

**Eaton Town Council Annual and Regular Board Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Town of Eaton Office Building, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, New York, there were
present:**

Joseph Wicks, Supervisor
Jeff Golley, Councilmember
Dave Verne, Councilmember
Stephen Dickerson, Councilmember
Jean Hilts, Councilmember
Dean Curtis, Town Clerk
Pam Locke, Deputy Town Clerk
Larry Phillips, Highway Superintendent

Also present: Amy Will, Bookkeeper, Todd Szewczyk, Jean Neidhardt, Caroline Wilson, Don Bigelow, Corrine and Bill Banker, Carol Gorg, Jim Kallmerten, Becky Rochin, Ken Masker

Call to order & Welcome: The Meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 min):

Todd Szewczyk fully supports the Windmill project

Jean Neidhardt wanted an updated on the low frequency noise complaint

Caroline Wilson asked for updates on Codes Officer visit and wanted to know if he went alone or who he went with regarding the low frequency noise complaint.

Don Bigelow

1. Asking the TB to take action in the lakes area on construction regulations on steep slopes. That is, construction proximity to the lakeshore, erosion control and slope stabilization requirements, degree of tree removal and septic installation regulations, etc

2. Asking the TB to address erosion control near lakes and streams via the building permits /town laws for lakeside lots less than 1 acre . DEC regs (Blue book) contains suggested controls and best practice for any size lot, but is only enforced for > 1 acre. Our lakefront lots are rarely greater than 1/3 acre.

3. Asking the TB to move ahead with the STR proposal written and vetted by the lawyer nearly 2 yrs ago. Also enforcing the existing antiquated rental laws in RD2.

3. MCCC beaver dam threatens Bradley Brook with a possibly collapse which would result in an uncontrolled injection of tons of silt into the lake and severe erosion of the valley the creek flows

through. The lake is already dealing with high septic nutrient load with resulting algae blooms..., this would be potentially catastrophic to lake ecology.

MCCC has filed for a dam reduction permit last May that DEC has still not acted on. Can the TB assist in helping put pressure on DEC to get this permit issued?

4. We need to updated the septic regs for systems near the lakes . Specifically , no steel tanks, no location of ETU polishing beds near the lakeshore, required maintenance on all systems and followed up by the town .

5. Need to work, with Town support, with MADCO DOH to develop an acceptable plan to allow holding tanks near the lakes.

6. I sent Joe all the info I had on DEC's lack of regulations for <1 acre lots. He has an email. I'll send it to you if Joe cannot share it.

Corrine and Bill Banker support Todd Szewczyk regarding the Windmill project

Carol Borg wanted to follow up with the Short Term Rental that Don Bigelow mentioned and also wants the Lake Association to be actively assisting in the Comprehensive Plan, also asked about the DEC – New Wetland Regulations and if someone could please explain to the general public the new regulations.

Jim Kellmerten spoke regarding Bradley Brook being a shallow lake, research data regarding the algae bloom, septic, slopes etc regarding town law.

Ken Masker wanted follow up regarding the speed signs on Westcott

RESOLUTION 2025- 1 : Open the public hearing Senior Citizen Exemption Local Law 1-2025

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board recess the Annual Organizational & Regular Town Board Meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Supervisor Wicks reviewed the Local Law with the Board

RESOLUTION 2025- 2 : Close the public hearing

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts , seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

With all persons being heard for or against, Resolved that the public hearing be closed at 6:36 p.m. and continue with the Annual Organizational & Regular Scheduled Town Board Meeting.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

ELECTED OFFICIAL INFORMATION:

Paula Highers, Justice: 4 year. Term 01-01-2024 thru 12-31-2027
Larry Phillips, Highway Superintendent: 4 year. Term 01-01-2022 thru 12-31-2025
Joseph Wicks, Town Supervisor: 4 year. Term 01-01-2024 thru 12-31-2027
Stephen Dickerson, Councilperson: 4 year Term 01-01-2024 thru 12-31-2027
Jean Hilts, Councilperson: 4 year Term 01-01-2024 thru 12-31-2027
Dave Verne, Councilperson: 4 year Term 01-01-2022 thru 12-31-2025
Jeff Golley, Councilperson: 4 year Term: 01-01-2022 thru 12-31-2025
Dean Curtis, Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 4yr. Term: 01-01-2022 thru 12-31-2025

