

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
June 9th, 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, May 12th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Mason Chase	Councilman
	Heidi Ruehlmann	Councilperson
	Theresa Whitworth	Town Clerk
	Bill Sutton	Highway Superintendent

Absent:	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
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Others present: Connie Brigg, Debbie & Jim Dymond, Crystal Soule-Cornell, Thomas Olson, Jim Rion, Tony Bluestone, Anne Donavon, Adonis Watkins, Mike Ryan (Zoom)

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

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve the Clerk's minutes for the Regular meeting on May 12th, 2025.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

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

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase Ruehlmann

Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Resident Jim Rion inquired about the Town Board's decision regarding water service to his properties. Supervisor Cross responded that the Town's attorney had reviewed the applicable water law and advised that any property within the water district is required to pay for water service. Mr. Rion then requested that the Board pass a resolution during the meeting to formally provide water to his two plots of land. He added that if the Town declined to do so, he would contact his lawyer. Supervisor Cross stated that the Board could not grant such a resolution at this time, but assured Mr. Rion that the Town Attorney would be in contact with him regarding the matter.

Reports:

1. Highway – Everything is good and nothing is broken.
2. Water District report – Average daily flow was approximately 41,780 gallons; the trailer park had a water leak. Bacteria sample came back absent, and the monthly MOR for the water system was submitted to the NYSDOH.
3. Code Enforcement report- Nothing reported
4. WWTP report—The average daily flow was approximately 23,000 gallons. For April, monthly samples are sent to Adirondack Labs. Monthly reports are sent in and accepted. The semi-annual ARV flushing was done.

5. Tax Collector report – General, Highway, Fire, Sewer, Water, Lighting and Ambulance are all paid in full, \$200,000 has been paid to Greene County.
6. Water billing report – \$17,652.06 has come in out of \$23,800 owed water bills. \$5,691.70 out of the \$57,164.84 for the sewer bills have been paid.

New Business:

1. Zadock Pratt Museum- Anne Donavon started by saying the museum would like to start coming to board meetings to report a quarterly report to the board. She handed the floor over to Adonis Watkins that talked about how the museum was able to get google workplace for free as they are non-profit. They will start putting all their documents online including minutes and treasury reports. Tony Bluestone then talked about the events coming up at the Museum. You can find those on their website. Anne then finished with announcing that someone would be coming to do a presentation on the stages the paperwork will go through during preservation.
2. Pratt Rock Bids – Hubbel INC was opened first, and their bid was \$239,974. Second to be opened was Niko Development Corporation with a bid of \$475,000. Last to be opened was Evergreen with a bid of \$174,750. The committee will review the bids and award the contract project.
3. Road Bids – Bill Sutton made a recommendation to choose KCK Paving as they do good work and are the lowest bid.
A motion was made by Supervisor Cross to accept the bid of \$118,013 from KCK Paving and seconded by Councilman Martin.
Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0
4. Insurance Buyout – A town employee is getting an insurance buyout, and it is unclear in the description which plan would be provided for a buyout. Our town attorney has suggested that the employee should get the rate based on what they are eligible for. The board agreed.
5. Town Use Form- Huntersfield Christian Training Center requested use of the Town Green on Tuesdays from 10 am to 5pm to sell their ribs. Approval was given to them.
6. Cemetery- Supervisor Cross would like to get a monument lifting jack for the cemetery. The quote that he got was \$3995. The board requested that we see if we can find one cheaper and get 3 quotes. Bill Sutton would like to get a new mower specifically for the cemetery and ballfield that has a rear blower.
A motion was made by councilman Martin to purchase the SZ Hyperdrive mower from Goff's Equipment for \$17,186 and seconded by Supervisor Cross.
Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0

Supervisor Cross suggested not sending the next payment for the ambulance payment until we receive the signed contract. The town board agreed.

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Supervisor Cross announced that, due to his secretary, Kathy Hartzel Sherman, resigning, his replacement in the office would be Crystal Soule-Cornell. She will work six days a month starting 6/9/25.

Deb Dymond, the planning board secretary, wanted to let the town board know that the planning board approved the new Discover Life Church building. Their next steps will be to go through the code enforcement officer, DEP, and DEC.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Chase to pay the bills on abstract #6 for June.

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann
Nays 0

With no further business, Councilman Chase made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Ayes 5 Cross, Martin, Chase Ruehlmann
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted
Theresa Whitworth/Town Clerk