

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD
VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL
6 GEE STREET, VAN ETTEN, NY
AUGUST 14, 2025**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING
BEGIN **59-25** THRU **62-25**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:04 PM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2025

ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD

HAROLD SHOEMAKER-COUNCILPERSON/DEPUTY SUPV.
FRED SWAYZE, JR.-COUNCILPERSON
PENNY FLORA-COUNCILPERSON
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

TOWN OFFICERS

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT
SALLY WHITSON-ASSESSOR-EXC
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK
BRANDON DECKER-CODE ENF-EXC
DENEEN DILLER- TOWN HIST
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.-EXC
DONNA REDSICKER-WATER CLERK-EXC
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: COLLEEN BEACH, FRED SWAYZE, SR., REBECCA WRIGHT, BEN WILBUR, ALEX MARIACHER, MATT FREEZE (MORNING TIMES), ROY CARLING, JANET SAYRE, DAWN R. SHOEMAKER, ROBIN ACKERLEY, JOE DONOVAN AND PETER SECONDO.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY SHOEMAKER TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 10, 2025 AND SPECIAL WORKSHOP/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HELD ON JUNE 5, 2025. ALL AYE. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK

- VAN ETTEN E-RECYCLING – SAT., SEPTEMBER 6 FROM 9A- 12 P IN TOWN HALL PARKING LOT.
- CHEMUNG COUNTY E-RECYCLING – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. DROP OFF DATES FROM AUGUST 25 – 29.
- COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL, 6 GEE STREET, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 10:00AM.
- VAN ETTEN LIBRARY HAS **NEW** HOURS:
 - MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS: 1 PM - 5 PM
 - WEDNESDAYS: 11 AM - 1 PM AND 2 PM - 7 PM
 - FRIDAYS: 9 AM - 1 PM AND 2 PM - 5 PM
- CLOSING VAN ETTEN TSB IN VAN ETTEN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31.
- RESIGNATION LETTER FROM MS. TONI SUE SWAYZE FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WAS READ BY KETURI (SEE FILE).

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REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK #1067 FOR \$1,915 AND \$1.00 CHECK #1068 PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

- NEW STAR EXEMPTIONS AMOUNTS; BASIC \$36,350. AND ENHANCED \$104,840.

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI-REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF JULY 2025 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$350.47 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-DENEEN DILLER-NO REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-NO REPORT FILED

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-

- SHOEMAKER NOTED WORKING ON QUOTES FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR ON EAST PLEASANT-HAS RECEIVED TWO (2) QUOTES AND WAITING FOR THIRD (3).
- SHOEMAKER IS WORKING ON WELCOME SIGNS FOR VAN ETTEN; WILL APPLY FOR CASELLA GRANT FUNDING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY LARISON FOR CLERK ROSE TO APPLY FOR CASELLA GRANT FUNDING FROM COUNTY VIA ONLINE ALL AYE. CARRIED

-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED

- EASTWOOD STATED BRIDGE ON KELLEY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BY COUNTY/COULD BE CLOSED UNTIL OCTOBER. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN UPDATED.

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- KETURI NOTED \$500 REQUEST FROM CHEMUNG COUNTY FOR VAN ETTEN'S PORTION OF ORTHOIMAGERY FUNDING PROJECT.
- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF STATISTIC REPORT FOR JULY 2025.

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF JULY 2025 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

- SHOEMAKER RECEIVED THIRD (3RD) AND FINAL QUOTE FROM MARTZ TECHNOLOGIES IN AMOUNT OF \$18,799.02 FOR REPLACING/UPGRADING WATER TANK TRANSMITTER. SHOEMAKER NOTED GABLE HAS REQUESTED USING MARTZ TECHNOLOGIES QUOTE; HOWEVER, BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL 2026 TO PROCEED.

-CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER

A ACCT: \$13,077.89
FIRE: \$

HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER

DA ACCTS: \$69,395.87
FX (WATER): \$12,325.27

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**RESOLUTION #59-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING THE FOLLOWING:

\$13,500 FROM WATER RESERVES TO SW8310.21 (WATER NEW METER CONTRACTUAL).

SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., FLORA, LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON AND SECONDED BY FLORA AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS RECOMMENDED BY AUDIT COMMITTEE OF SWAYZE, JR., AND SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

- MS. BEACH STATED 2025 PANTHER PRIDE DAY WAS SUCCESSFUL WITH AMOUNT OF SMILES ON CHILDREN'S FACES. MS. BEACH WOULD LIKE TO "GROW" PANTHER PRIDE DAY WITH MORE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES; OFFERING FUND RAISING EVENTS. FREE KARAOKE ON SEPTEMBER 6 FROM 1 – 4P WITH 50/50 RAFFLE AND CF&R MAY OFFER FOOD FOR PURCHASE. MS. BEACH HAS CREATED NEW FACEBOOK PAGE; PANTHER FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES.
- SHOEMAKER STATED HAEFELE BROADBAND PROJECT IS PROGRESSING; HAEFELE CURRENTLY WORKING ON DECKER HILL AND HAVING DIFFICULTIES WITH OBTAINING POLE PERMITS.
- CLERK ROSE STATED MEETING WITH NYSEDA REPRESENTATIVE NEXT WEEK TO INITIATE GRANT FOR NEW TOWN HALL FRONT DOORS.
- SWAYZE, JR. STATED COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD MEET AND REVIEWED SAMPLE PLANS FROM VILLAGE OF VAN ETTEN, TOWN OF ASHLAND AND TOWN OF CHEMUNG. SWAYZE, JR. WORKING WITH ATTORNEY FOR ASSISTANCE IF/WHEN NEEDED. SWAYZE, JR. NOTED COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD WILL WORK WITH FIRMS WHEN THAT TIME ARRIVES WHILE KEEPING COSTS MINIMAL.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- MR DONOVAN INVITED ALL TO OPEN HOUSE AT CHEMUNG COUNTY LANDFILL ON SEPTEMBER 10.
- MS. WRIGHT ASKED TOWN BOARD FOR UPDATE ON WARRANTY OF RESERVE WATER PUMPS. SHOEMAKER STATED WARRANTY IS FROM TIME OF DELIVERY HOWEVER, TOWN BOARD AGREES HAVING PUMPS ON HAND (TAKING DELIVERY OF SPARE PUMPS CAN TAKE TWO – THREE MONTHS) TAKES PRECEDENCE. SHOEMAKER HAS TALKED WITH SEVERAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND THEY TOO HAVE SPARE PUMPS ON HAND.

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NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 61-25

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN REAPPOINTS SALLY WHITSON AS TOWN ASSESSOR FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2031. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

RESOLUTION 62-25

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2025-RAZE OR REPAIR OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS. SPONSOR- SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED- LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2025.

ADJOURNED AT 7:50 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED BY LARISON. ALL AYE. CARRIED.