STAFFING & CONTRACTUAL APPOINTMENTS & RE-APPOINTMENTS:

1) 1 Year Appointments: Commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

RESOLUTION 2025- 3 : Annual Appointments for Positions as Listed.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the following appointments for 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 as follows:

- Historian – Susan Greenhagen
- Court Clerk – Brenda Herrick
- Dog Control Officer – Dan Hilts
- Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer – Larry Cesario
- Building Safety Inspector – Dean Curtis
- Deputy Town Clerk – Pam Locke
- Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk & Secretary – Karen Jacobs
- Budget Officer – Joseph Wicks

2) 1 Year Contractual Appointments: Commencing January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

- Attorney for the Town - Costello, Cooney & Fearon

RESOLUTION 2025- 4 : Annual Contractual Appointment for Town Attorney.

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC be the town attorneys for 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 2025- 5 : Planning Board Appointment of Michael Johnston.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Michael Johnston be appointed to Planning Board for a new 5-year Term:
1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029

RESOLUTION 2025- 6 : Planning Board Chair Appointment – Paul Rhyde.

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Paul Rhyde is appointed Chair of the Planning Board for 1/1/2025-12/31/2025

RESOLUTION 2025- 7 : Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment of Michael Mazza.

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Mike Mazza be appointed to Zoning Board of Appeals for a new 5-year Term: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029

RESOLUTION 2025- 8 : Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Chair Appointment.

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Mike Mazza is appointed Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 1/1/2025-12/31/2025

RESOLUTION 2025 - 9 : Appointments by Supervisor.

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstained: 1 (Golley)

Resolved that Jeff Golley be appointed as Deputy Supervisor for 1/1/2025-12/31/2025

Annual Reorganizational Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2025- 10 : Official Newspaper – Oneida Daily Dispatch.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,

Resolved that Oneida Daily Dispatch be designated as the Town’s official newspaper.

RESOLUTION 2025- 11 : Official Bank – Community Bank.

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,

Resolved that Community Bank be designated as the Town’s official bank.

RESOLUTION 2025- 12 : Authorize Issuance of Payroll – Bi Weekly and Bi-Annually.

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,
Resolved that the issuance of payroll on either bi-weekly or bi-annually basis be authorized.

RESOLUTION 2025- 13 : Designate Town Board Meetings.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,
Resolved that Town Board Meetings are designated to be held on the Second Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building at 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, NY 13408

- *Legal notice to follow informing public*

RESOLUTION 2025- 14 : Authorize Mileage Reimbursement at .70 cents/mile.

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,
Resolved that 2024 Town mileage reimbursement rate be in accordance with NYS & Federal rate of .70 cents per mile.

RESOLUTION 2025- 15 : Authorization of Pre-Pays of Bills.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,
Resolved that authorization is given for advance payment of certain monthly bills such as electric, telephone, internet, postage, insurances relating to heal and dental, property, automobile, liability, and surety be paid as pre-pays. *(Bills that are paid in advance will be listed on the next available abstract and designated as prepaid)*

RESOLUTION 2025- 16 : Town of Eaton Observation of Holidays.

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,
Resolved that Town of Eaton observes the following as legal Holidays, Town offices will be closed on these days.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20, 2025	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	Lincoln's Birthday
Monday, February 17, 2025	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
Thursday, June 19, 2025	Juneteenth National Independence Day
Friday, July 4, 2025	Independence Day
Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day

Monday, October 13, 2025	Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27 & 28, 2025	Thanksgiving Day and Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day

RESOLUTION 2025- 17 : Close the Organizational meeting.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0,
Resolved that Organizational meeting be closed and continue with Regular Town Board Meeting.

**TOWN OF EATON
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 17-2025
January 14, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town of Eaton Council has reviewed Supervisor Wicks recommendations for appointments, rates of pay, official newspaper meeting times, as well as other organizational data, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Eaton accepts the recommendations and data as submitted.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

With the Organizational Meeting completed, Supervisor Wicks closed the Organizational Meeting and continued the Regular Meeting at 6:58 pm. Motion by Councilmember Golley, Second by Councilmember Verne. All ayes, Motion Carried

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

CODES OFFICER REPORT:

**Town of Eaton
Codes Officer Report
12/01/2024 - 12/31/2024**

Type	Date	Comment	Name	Fee
Special Permit	12/05/2024	6500 West Rd	Oneida Mad Coop	175.00
Building Permit	12/30/2024	#05-23 Comm View Housing	Rich & Gardner	2,100.00
Building Permit Ren	12/18/2024	#71-22 24x38 Garage	Smith, James	50.00
Generator Permit	12/05/2024	2439 Bradley Brook Rd	Hughes, Merwin	110.00
Septic Permit	12/11/2024	#75-24 4927 Westcott	Bardee-Romano	110.00
		Total		\$2,545.00

TOWN CLERKS REPORT:

Municipay added features, Apple pay, google pay, etc.

Total Taxes Collected Year to Date: \$674,988.56 Last year 2024 \$ 550,403.12

Review minutes of December 10th, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF EATON, NEW YORK

DECEMBER, 2024

TO THE SUPERVISOR:

Pursuant to Section 27, Subd 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the month stated above, excepting only such fees and moneys the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by Law:

A1255	<u>1</u>	DECALS	<u>4.18</u>
	<u>24</u>	LANDFILL TICKETS	<u>18.00</u>
	<u>2</u>	MARRIAGE CERTIFIED CPY	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES			42.18
A1603	<u>30</u>	DEATH CERTIFIED COPIES	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL A1603			300.00
A2544	<u>7</u>	DOG LICENSES	<u>54.00</u>
TOTAL A2544			54.00
B2115	<u>1</u>	SPECIAL PERMIT	<u>175.00</u>
TOTAL B2115			175.00
B2555	<u>1</u>	BUILDING PERMIT	<u>2,100.00</u>
	<u>1</u>	BUILDING PERMIT RENEWAL	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>1</u>	SEPTIC PERMIT	<u>110.00</u>
	<u>1</u>	GENERATOR	<u>110.00</u>
TOTAL B2555			2,370.00
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL FUND			<u>396.18</u>
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR PART TOWN FUND			<u>2,545.00</u>
PAID TO NYS DEC FOR DECALS			<u>375.82</u>
PAID TO NYS ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM			<u>9.00</u>
PAID TO DEPT OF SOLID WASTE & SANITATION FOR LANDFILL			<u>462.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			3,788.00

RESOLUTION 2025- 18 : Approval of Minutes – 12/10/2024

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the minutes for December 10th, 2024 be approved

HIGHWAY REPORT:

- Superintendent Phillips ordered more Sand for Town of Eaton
- 10 Wheel dump truck Western Star arrives Friday January 17th
- Lease Agreement with Town under New Business
- Jeff Davis’s retirement – all seems to be going well with current staff

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- Update about Town of Eaton park and next steps, including finalization of deed
- Vison Plan for the Town of Eaton has been submitted by the consultant and will be emailed out to the board members with a presentation at the February meeting
- DEC is interested in making a fishing access area on Landon Rd near the NYS Route 26 intersection

RESOLUTION 2025- 19 : Approval of January 14th, 2025 Supervisor Report

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Supervisor Report Submitted on January 14th, 2025 is accepted and approved

- New Town of Eaton Sign under New Business
- **Adopt Local Law 1-2025 A Local Law Amending Article 1 of Chapter 170 of the Town of Eaton Code Titled ‘Senior Citizen Exemption’**

RESOLUTION 2025- 20 : Adoption of Local Law 1-2025 A Local Law Amending Article 1 of Chapter 170 of the Town of Eaton Code Titled ‘Senior Citizen Exemption’:

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town of Eaton Town Board approve and adopt Local Law 1-2025 A Local Law Amending Article 1 of Chapter 170 of the Town of Eaton Code Titled ‘Senior Citizen Exemption’.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 170 OF THE TOWN OF EATON CODE TITLED “SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION”

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Eaton as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT & PURPOSE

The Town Board of the Town of Eaton being ever mindful of its responsibility and obligation to provide for the welfare and financial independence of the senior citizens of the Town who have made a vital contribution to the growth, development and progress of the community, intends by the enactment of this Local Law to provide protection for limited income senior citizen homeowners from the increased cost of living.

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend the current Article 1 of Chapter 170 of the Code of the Town of Eaton to update the exemption from taxation in accordance with the criteria set forth in New York State Real Property Tax Law § 467.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is enacted pursuant to Section 10 of New York’s Municipal Home Rule Law and New York Real Property Tax Law § 467.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE 1 OF THE TOWN OF EATON CODE

The existing Article 1, “Senior Citizen Exemption”, of Chapter 170, “Taxation,” of the Code of the Town of Eaton shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced by a new Article 1, with the same title, “Senior Tax Exemption,” which shall read in its entirety as follows:

“170-1 Exemption Granted; Amounts

- A. Real property in the Town of Eaton owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by spouses or by siblings as defined by Real Property Tax Law § 467, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation by the Town to an extent as set forth in Subsection B of this Section based on their income. Such exemption shall also apply to real property in which a person(s) holds a legal life estate, or which is held in trust solely for the benefit of a person(s) if such person(s) would otherwise be eligible for the exemption were such person(s) the owner(s) of such real property.

- B. A graduated tax exemption shall be allowed in accordance with the following schedule:

Annual Income	Percentage Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
Less than or equal to \$26,000.00	50%
More than \$26,000.00 but less than \$27,000.00	45%
\$27,000.00 or more but less than \$28,000.00	40%
\$ 28,000.00 or more but less than \$29,000.00	35%
\$29,000.00 or more but less than \$ 29,900.00	30%
\$29,900.00 or more but less than \$30,800.00	25%
\$30,800.00 or more but less than \$31,700.00	20%
\$31,700.00 or more but less than \$32,600.00	15%
\$32,600.00 or more but less than \$33,500.00	10%

\$33,500.00 or more but less than \$34,400.00 5%

170-2 Income Qualifications

- A. The “applicable income tax year” as used herein shall mean the second most recent calendar year.
- B. The term “income” as used herein shall mean the “adjusted gross income” for federal income tax purposes as reported on the applicant’s federal or state income tax return for the applicable income tax year, subject to any subsequent amendments or revisions to Real Property Tax Law § 467(3)(iv); provided that if no such return was filed for the applicable income tax year, the applicant’s income shall be determined based on the amounts that would have been so reported if such a return had been filed; and provided further, that when determining income for purpose of this Section, the following conditions shall be applicable:
- (1) any social security benefits not included in such federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income;
 - (2) distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in the applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income and shall not be excluded;
 - (3) any tax-exempt interest or dividends that were excluded from the applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income;
 - (4) any losses that were applied to reduce the applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be subject to the following limitations:
 - a. the net amount of loss reported on federal Schedule C, D, E or F shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per schedule,
 - b. the net amount of any other separate category of loss shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), and
 - c. the aggregate amount of all losses shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).
- C. No exemption shall be granted:
- (1) If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the applicable income tax year exceeds the sum provided in Section 170-1 of this Local Law; or
 - (2) Where title is vested in a married person, the combined income of such person and such person’s spouse may not exceed sub sum, except where one spouse or ex-spouse

is absent from the property due to divorce, legal separation or abandonment, in which case only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum.

170-3 Compatibility with Real Property Tax Law § 467.

The right to said exemption set forth in this Article, the procedures for application therefor and the restrictions and limitations thereon shall be as set forth in this Article in accordance with the terms, procedures, restrictions and limitations set forth in the Real Property Tax Law § 467. The exemption, the procedures for application therefor and the restrictions and limitations thereon as set forth in Real Property Tax Law § 467, as amended, and as from time to time shall be amended, are hereby incorporated by reference into this Article. If any provisions of this Article are in conflict with those set forth in Real Property Tax Law § 467, Real Property Tax Law § 467 shall be controlling.

SECTION 4. VALIDITY & SEVERABILITY.

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order of judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State

- **Town Sign**

RESOLUTION 2025- 21 : Town of Eaton Sign :

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board grant Supervisor Wicks authorization to purchase 4' x 8' Sign for Town of Eaton Building from Terry Signs for \$555.00 and have installed.

- **Designate 2025 Polling Place**

RESOLUTION 2025- 22 : Designating Polling Place at Madison County Cornell Cooperative Extension 100 Eaton St. Morrisville 13408:

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the designated Polling Place as the Madison County Cornell Cooperative Extension Building, 100 Eaton Street, Morrisville NY 13408

- **AOT – Assign Delegate and Alternate Delegate for AOT Annual Business Meeting to be held on 2/16/2025 in New York City**

RESOLUTION 2025- 23 : Designate Delegate and Alternate Delegate as Representative for AOT Annual Meeting on February 16, 2025 in New York City

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Supervisor Wicks be voting delegate and Deputy Supervisor Golley be the alternate delegate for the AOT Annual Meeting on February 16, 2025 in New York City

- **Lessee Resolution Between ROC Leasing LLC dba Real Lease and Town of Eaton**

RESOLUTION 2025- 24 : Lessee Resolution Between ROC Leasing LLC dba Real Lease and Town of Eaton

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that by the Governing Body of Lessee as follows:

1. Determination of Need. The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Equipment described on Exhibit A of Schedule No. 001 to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of December 27, 2024, between Town of Eaton (Lessee) and ROC Leasing LLC dba Real Lease (Lessor).

2. Approval and Authorization. The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that the Agreement and Schedule, substantially in the form presented to this meeting, are in the best interests of the

Lessee for the acquisition of such Equipment, and the Governing Body hereby approves the entering into of the Agreement and Schedule by the Lessee and hereby designates and authorizes the following person(s) to execute and deliver the Agreement and Schedule on Lessee's behalf with such changes thereto as such person(s) deem(s) appropriate, and any related documents, including any Escrow Agreement, necessary to the consummation of the transaction contemplated by the Agreement and Schedule.

Authorized Individual(s): Joseph Wicks, Supervisor

LESSEE RESOLUTION 2025-24

RE: Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of December 27, 2024 between ROC Leasing LLC dba Real Lease (Lessor) and Town of Eaton (Lessee) and Schedule No. 001 thereto dated as of December 27, 2024.

At a duly called meeting of the Governing Body of the Lessee (as defined in the Agreement) held on January 14, 2025 the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of Lessee as follows:

1. Determination of Need. The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Equipment described on Exhibit A of Schedule No. 001 to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of December 27, 2024, between Town of Eaton (Lessee) and ROC Leasing LLC dba Real Lease (Lessor).
2. Approval and Authorization. The Governing Body of Lessee has determined that the Agreement and Schedule, substantially in the form presented to this meeting, are in the best interests of the Lessee for the acquisition of such Equipment, and the Governing Body hereby approves the entering into of the Agreement and Schedule by the Lessee and hereby designates and authorizes the following person(s) to execute and deliver the Agreement and Schedule on Lessee's behalf with such changes thereto as such person(s) deem(s) appropriate, and any related documents, including any Escrow Agreement, necessary to the consummation of the transaction contemplated by the Agreement and Schedule.

Authorized Individual(s): Joseph Wicks, Supervisor

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT

RE: Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated as of December 27, 2024 between ROC Leasing LLC dba Real Lease (Lessor) and **Town of Eaton** (Lessee) and Schedule No. 001 thereto dated as of December 27, 2024.

Below is a detailed description of all the items of Equipment including quantity, model number and serial number where applicable:

Quantity	VIN #/Serial Number	Type, Make, Model
1	5KKHBWDV3SLVS3714	2025 Western Star Model 49X
1		Everest Plow and Body Package

EQUIPMENT LOCATION Complete only if equipment will not be located at Lessee's address

BILLING ADDRESS:

GARAGING ADDRESS:

Lessee authorizes Lessor or its assigns to insert or modify, if needed, the Vehicle Identification Number ("VIN"), or Serial Number, in the above description of the Equipment to correspond to the final delivered and accepted Equipment as shown on the respective invoice or other supporting documents.

RESOLUTION 2025- 25 : Award RFP to Dutchers for 2021 Volvo Snowplow/Dump Truck.

