal habitat.

- The PB went through SEQR with the developer and Ed Brockman, with some changes being made to the responses.

- The developer is awaiting final PB approval so they can get with various state and county agencies to obtain approvals for tax abatements from NYSERDA.

- The developer agreed to provide the PB with documentation affirming their ability to conduct business in NYS and affirm the status of the officials as being able to approve decisions for the LLC.

- The PB raised many good questions during the SEQR review, which the developer answered. However, it was determined that now is the time to engage the engineering firm to review the plans as they relate to the town's solar law.

- It is anticipated that the engineering firm will review in December so that the PB can convene the first week of January to go over their findings

12/1/23 Angela and I had a conference call with Dwight Kanyuck (Knauf-Shaw) regarding the cost of the legal work to be performed in response to Terra-Gen's submission to O.R.E.S. for their project. Next, we need to have a conversation with LaBella (engineers) to get a firm quote for their work on the submission. Prattsburgh was awarded a fixed amount to address this part of the project and we need to make sure the charges from legal and engineering do not go beyond what we were awarded.

12/5/23 Brad Sick (Larson Design Group) is going to prepare the grant paperwork for the Consumptive Use Mitigation Grant to hopefully secure the money for water meters, meter pits and other hardware for the water department. This grant addresses issues to improve the conservation of water. Prattsburgh's requirements match well for this grant.

12/7/23 Larson design has been hired by the town to review the Dinehart Solar Project. All costs to the town (legal, engineering, mailing, etc.) are paid for by Tract Engineering through an escrow account.

12/7/23 Angela and I had a conference call with Jennifer Vaughn and Kathy Spenser (LaBella Engineering) regarding their not to exceed quote for performing the studies (sound, setback, and flicker) for the Terra-Gen Project. Months ago, the town received funds to perform this task Knauf-Shaw and LaBella had given us quotes. The "not to exceed" number we received last week from LaBella exceeded that quote. We informed LaBella that we needed to stay within the original number as there was no more money available to the town.

12/8/23 LaBella committed to stay within the original number for the studies. Knauf-Shaw and LaBella will work together to respond to O.R.E.S. regarding the project submission by Terra-Gen with respect to setback, noise, and light flicker.

12/11/23 J.C. Smith (I.D.A.) was notified by the EDA that there is leftover money available from the Hurricane Fred event. A letter requesting \$881,900 for the wastewater project was immediately submitted for consideration. We should know by the December meeting if Prattsburgh has been awarded this money.

12/12/23 Angela, Kim, Michele, Jeanette, and I attended a mandatory, annual training seminar in Bath for safety training in the workplace. The first hour of the course educated us on the identification on chemical safety sheets, labeling on containers, and use of protective equipment. The second hour focused on bloodborne pathogens. The steps in recognizing and treating an exposure. The third hour focused on workplace violence and sexual harassment.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the 2024 organizational meeting is scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Prattsburgh Town Hall.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid-Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

### **NYSLRS**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the following was approved:  
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Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid-Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

### **RATIFY AND AFFIRM**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, to ratify and affirm Supervisor Wordingham's negotiation and agreement with LaBella with respect to fees for services provided to the Town of Prattsburgh pertaining to the Prattsburgh Wind Project.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid-Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, and duly carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye  
Councilmember Payne-Aye  
Councilmember Scheid-Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk