

REGULAR TOWN OF MOUNT MORRIS BOARD MEETING

May 15TH, 2025, at 6:00pm | 103 Main Street, Mount Morris NY

Present: Town Supervisor, Dave DiSalvo; Town Councilmembers Jeff Coniglio, Nate Guzzardi, Don Huff, and Joe Rawleigh; Town Highway Superintendent, Milton Smith; Town Code Enforcement Officer, Shawn Grasby; Deputy Town Clerk, Kaylee Leone

Others present: Community members Pete DiSalvo, Gretchen Saunders, Gina Smith, Matt Scully, Patrick Scully, Crik Christophel, Steve Zoller, Kelly Bacon, Johnna Schrier, and Karl Schrier

CALL TO ORDER AND REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Mount Morris Town Board convened its regular meeting on May 15th, 2025, at the Mount Morris Town Hall. Supervisor David DiSalvo called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the Town Board meetings held on April 17th, 2025, and May 1st, 2025, as written, was introduced by Councilmember Joe Rawleigh and seconded Councilmember Nate Guzzardi, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Coniglio, DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Huff, Rawleigh)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Town Highway Superintendent Milton Smith reported significant infrastructure needs, with a focus on a culvert replacement project on Creek Road. He stated the current culvert is undersized and recommended replacing it with a 48-inch diameter, 60-foot-long pipe to accommodate the necessary water flow and prevent erosion and damage during storms. Superintendent Smith also confirmed the Highway Department's readiness for the upcoming roadwork, and that all necessary inventory had been accounted for.

Superintendent Smith requested approval to service the Town's emergency generator at a cost of approximately \$400.00 annually to ensure operational readiness.

A motion to approve the annual servicing of the Town's generator at an estimated cost of \$400.00 was introduced by Councilmember Joe Rawleigh and seconded Councilmember Don Huff, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Coniglio, DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Huff, Rawleigh)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Additional discussion focused on road safety and tree trimming. Superintendent Smith raised concerns about dead trees posing hazards, particularly where utility lines are involved. The Board agreed to prioritize locations needing immediate attention. Smith also addressed staffing, confirming the department is still accepting applications to fill an open position and that listings have been posted online.

Superintendent Smith thanked Town Clerk Woodwork and Deputy Clerk Leone for supporting the FEMA floodplain remapping effort. He explained that the maps will significantly affect future zoning and development, particularly in flood-prone areas. Public comment on the preliminary maps will be accepted until mid-June, and the Town may need to coordinate responses to FEMA if revisions are requested.

PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS UPDATE

Deb Bump presented an update on the grant received by Partners for Progress from Parks and Trails New York. The \$5,600.00 grant will be used to fund two new benches on Main Street and a water station at the Greenway trail, with installation planned before summer events. Mrs. Bump

encouraged the Board and public to propose future project ideas, noting the grant is renewable annually up to \$15,000.00. Councilmember Don Huff thanked her for her work and emphasized the benefit these enhancements bring to community aesthetics and recreational amenities.

SOLAR LAW UPDATE, SUPERVISOR'S AND AMBULANCE REPORTS

The Board discussed the latest revisions to the Town's solar energy law. Supervisor DiSalvo noted that the revised draft reflects input from residents, Planning Board members, and the Town's attorney, Ed Russell. The updated law will be submitted to the Livingston County Planning Board for review and comment, with a tentative goal of completing the SEQR process shortly thereafter. DiSalvo reminded the Board that these revisions are necessary due to increased interest in utility-scale solar development in the Town, and that clearer guidelines will help avoid conflicts and protect agricultural land.

A motion to approve the May 2025 Town Supervisor's Report was introduced by Councilmember Nate Guzzardi and seconded by Councilmember Joe Rawleigh, and was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Coniglio, DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Huff, Rawleigh)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance call volume for April totaled 113, with 88 of those calls responded to by the Mount Morris Ambulance Service, 14 handled through mutual aid partnerships, and 2 transports involving the prison. Supervisor DiSalvo noted transport coordination between the ambulance service, NOYES Hospital, and Murray Hill. These transports are billable. The Board praised the department for ongoing operational effectiveness.