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent shall be, and hereby is authorized to execute, on behalf of the Town of Eaton, a Notice of Award and such other documents as may be required to carry out the intent of this resolution and the purchase of the used snowplow/dump truck

OF THE TOWN OF EATON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Eaton issued a Request for Proposals for a used snowplow/dump truck for use by the highway department, and

WHEREAS, the following proposal was received:

Dutchers, Inc.	\$110,000.00	2021 Volvo
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and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Eaton Highway Superintendent has reviewed the proposal and has advised the Town Council of his recommendation that Dutchers, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Eaton that the proposal of Dutchers, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000.00 for a 2021 used Volvo snowplow/dump truck, be accepted on behalf of the Town of Eaton, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Highway Superintendent shall be, and hereby is authorized to execute, on behalf of the Town of Eaton, a Notice of Award and such other documents as may be required to carry out the intent of this resolution and the purchase of a used snowplow/dump truck.

- **Modification of the 2025 Town Outside Village (DB) Operating Budget**

RESOLUTION 2025- 26 : Authorizing the Modification of the 2025 Town Outside Village (DB) Operating Budget.

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved, by the Town of Eaton Council that the 2025 Town Outside Village (DB) Operating Budget is hereby amended to modify revenue and expenditure budget lines DB910 and DB5130.2 as follows:

OF THE TOWN OF EATON COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE

2025 TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB)

OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, by virtue of a resolution adopted by the Town of Eaton Council on January 14, 2025 the Town Council authorized the purchase of a used snowplow/dump truck for use by the highway department, and

WHEREAS, this necessary expenditure was not included in the 2025 Town Outside Village (DB) Operating Budget, and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient fund balance available in the Town Outside Village (DB) Operating Budget, to fund this expense in full;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, by the Town of Eaton Council that the 2025 Town Outside Village (DB) Operating Budget is hereby amended to modify revenue and expenditure budget lines DB910 and DB5130.2 as follows:

Account No.	Description	Debit	Credit
DB910	Fund Balance, Unreserved		\$110,000.00
DB5130.2	Equipment	\$110,000.00	

- **CPA Contract**

RESOLUTION 2025- 27 : D'Argangelo & Co. LLP for preparation of the Town's 2024 Annual Financial Report:

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board Authorize Town Supervisor to execute contract with D'Argangelo & Co. LLP for preparation of the Town's 2024 Annual Financial Report

- **Patriot Burial Marker**

RESOLUTION 2025- 28 : Place a Patriot Burial marker at the Eaton Farm Cemetery :

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board grant authorization for a Patriot Burial marker be placed in honor of Jonathan Bates/Baits, a Revolutionary War veteran buried at an Eaton Farm cemetery from the Pomeroy Foundation along with its gps location where donated sign will be placed providing approval from Madison County.

- **Budget Transfers**

RESOLUTION 2025- 29 : December 2024 Budget Transfers :

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board grant authority to Supervisor Wicks to move monies within 2024 Budget to keep all lines in balance

Audit and approval of Bills

- **PAY THE BILLS:**

RESOLUTION 2025- 30 : Audit of Claims for Abstract 600 for 2024 dates.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #600 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 600 – 2024

General A Fund	No.	197	through	210	\$10,372.40
General B Fund Part Town	No.	54	Through	57	\$ 837.48
General H – Capital Machine	No.		Through		
Street Lighting SL	No.	13	through	13	\$ 632.29
Highway Fund Townwide DA	No.	97	through	106	\$11,133.52
Highway Fund Part Town DB	No.	42	Through	42	\$ 74.00
			Total		\$ 23,049.69

RESOLUTION 2025- 31 : Audit of Claims for Abstract 1 for 2025 dates.

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #1 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 1 – 2025

General A Fund	No.	1	through	12	\$36,423.69
General B Fund Part Town	No.	1	Through	5	\$ 3,324.00
General H – Capital Machine	No.		Through		
Street Lighting SL	No.	1	through	1	
Highway Fund Townwide DA	No.	1	through	8	\$33,903.99
Highway Fund Part Town DB	No.	1	Through	3	\$41,523.88
			Total		\$ 115,175.56

RESOLUTION 2025- 32 : Close the Books for 2024.

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the books for 2024 be closed an all outstanding bills for the year 2024 be paid.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 2025- 33 : Executive Session

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that this Board move into an Executive Session for 1. F. employment at 7:12 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2025- 34 : Return to Regular Session

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 7:16 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2025- 35 : BSI Position move from Hourly to Salary

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board approved the Building Safety Position be changed from Hourly to Salary and paid bi weekly in regular payroll schedule.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Curtis, Town Clerk/Tax Collector