

## **TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY NEW YORK**

### **TOWN BOARD MEETING- AUGUST 5, 2025**

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:30pm.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Board members present:** Supervisor Tony Bush, Councilman Alan Hanson, Councilman Mark Martino, Councilman Richard Waldron, and Councilman John DeBottis.

**Also present:** Jason Burns, Director of community planning and code enforcement; Mike Lewis, Highway Superintendent; Mike Maxwell, Town Assessor; and Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Bush called the town board meeting to order at 7:35pm, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comments.

1.) The Town Assessor Mike Maxwell discussed with the board that the equalization rate for the town's property assessments is declining as the full market value of the homes is increasing. His recommendation is the town performs another town wide reassessment, the last one done was in 2021. This sparked comments and questions from the board as they believe part of the assessor's job was to keep town property assessments more up to date, so how can the town as a whole have assessments that are not keeping up with the real property values of today's market. Maxwell claims doing large reassessments is not how assessors work, and they don't do what they call spot assessments either which is when one property on a street may sell for much higher than the assessment is and then the assessment would raise to match the sale price. He explained that doing spot assessments would put a higher tax burden on those properties that have sold recently versus those properties that don't. Another reason Maxwell gives for the overall rate change is that there is new construction that is also happening, but he can't assess those newer homes closer to their costs because neighboring homes are not assessed that high. The board will think about how they want to proceed.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**1.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED**, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Town Board Meeting.

Councilman DeBottis seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-92 adopted.**

**2.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED**, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves for payment the claims certified on attached abstract #8 in the amounts indicated thereon:

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-93 adopted.**

**3.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:**

**RESOLVED**, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the Independent Accountant's Report from Bonadio & Co. LLP for the Town of Hastings, New York Justice Court for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>,2024.

Councilman DeBottis seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-94 adopted.**

4.) Supervisor Bush motioned to accept the bid from DeWald Roofing, as they were the only bid turned in, to complete the highway garage re-roofing project.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Supervisor Bush motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Waldron seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk