

Unadilla Town Board Meeting

April 8, 2025

6:00 PM Audit of Bills

6:30 PM Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Supervisor George DeNys called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call:

- George DeNys, Supervisor
- Sheri Kinsella, Deputy Town Clerk
- Rodney Renwick, Superintendent
- Donald Cole, Councilman
- Jessica Grow, Councilwoman
- Allen Anderson, Councilman
- Larry Crosier, Councilman
- Vickie Ball, Observer
- Michael Ball, Observer
- Ed Frazier, County Rep
- Kirk McLaughlin, Observer
- Shane Strong, Cobleskill Stone Products

Minutes of March 11th

Councilman Larry Crosier made the motion to accept the March 11, 2025 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Audit of Bills

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept and pay bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

General Fund A	\$ 33,945.20
Highway (DB) Outside Village	\$ 8,680.45
Highway (DA) Town wide	\$ 27,199.61
Riverside Sewer District	\$ 92.96
Riverside Lighting	\$ 183.64
Rockdale Lighting	\$ 31.10
Wells Bridge Lighting	\$ 221.80

The stone bid was moved ahead so Mr. Strong could get on the road.

Stone Bid

	<u>Carver Sand & Gravel LLC</u>	<u>Cobleskill Stone Products</u>
1A Washed	\$29.35	\$29.40
1B Washed	\$24.10	\$23.92
1ST Washed	\$24.10	\$23.92
Light Stone Fill	\$29.05	\$29.20
Medium Stone Fill	\$30.35	\$30.45
Heavy Stone Fill	\$32.35	\$32.45
Dry Stone Fill	\$75.00	\$39.45

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the bid from Cobleskill Stone Products for 1A, 1B, 1ST Washed and Dry-Stone Fill and to accept the bid from Carver Sand & Gravel LLC for Light, Medium, and Heavy Stone Fill. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Committee Reports

Highway

Crews were out 85 times plowing and sanding and some salting. Crews have been patching roads and all roads have been swept. Spring clean-up is 80-90% done.

The State budget still not passed. Haven't heard on CHIPS. Once we get confirmation, we will let you know. Hopefully in May.

Stone bids were just done.

The salt building has been delivered and we will work on it as our schedule allows. We have some site work to do.

Highway tour – They should be done yearly. Rodney will reach out via email to come up with a date/time that works to tour the roads. We will hit 95% of the roads and it will give you an aspect as to where we are at.

Unatego elementary school is doing an "everything but school day" on May 22nd. We will be bringing some of our equipment down to the school for the students to see. It's a good thing to engage with the students.

The Shared Highway Service Agreement-Otsego County is on the agenda for approval. Allows our highway department to go to any municipal highway department in the county and we are covered legally. FEMA and SEMA require this agreement. Rodney asked on the other agreement on the agenda that we include Town of Bainbridge. This is something we do every five years.

Shared Services-Outside of Otsego County

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept resolution renewal regarding Shared Services-Outside of Otsego County as submitted, adding Town of Bainbridge. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Shared Services – County of Otsego

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the resolution regarding Shared Highway Services-County of Otsego as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Finance

March 2025 Financial Report and 2024 Budget Transfers. Transfers are end of year housecleaning. Some had to do with car accident claim. George had emailed prior for your review.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to adopt 2024 Budget Transfers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Building

Still carrying over fob issue. He is supposed to get back to us. Don will contact him. We have an issue with wire coming into building. Don will talk to Josh about coming to take care of that. George mentioned we have to change our website and turn it into .gov. Steve Lawton is working on this. It's not due until the end of the year. It's a law now. It will change our emails as well. We will see if Steve can transfer old emails to new and put an auto response email to give others new email address.

Supervisor George DeNys mentioned the end of April is the deadline for filing ARPA closeout report. We have a zero balance but he will go online to close out this month.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Monthly Reports

Town Clerk's report was submitted with a check totaling \$628.00

Supervisor's Report

Dog Control Officer's Monthly Report

Assessor's Monthly Report – Question asked about assessment. Attorney Beth Westfall stated she can do it once a year as of March 1st which is date set for taxable status. Should be done every property/every year, but realistically, that doesn't happen. It happens periodically as there is just no way to get to every property every year.

Tax Collector's Report

Councilwoman Jessica Grow made the motion to accept monthly reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion was held on tax resolution we discussed last month. Attorney Beth Westfall brought a draft resolution. This has to go on the ballot. This resolution would state that we agree to delegate tax collection responsibilities exclusively to the county treasurer beginning January 1, 2026. We would enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County about that. The County would have to approve that as well. We would be abolishing our elected position of town tax collector at the end of December, 2025. This resolution does all of that. We need to adopt by June 5th. You can look over and do it next month, or we can do it tonight if you are comfortable. Attorney Beth Westfall would need to go to the County and get approval. George asked if board needed more time. All are good to do tonight. This needs a roll call vote.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to adopt the entire resolution delegating authority to collect taxes to the Otsego County Treasurer and authorizing a municipal cooperation agreement with Otsego County for that purpose and abolishing the elected position of the town tax collector. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried by a roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Allen Anderson – Yes
Councilman Larry Crosier – Yes
Councilwoman Jessica Grow – Yes
Supervisor George DeNys – Yes
Councilman Don Cole – Yes
5 Ayes, 0 Noes.

Approval to close NBT Accounts

Supervisor George DeNys explained that some NBT accounts were not closed when they should have been when we switched to Community Bank. Some accounts we did not know what they were for totally over \$8,000. Accounts have since been closed.

Councilman Don Cole made the motion ratifying that NBT Accounts have been closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Approval for CDBG Drawdown #6

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the Housing Funds for CDBG Grant for Drawdown #6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Lawncare Bid

Bids opened as follows:

	<u>Simonds Landscaping</u>	<u>John Hyzer</u>
Total	\$1950	\$2900

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the bid from Simonds Landscaping for lawncare services for 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Correspondence

Grant opportunity from Congressman Josh Riley's office – Discussed – Community Project Funding. There were some concerns about applying.

A letter was handed out this evening signed by some residents of Hard Knocks Road addressed to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of NYS. Discussion was held regarding the letter. Supervisor George DeNys encouraged them to reach out to Governor's office. His hope is that the Governor's Office responds and doesn't kick back to DOT.

Privilege of the Floor

Adjournment

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. The motion was seconded by Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Noes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri J. Kinsella
Deputy Town Clerk
Time of Adjournment: 7:33pm