Town of Prattsville Monthly Meeting September 8th, 2025

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, September 8th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Present: Greg Cross Supervisor

Joyce PeckhamCouncilpersonEli MartinCouncilmanMason ChaseCouncilmanHeidi RuehlmannCouncilpersonTheresa WhitworthTown Clerk

Others present: Connie Brigg, Debbie & Jim Dymond, Charlie & Beverly Santo, Carole Cangelosi, Stephen & Lisa Birnbaum, Dan Peckham and David Whitbeck

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve the Clerk's minutes for the Regular meeting on August 11th, 2025.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0 Absent 0

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the Monthly Financials report.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0 Absent 0

COMMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMUNITY

No comments from the floor

Reports:

- 1. Highway Everything is going well.
- 2. Water District report Average daily flow was approximately 47,213 gallons. The water tower was very low this month, as August was a dry month, and it was believed that most of the water usage was for residents watering their plants. A leak was detected and fixed.
- 3. Code Enforcement report-- 4 permits were issued.
- 4.WWTP report- Average daily flow was approximately 27,000 gallons. The septage study was complete. Dave, Supervisor Cross, and Mike Harrington met to discuss this and review a draft that was being sent to CWC.
- 5.Tax Collector The books are closed, Carole Cangelosi issued the town a check for \$5440.
- 6. Water & Sewer Report \$19,374 of the \$23,808 owed water bills have come in. Second water bills will be going out this week. \$48,604 out of the \$57,165 owed sewer bills have come in.

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7. Pratt Rock report – Councilman Chase reported that Evergreen Mountain Contractors have completed their scope of work. Steve Whitesell is donating 300+ native plantings. They are hoping to host a park clean-up day on October 10th, 2025. DOT is committed to giving an endorsement letter for the next phase of Pratt Rock to build an ADA sidewalk to Pratt Rock Park. Mason would like to apply for the DEC Smart Growth Grant for this project. Mike Ryan did a nice news article on Pratt Rock Park.

New Business:

- 1. <u>Zadock Pratt Museum</u> Lisa Birnbaum wanted to remind everyone that the Victorian Tea will be this weekend and there are still available seatings.
- 2. <u>Town Use Form</u>- The C-4 Homeschool Co-op requested use of the Conine Field for every other Friday from 2:15 3:15. Town Board members approved this request.

The Prattsville Softball League has requested to extend their existing ballfield use form to play fall ball; they would like to have some Saturdays and Sundays from September 14th to October 26th, 2025. A board member asked about the youth soccer that usually plays on Saturdays. The board members were concerned about parking on Saturdays. The board approved this request, but they can't have Saturday tournaments if they conflict with youth soccer games.

3. <u>CST Quote-</u> On the quote, it's for 2 desktop computers, a laptop computer, and the setup fee. Currently, the 2 desktops cannot handle the Microsoft upgrade to Windows 11. The laptop is for the highway department, as their laptop is very old. The highway laptop will be put on hold until the new year, and we will add it to the budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peckham and seconded by Councilmember Ruehlmann to purchase the 2 desktop computers from CST Group at \$986.70 a piece with a setup fee of \$105 a piece.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Absent 0

4. <u>CST Contract</u> — The contract will be for three years, locking us in at \$1,266 a month. It was noted that this will need to go up next year with getting a new email and a new laptop.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the CST Group contract for 3 years.

- 5. October Meeting In previous years, we have sometimes switched the October meeting because it falls on Columbus Day. This year, the board has decided to keep it on Columbus Day.
- 6. <u>UTV Law</u> Diana DeSanto, the town attorney, made the changes the board requested for the law. We will hold a public hearing for the local law on October 13th at 7:15 pm.
- 7. <u>LaBella Contract for the Comprehensive Plan</u> Supervisor Cross reached out to Matthew Rogers, who originally worked on our site plan and did a great job. Matthew Rogers now works for LaBella and gave us this proposal. The proposal is for \$75,000, and we currently have around \$67,000 left from our grant. It was suggested to apply for another Greenway Grant to cover the rest of the cost.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve signing the contract with LaBella for \$75,000 to complete the Comprehensive plan.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Absent 0

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- 8. <u>Harassment Training</u> Training will be on October 6th at 6 pm. The training will be held at the Prattsville Hose Company.
- 9. <u>Defensive Driving Class</u> Victor Bujanow came in with flyers for his class at Columbia-Greene Community College. He offered to host one local if he had a location. The board approved letting him host one in the meeting room, and Deb Dymond offered the Prattsville Hose Company if a good number signed up.
- 10. <u>Assessor Position</u>- We received 3 applications. Councilmember Peckham said that she would join Supervisor Cross to do the interviews. Supervisor Cross said that he would forward the rest of the resumes to the Board, and we would have a recommendation by the October meeting.
- 11. <u>Water Billing</u> One resident's water came into question because of a large usage. When Jim Dymond found this original leak, he had shut the water off, and the resident, instead of fixing it, made it so it continued to leak into the sewer. It was decided by the Board that the resident would pay the full amount. The Board approved this water cycle billing as is. With frequent leaks happening in town, Jim Dymond requested a new detector to find them.

It was discussed that the New York toll bills for the Highway Department will be paid online moving forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilmember Ruehlmann to pay the bills on abstract #9 for September.

Ayes 5

Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Absent 0

With no further business, Councilmember Peckham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chase, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Cross, Peckham, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Navs 0

Absent 0

Respectfully Submitted
Theresa Whitworth/Town Clerk