The Board briefly discussed concerns related to road use by solar construction vehicles. Highway Superintendent Milton Smith noted road wear, and Supervisor DiSalvo committed to speaking with the developers to ensure proper maintenance and traffic mitigation. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new solar installation is scheduled for June 4th at 1:00 PM, with invitations extended to county and state officials.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, CEMETARY UPDATES

There was a review of deferred maintenance needs at town facilities, particularly the Town Barn. Discussion included repairing persistent roof leaks, replacing damaged flooring, and upgrading the heating system for next winter. Councilmembers acknowledged the need to gather quotes and prioritize urgent repairs.

Councilmember Guzzardi reported that the cemetery has received positive community feedback following recent clean-up efforts. He also noted that quotes for tree removal have come in higher than anticipated, and recommended seeking additional bids. The Board discussed prioritizing hazardous trees near roadways and public spaces.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

Councilmember Joe Rawleigh updated the Board on recent zoning matters. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance involving a barn subdivision, noting that the proposed use for farm equipment storage did not require new construction and fell within acceptable setbacks. Councilmember Rawleigh also provided some insight on a proposed cell tower project on State Route 408 that is currently in progress with the Planning Board. Councilmember Rawleigh also outlined the Comprehensive Zoning Committee's ongoing work, including draft legislation to address issues with uncontrolled dogs and dog breeding in residential neighborhoods, as well as recommendations for strengthening enforcement of existing noise ordinances. Additionally, Councilmember Rawleigh detailed the committee's work to evaluate development standards for

parcels within the floodplain, aiming to balance growth with resilience. He noted that new construction in flood-prone areas may require elevated foundations or additional engineering review, and zoning districts may be revised accordingly. Others matters of focus with the committee include ATV, short-term rentals, and glamping laws.

CLERK’S REPORT

A motion to approve the May 2025 Town Clerk’s Report was introduced by Councilmember Don Huff and seconded Councilmember Joe Rawleigh, and was voted on by members as follows:

- Aye: 5 (Coniglio, DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Huff, Rawleigh)
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Audit of Claims – Abstract 5, Year 2025

- General A (Vouchers 113-135): \$72,809.20
 - Motion by Joe Rawleigh, Seconded by Nate Guzzardi
 - Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
 - Motion Carried
- General B (Vouchers 32-38): \$554.99
 - Motion by Joe Rawleigh, Seconded by Don Huff
 - Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
 - Motion Carried
- Highway DA (Vouchers 51-55): \$2,023.65
 - Motion by Don Huff, Seconded by Nate Guzzardi
 - Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
 - Motion Carried
- Highway DB (Voucher 4): \$6,363.19
 - Motion by Nate Guzzardi, Seconded by Joe Rawleigh
 - Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
 - Motion Carried
- SR Refuse (Voucher 12): \$60.90
 - Motion by Joe Rawleigh, Seconded by Nate Guzzardi
 - Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
 - Motion Carried
- SS Sewer (Vouchers 9-10): \$1,996.91
 - Motion by Don Huff, Seconded by Joe Rawleigh
 - Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
 - Motion Carried
- SW Water (Voucher 13): \$10,236.57
 - Motion by Nate Guzzardi, Seconded by Joe Rawleigh
 - Vote: Aye 5 (DiSalvo, Huff, Guzzardi, Rawleigh, Coniglio) | No 0
 - Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Multiple residents voiced concerns regarding current code enforcement efforts, particularly related to blighted properties and illegal storage structures. Questions were raised about the length and cost of ongoing litigation against repeat code violators. Supervisor DiSalvo emphasized the Town’s interest in resolving code issues amicably but acknowledged that some situations require legal escalation. Additionally, residents requested more transparency regarding meeting schedules. Deputy Clerk Kaylee Leone stated that aside from notices for public hearings in the LCN, Town Clerk Chelsey Woodworth shares reminders of upcoming meetings on the Town's Facebook page. Deputy Clerk Leone stated that she will work with the Town's web developer to embed a calendar of all town meetings on the Town's website.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved all submitted vouchers. Councilmember Huff

introduced motions to approve payment of expenses under the general, highway, refuse, sewer, and water funds. Each motion was seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh and passed without opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Councilmember Nate Guzzardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilmember Joe Rawleigh. The motion was voted on by members as follows:

Aye: 5 (Coniglio, DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Huff, Rawleigh)

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm with thanks expressed to all attendees for their participation and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaylee R. Leone
Deputy Town Clerk