

Salisbury Town Board Meeting Minutes – 5/8/2025

A regular meeting of the Salisbury Town Board was held at 6:30 pm. at the Salisbury Town Hall on May 8th, 2025.

The meeting was attended by:

John Mowers	Town Supervisor
Nora Cool-Guinup	Councilperson
Renee Coonradt	Councilperson
Kim Sherwood	Councilperson
Colleen Walrath	Councilperson
Lyle Jenkins	Highway Superintendent
Jeanne Cool	Town Clerk
Katelin Ferguson	Town Bookkeeper

Also present:

Jessica Radley	Dolgeville School, Business Manager
Joseph Gilfus	Dolgeville School, Superintendent
Bob Schmid	Dolgeville School Board Member
	Town Zoning/Planning Board Chairman
Harlene Cramer	Public Attendee
Bob Peters	Public Attendee

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor John Mowers at 6:30 pm. and the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all present.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Supervisor Mowers requested a motion be made to accept the minutes of the last board meeting of 4/10/2025 as written and the Planning/Zoning minutes from the 4/28/25 meeting as written.

MOTION to accept the meeting minutes was made by Colleen Walrath - seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup- ayes all
MOTION to accept the planning/zoning board minutes was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded Nora Cool-Guinup - ayes all

4 Condemned property orders and 9 Notices of Violation orders were presented to the board for review.

The Dolgeville School Representatives gave a presentation regarding the school budget for the 2025-2026 school year. A newsletter / budget edition pamphlet has handed out to all attendees. Voting on the budget is Tuesday May20, 2025. There were no questions for the representatives regarding the presentation.

Harlene Cramer, public attendee and town business owner voiced concerns about the “dump property” behind The Stone Jug, between her business and the Covered Bridge. She is concerned over the sight and filth of the property as well as the language and actions of the property residents. This also opened the issue regarding this same property near the Covered Bridge. The Covered Bridge Association has chosen Salisbury for their Association Meeting and will be coming here on June 8th, 2025. Nora requested that perhaps the town could make the owners clean their property and perhaps the highway department clean the park.

Supervisor Mowers stated that the owners have been issued Notice of Violation orders, however, nothing has been done. They have removed a dumpster of trash but still have much more to remove. Ms. Cramer stated a concern over rats and other rodents on or near the property. Nora commented that its just a poor representation of our town when you have visitors coming from all over to view and enjoy the bridge.

Once again the issue of Air BNBs, VRBO, and STRs was brought up. Nora has been researching various towns and their regulations. Each Council member has a packet in their folder from a different town. Nora would like the Council member to go over the packet and highlight the points of interest or laws they like. Then each Council member will meet with Nora or perhaps a workshop on the matter may be beneficial to help come up with a short term rental law.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Lyle Jenkins

Truck #6 (2014) needed an engine overall. An estimate was presented from Dimmick Peterbuilt in Utica for \$30,437.40. The final price for repairs was \$35,771.30, almost \$6000 over the estimate. Lyle stated he will talk to the company and see if he could get the total price down some. Supervisor Mowers requested that the truck be payed for out of the equipment fund savings.

MOTION to pay for the truck out of the equipment fund savings was made by Renee Coonradt - seconded by Colleen Walrath – ayes all, this will be payed for at the next monthly meeting. Lyle will pick the truck up and at that time see if we can get a better price.

Lyle said the men have been busy painting, cleaning, rust proofing the town trucks. Most roads have been swept and the Redco sweeper we used will be going back Monday. Lyle stated that this years main project roads will be the Peck Road, Irondale Road and Lower James Road. He also plans to work on the town barn driveway and the transfer station.

Town Clerk, Jeanne Cool, presented the board with the final Abstract of Settlement for the town taxes. She explained that all went well collecting taxes with the exception of a property that was split incorrectly. This property should have collected a total of \$2551.78 in taxes but because of the error only collected \$1961.14. The difference being \$590.64, which the town is responsible for. The town collected \$3576.03 in late fees and penalties this year so the County suggested that the difference come out of that share, with the towns final check for late fees and penalties being, \$2985.39, a check will be written to Supervisor Mowers for this amount.

Brief discussion again regarding the new towns .gov web site. This issue is being looked into with regards as to who can/ could set this website up. The town clerk has a meeting with one company next week to look into this and get more information.

Bob Schmid, Zoning/Planning Board Chairman, stated that he attended a 4 hour training course for planning and zoning. He discussed a few issues presented at the training. He also discussed with the board the Herkimer County BOCES and the excellent benefits he feels the BOCES program presents.

MOTION to accept the Supervisors report was made by Renee Coonradt – seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup – ayes all.

MOTION to accept the Town Clerks report was made by Kim Sherwood - seconded by Colleen Walrath – ayes all.

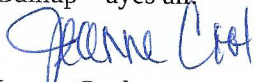
MOTION to pay the audit of bills as follows, made by Kim Sherwood – seconded by Renee Coonradt – ayes all:

HIGHWAY	Vouchers 50-56	\$5088.88
GENERAL	Vouchers 100-120	\$16,501.61
LIGHT DISTRICTS	Voucher 5	\$922.80

MOTION to accept payroll as presented made by Renee Coonradt – seconded by Colleen Walrath - ayes all.

No further business.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm was made by Colleen Walrath seconded by Nora Cool-Guinup – ayes all.



Jeanne Cool
Town Clerk
5/8/2025