# Town of Prattsville
# Monthly Meeting
# November 9th, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Prattsville, NY and County of Greene, NY held a Monthly Meeting at the Prattsville Town Hall on Monday, November 9th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

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| Present: | Greg Cross | Supervisor |
| | Eli Martin | Councilman |
| | Heidi Ruehlmann | Councilperson |
| | Mason Chase | Councilman |
| | Theresa Whitworth | Town Clerk |
| Absent: | Joyce Peckham | Councilperson |

Others present: Deb & Jim Dymond, Carole Cangelosi, John Dressler, David Whitbeck
Present on zoom: Michael Miller, Michelle & Jesse Petricini, John Lane

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Clerks minutes for the Regular meeting of October 12th, 2026, and the minutes for the Budget workshop meetings of October 15th & 21st.

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| Ayes 4 | Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase |
| Nays 0 | |
| Absent 1 | Peckham |

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the monthly financial report.

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| Ayes 4 | Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase |
| Nays 0 | |
| Absent 1 | Peckham |

Comments from the floor-

No comments were made.

REPORTS:

1. Highway – Supervisor Cross noted that the Highway report was in the Board members' folders. A member of the public asked about the new town truck, which had been seen with an open rack body rather than a dump body. The Supervisor explained that the truck was ordered with a rack body that accommodates a slide-in, pickup-sized sander. He acknowledged that it would not be suited to heavy dirt hauling and said he did not know the reasons for the specification.
2. Water District – Chief operator Dave Whitbeck reported average usage of approximately 27,000 gallons per day with the residual chlorine reading at about 1.00 mg/L. The hydrants are still in question at the Mews. It was found by Mike Harrington that the Town intended to buy back the water district.
3. WWTP report – Chief operator Dave Whitbeck reported the average daily flow is 27,000 gallons. He reported the a VFD is broke and it is scheduled to be fixed in November.
4. Code Enforcement Report- Reported that the Code Enforcement Officer visited the noise complaint on October 1st and found no generator noise. He also visited where the resident said the generator was and found that the house had power and no generator.

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5.Pratt Rock – Councilman Chase reported that he intended to have the permit resubmitted to the Department of Transportation over the winter so that the project could be put out to bid in the spring. No other updates were given.

BUSINESS:

1. Veterans Exemption– Supervisor Cross presented a packet from the Assessor describing a New York State law that allows towns to grant a tax exemption to 100% disabled veterans. Greene County adopted this in August. It was questioned how many residents we have that would qualify, to which that was unknown. It was questioned how it would be determined who is 100% disabled and that is determined the federal government would determine that, then paperwork would be submitted from them. By consensus, the Board agreed to proceed and contact the Town Attorney to draft a resolution ready for December.
2. December Pay – In previous years it was agreed to pay all employees at the first payroll in December instead of the last. The Board agreed.
3. Hydrant Quote- The Board reviewed two quotes to replace a hydrant at the rear of the trailer park. The hydrant sits in a grassy area and has been struck by vehicles multiple times. One quote was from Evergreen for $8,000 and Hubbell Companies for $8,550. Questions arose about the Hubbel quote having multiple items excluded from the quote and the Evergreen quote saying all work is included.
   A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the Evergreen quote for $8,000 to replace the broken fire hydrant.

   Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
   Nays 0
   Absent 1 Peckham
4. Roof Quote- The Town has tried all summer to get a bid for the Highway roof. After multiple phone calls to have people come to quote the work, Premier Roofing came and put a quote in. It included a full replacement option, with work to be done next year at $18,693 and a temporary repair at $3,950. It was noted that in the full replacement quote it did not add the cost for the sheathing and planks, which was assumed to be a bit high for the per sheet cost. Supervisor Cross noted that the cost for the replacement and fix is a bit high and that he estimated the cost would be $8,000 to $10,000, noting that about $9,000 had been budgeted this year. The Board discussed back and forth that the bid was high and that the total to fix the roof would be close to $25,000 by the time it was done. Councilman Chase suggested putting this out to bid again on the website he uses for Pratt Rock. Councilman Martin asked Clerk Whitworth to put it online as well to see if the Town could get more interested parties. Bids will be accepted at the next Board meeting.
5. Resolution to adopt the Budget- Supervisor Cross reported that the Town's final ambulance district cost would be $285,299 instead of $355,000 this puts $75,000 back into the budget. Supervisor Cross suggested that they lower the general less unexpended balance by $50,000, lower the less unexpended balance by $15,000, put $500 back in the historian account, $2,300 into the contingency account, $2,055 in the dog control account and $500 in the highway contingency account. Supervisor Cross stated that the budget remained within the tax cap.

**2026 RESOLUTION NO. 7**

**A Resolution Adopting the Budget for 2027**

WHEREAS, the Town Board proposed its Preliminary 2027 Budget during a meeting of the Town Board held on October 21st, 2026 and at a Public Hearing on October 21st, 2026, where the Budget was reviewed and comments from the public were solicited;

Now, therefore be it.

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RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget, a copy of which is on file at both the Supervisor's office and the Town Clerk``s office, is hereby approved and shall become the Final 2027 Budget.

A motion by Councilman Chase, seconded by Councilman Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 7 of 2026.
Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0
Absent 1 Peckham

6. Commercial Building September 11th, 2023, minutes- Supervisor Cross reviewed the background of the commercial building. The museum had previously considered selling the building and the Supervisor had urged them to discuss it with the Board. During that time a private donation from Nicholas Jurid was made of $250,000. $100,000 was to go the restoration of the commercial building and $50,000 was intended for the Town to acquire the building after the restoration was finished. Supervisor Cross noted that rehabilitation to date was a new roof, painting the exterior and some foundation clearing. The Museum wants to look into getting CWC funding to lift the building. There was slight discussion about what the building could be used for. Councilman Chase asked whether anything had prompted this discussion. Supervisor Cross stated that it was unsure if the new museum board fully understood their ownership of the building. Clerk Whitworth stated when she looked back at the minutes from the meeting that the Town decided to take ownership that the minutes did not reflect the Board's vote at the meeting to take the building after it was rehabilitated. The vote was recorded in the clerk's notebook. Board members recalled that the vote took place and it was to take ownership after the building was rehabilitated. Councilman Chase advised that supporting documentation be attached. By consensus, Clerk Whitworth was authorized to amend the minutes with documentation.
7. 5456 Washington St- Supervisor Cross noted that we still own the stone house at 5456 Washington St. He was contacted by a school staff member that had overheard conversations about children hanging out there. David Whitbeck, who had been inside last year during the water break, described the interior as poor and hazardous condition. As a short-term measure it was suggested that the highway crew should board the doors and windows but that a long-term solution should be discussed in the future. A resident that had earlier expressed interest in buying the property said that he would like to inspect it at his own risk before it is boarded up. He described making it a studio for art and music. The Board agreed to consult the Town Attorney after the prospective buyer has inspected the property.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to pay the bills on abstract #11 for November.
Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0
Absent 1 Peckham

With no further business a motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.
Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0
Absent 1 Peckham

Respectfully Submitted
Theresa Whitworth
Town Clerk

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