

Minutes of the  
Smithville Town Board  
April 21, 2025

**OPENING** of Town Board meeting by Supervisor John Cammarata 6:30PM  
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

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Supervisor John Cammarata	ALSO:	Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Board members: Dakota Warren		Vince Witkowski, Hwy Sup't
Shane Butler		Mindy Eldred, Playground
Russell Wark		Bruce Kinney, Smithville CE, arrived late
Fred Heisler		Smithville DCO Roger Barrows
		Ricky Bullock from Milton CAT
		Barbara Tallet

**CORRESPONDENCE** 6:35PM

C1) Notice from NYS Dept of State regarding filing of Local Law # 1 2025  
C2) Barbara Tallet: complaint about NYSEG pole near her house not having a light  
Neighbor's dogs are not licensed and are causing problems. The DCO was not present and could not comment. Ms. Tallet was told to file a complaint form found on the Town website.

**NEW BUSINESS** 6:37PM

NB1) RESOLUTION calling for Justice Audit for 2024-2025  
NB2) RESOLUTION calling for accepting the Justice Audit for 2023-2024

**RESOLUTION # 15 (2025): JUSTICE AUDIT RESOLUTIONS FOR 2023/2024 AND 2024/2025**

On a motion by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler  
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to action on the following RESOLUTIONS regarding the Justice Audits for the Town of Smithville:

- 1) TO APPROVE the Justice Audit for 2023/2024
- 2) TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE the Justice audit for 2024/2025

NB3) Consider RESOLUTION to change the Town website to ".gov", a requirement from NYS. Woolly Bear is able to make change

**RESOLUTION # 16 (2025): MOVE FORWARD WITH THE TOWN'S WEBSITE SERVER TO CHANGE THE WEBSITE TO .GOV**

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler  
NAYES: 0

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RESOLVED to allow WoollyBear, the Town's website designer, to change the website from "smithville.com" to "smithville.gov" in order to comply with a NYS directive.

NB4) Consider RESOLUTION to place port-a-john in Park for the season – same as last year \$155.00 per month

**RESOLUTION # 17 (2025): MOVE FORWARD PLACING A PORT-A-JOHN IN THE TOWN PARK FOR THE SEASON**

On a motion by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to place a port-a-john in the Town Park for the season at a cost of \$155.00 per month, the same as last year.

NB5) Consider RESOLUTION to advertise for Fuel Bids for May 19, 2025

**RESOLUTION # 18 (2025): ADVERTISE FOR FUEL BIDS FOR THE MAY 19th MEETING**

On a motion by Mr. Wark, 2nd by Mr. Heisler, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to advertise for fuel bids for the May 19th meeting.

NB6) Discussion on Dog Licensing/Code Enforcement. DCO Roger Barrows was unavailable for the meeting so the discussion on the agenda was not done with one exception. Town Clerk Owens asked the Board to delete a phrase on the 2025 Town Fee Schedule with regard to dogs, indicating that the enumeration was no longer in effect and that the phrase (at enumeration) to the \$25.00 unlicensed fee should be removed. An unlicensed dog older than 4 months would be subject to a fee of \$25.00 if unlicensed or the dog is mandated to be licensed by the court. This was put to Resolution.

**RESOLUTION # 19 (2025): REMOVE WORDS "AT ENUMERATION" FROM THE TOWN FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE UNLICENSED DOG \$25.00 FEE**

On a motion by Mr. Wark, 2nd by Mr. Heisler, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to remove the words "at enumeration" from the Town Fee Schedule to reflect that a dog who is 4 months of age or older who is not licensed is subject to the \$25.00 unlicensed fee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

7:20PM

OB1) Further proposals/discussion on box for 2015 Volvo and F600 Dump truck:

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**OB 1) The order and Resolution to purchase the grader** from last month's business was postponed in order to discuss whether the CAT 120 GC would be big enough for the Town of Smithville highway projects. Ricky Bullock from Milton CAT was available to speak to Board members about the differences between the 3 different sizes of graders Milton CAT can order. The CAT 120 GC is the smallest, used primarily for smaller roads, is 171 HP, can be ordered with a 10,12 Or 14' bore and is the one previously quoted for the Town at \$253,755. Many Municipalities have the CAT120 and are satisfied with it.

The CAT 140 comes with a lot of technology, is all set up for automation, has gps and laser features. Mr. Bullock said the Town would pay a lot more for stuff that we probably would not use as it is designed more for a contractor. The CAT 140 is a 171 HP machine and is quoted at \$378K.

The CAT 160 is a much larger machine with 190 HP and is quoted at \$378K. This unit was not discussed much.

In comparing John Deere similar graders, it was noted that the JD 622 was quoted at \$381,347. and the JD 672 was quoted at \$398K.

After some additional discussion, it was decided to stay with the original quote of the CAT 120 for \$254,755. This will be paid for out of CHIPS monies and then be reimbursed to the Town funds after the CHIPS monies come in either in June or September 2025.

**RESOLUTION # 20 (2025): STAY WITH THE ORIGINAL CAT 120 GC ORDER AND QUOTE FOR \$254,755,00**

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler  
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to stay with the original CAT 120GC order from Milton CAT for \$254,755. This will be paid for from CHIPS funds.

**OB 1, Con't) Purchase of a F-600 and box for the 2015 Volvo:**

Mr. Cammarata spoke with NBT Bank who recommended bonding for the additional amount now to save money rather than waiting a couple of years and applying for another bond again. The typical cost to bond right now is about \$7K.

A stainless steel box to purchase for the 2015 Volvo is \$94,631. from Binghamton Truck. It is not fully stainless, meaning it can't be welded. A steel box is \$76,485. Mr. Witkowski (Hwy Supt) is ok with steel because he can patch it and make it last. After much discussion it was finally decided to keep the 2015 Volvo box and repair it, which would cost about \$15-20K to repair and would probably be funded through equipment repair DA5130.4. There was no Resolution for this, just agreement by all 5 Board members

A new F600 is priced at \$75,630 from Chenango Sales. A 9' dump box and plow for the F600 is being quoted from Palmer's at \$30,745.00. The wing is not being quoted as it has the potential to be ripped off during use. Mr. Witkowski found a 9' steel dump box at Binghamton Truck for \$15,235. which would bring the price of the F600 down further but

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Board members decided against it. The current Ford 550 is in rough shape and was purchased with CHIPS funds 8 years ago which means it would have to wait another 2 years to be replaced with CHIPS monies. It could still be kept and used for light duty.

John Deere would only give \$25K trade for the current grader but that offer may not be considered if a new grader is not sold to the Town by them. After continuous discussion a Resolution was passed to purchase the F600 for the Highway Dept from Chenango Sales and to bond for \$450K to include the new Ford F600 from Chenango Sales, box and plow from Palmer's and the previously ordered 10 wheel Western Star truck. A final amount borrowed would depend on what the 2002 Volvo and the old grader could be sold for.

**RESOLUTION # 21 (2025): BOND FOR \$450K TO PURCHASE THE F600, THE DUMP BOX/PLOW and WESTERN STAR TRUCK**

On a motion by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler  
NAYES: 0

**RESOLVED** to bond with NBT bank for \$450K to cover the new 10 wheel Western Star truck (pre-ordered from Tracey Road Equipment) for \$331,083; a Ford F600 from Chenango Ford sales with cab and chassis for \$75,630.; and a stainless steel dump box with plow from Palmer's for \$30,745.00.

Further **RESOLVED** to bond with NBT for a 1st year short-term bond of \$12K, then **RESOLVED** to carry the bond to a long term 15 year bond @4% interest with a payment of \$31K annually, the 1st payment being due July 2026. The amount to be bonded and the amount of interest could change between now and closing due to what the old grader and 2002 Volvo can be sold for and the rate of interest at the bank upon closing. Payments can tentatively be placed at \$31K annually for 15 years with the 1st payment being in July 2026; payments would be withdrawn from New Equipment DA5130.2 and Repairs DA5130.4.

OB2) further discussion on the water system: Mr. Cammarata has had another phone call from NYS requesting an answer on whether the Town of Smithville will be using the \$8 million grant for the proposed water system for the hamlet. The deadline is now July 2025. Mr. Cammarata has had a phone call into the Engineering firm /Brandon Becker regarding drilling a test well but has not had a response from him. Additional funding does not look promising and the project is becoming expensive.. After some additional discussion it was decided to not move forward with the water system for the hamlet, decline the NYS grant and to stop any potential well drilling on Sergi's behalf.

**RESOLUTION # 22 (2025): NOT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE WATER SYSTEM FOR THE HAMLET**

On a motion by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler  
NAYES: 0

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RESOLVED to not move forward with the water system for the hamlet, the \$ million grant from NYS or doing a test well drill.

OB3) report on addition. No one had heard anything from Principle Design so Mr. Cammarata called the company to ask about the drawings being ready for tonight's meeting. He was told they had not heard anything from the Town and did not have a signed document. Mr. Cammarata was told it would be a couple of weeks before the drawings are complete.

**REPORTS**

7:50PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted: German Hollow ditched, needs gravel; beaver trapping, JD back together; gradall has locking brake problem. Will call FEMA.

R2) Assessor: no report submitted

R3.) Enforcement Officer: report submitted. People are contacting him to put in driveways, septic systems and some houses. He has received complaints about junk/trash at some residences that should have letters sent asking for compliance with the new Local Law. One site that was noted for log removal without a permit was on the corner of Windham/Pollard Rd. The Highway Sup't will look into that.

R4.) Planning Board: no report submitted. March draft minutes were available. Also available was the proposed Local Law for Solar System Construction. Mr. Butler, Board member and County Planning Board Chair said there were some recommendations he would like to see added and that he would contact PB Chair Marie Kehl. The Towns of Guilford and Columbus have Solar Energy Local Laws that are acceptable and could be viewed.

R5.) DCO: no report submitted;

R6.) vacant R7.) Justice: no report submitted

R8.) Custodian/Groundskeeper:

R9.) Playground Committee: no report submitted. Mrs. Eldred spoke and said the Bottle Fund (acc't # ) was set up to be used for replacement parts for the playground. The smaller playset for toddlers is in need of replacement. One was found on Amazon for about \$400. Mrs. Owens said she could order it on the Town's account so it would be tax exempt.

**RESOLUTION # 23 (2025): ORDER REPLACEMENT TODDLER PLAYSET FROM AMAZON USING FUNDS FROM THE BOTTLE FUND**

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to order a replacement Toddler playground set from Amazon using funds from the Bottle Fund (acc't # 6570) in the Budget.

It was also recommended to send JRC rep Nick Specht a full copy of the application to use the Town Park ballfield.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted

\*JRC wants the 2025 payment of \$4250 +\$1200 for \$5450. Mrs Owens suggested the Town be sent an invoice.

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**RESOLUTION # 24 (2025): PAY JRC THE 2025 CONTRACTUAL AMOUNT OF \$5450.00**

On a motion by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler  
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to authorize the 2025 payment of JRC monies to the JRC.

Supervisor Cammarata also requested a Resolution to transfer \$35K from DA5110.4 to DA5132.4 (garage utilities) as not enough was put into DA5132.4 at Budget time last year to make up for the change in fuel costs.

**RESOLUTION # 25 (2025): TRANSFER \$35K HIGHWAY FUNDS FROM DA5110.4 to DA5132.4**

On a motion by Mr. Warren, 2nd by Mr. Wark, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler  
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to transfer \$35K from DA5110.4 to DA5132.4 (utilities) to cover the fuel for 2025.

A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Mr. Wark, 2nd by Mr. Warren, all 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVAL** for March 17th

8:00PM

The minutes of the March 17th meeting were reviewed. Mr. Heisler said he did not vote in favor of mowing of cemeteries. Mrs. Owens will make the change. A motion was made by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Warren to approve the minutes with that correction. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

**WARRANTS**

8:05PM

General Warrant # 4, Vouchers # 38-54 in the amount of \$4496.89 were submitted for payment.

There was a duplicate voucher to Terri Bickford # 41 & # 48; # 48 was deleted which reduced the total of the General Warrant to \$4,262.89. A motion to approve these claims for payment was made by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 4, Vouchers # 43-57, in the amount of \$15260.57 were submitted for payment. A motion to approve these claims for payment was made by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Warren. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

8:11PM

A motion to go into Executive session to discuss an employee situation was made by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried. Into Executive Session at 8:11pm.

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A motion to come out of Executive session was made by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried. Out of Executive Session at 8:25.

Additional business as added

**RESOLUTION # 26 (2025): APPOINT DEIRDRE PURDY AS CLERK, PART-TIME**

On a motion by Mr. Butler 2nd by Mr. Warren, the following Resolution was ADOPTED

AYES: Butler, Wark, Warren, Cammarata, Heisler

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to appoint Deirdre Purdy as a Clerk, part-time to work in the Town Clerk's office. 8:25PM

There was no other business to come before the Board. Supervisor Cammarata declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Alison Owens

Smithville Town Clerk