Humphrey Town Board March 9, 2026

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. with the pledge to the flag.

Members Present: Margo Pearl; Supervisor
Jerry Andrews, CM Alicia Pearl, CM
Scott Andrews, CM Tonya Dry, CM
Mary M. Weber, Clerk Ben McDonnell, CEO
Jason Pearl, Hwy Superintendent
Absent: Tim Haynoski, DCO

Others present:

Public Comment Period: none

A written report was presented from Cattaraugus County Assessor's Office. Exemption applications for agriculture and seniors are being submitted and processed. Since applications are due by 3/1 each year. calls have been made to applicants that have not returned their applications. Properties were reviewed for the 2026 roll, including building permits and properties flagged for various reasons for review. The Assessors will not be able to attend the Board of Assessment Review on the Fourth Tuesday due to obligations to many other Towns. It was therefore requested that Humphrey change the date for Board of Assessment Review from the fourth Tuesday in May to the first Tuesday in June. Local Law #1 2026 was suggested to change the day for the BAR. The Clerk will post a notice for the Public Hearing prior to the next Board meeting.

Dog Control Officer Tim Haynowski, reported to the Supervisor that one resident was served with a ticket to license dogs and will be in town court on 4/2/2026.

Jason Pearl, Highway Superintendent, submitted a written report of work in February. There has been maintenance on plow trucks and equipment, cleaning up of downed trees and patching potholes.

Ben McDonnell, CEO, reported on areas of property maintenance law violations. Edward Good had presented a written request for a variance to build a structure close to the property line. Mr. Good was unable to appear in person but asked the CEO to represent him in the request. The Board discussed the possibility and agreed to hold a public hearing at the next meeting. The clerk will notify boarding property owners within 250 feet of the property and advertise the hearing. The Building Inspecter also noted that he will have completed the NYS Annual Report by the due date (4/1).

The Supervisor presented a proposed Local Law to adopt the 2025 Building Code of NY State. Jerry Andrews moved to consider adopting Local Law #2 2026. The second was made by Tonya Dry and the motion was carried by all 5 votes in favor. The clerk will advertise the public hearing to review the proposed law at the April 13th meeting.

The Town Clerk presented written reports to the Supervisor for February and a check for $80.00 for building permits issued in January 2026.

The Town Supervisor provided report and the accountants report for February. Various classes are available at Southern Tier West and at Houghton College for elected officials that are able to attend. A check has been received for $506.00 from Comp Alliance for loyalty. A new Prosecutor has been

assigned by Cattaraugus County to serve as DA at Town Court. The possibility of hiring an intern from BOCES to work for the Highway Department was presented. The Town would pay minimum wage and cover compensation insurance. The student would be available during regular school days in the afternoon. Scott Andrews moved to enter into an agreement with BOCES to hire an intern. The second was made by Alicia Pearl and the motion was carried by all in favor. The Supervisor presented a tentative law to regulate FOIL requests, which will be reviewed and presented for public hearing on April 13 prior to the regular board meeting.

Tonya Dry moved to accept the officers' reports, the second made by Alicia Pearl and the motion was carried by 5 votes in favor.

Scott Andrews moved to accept the minutes from the February meeting. The second was made by Jerry Andrews and the motion was carried by 5in favor.

Old Business: The Court Documents will be reviewed at the April meeting. No action was taken concerning the Mobil Home Ordinance and the Property Maintenance Law.

Tonya Dry moved to adopt the revised procurement policy, the second was made by Alicia Pearl and the motion was carried by all 5 votes in favor.

Jerry Andrews moved to adopt the updated Highway Guidelines. The second was made by Tonya Dry and carried by all 5 votes in favor.

New Business: Local Laws already presented. #1 2026 Adoption on NYS Building Codes, law #2 2026 Changing the day for BAR, and #3 FOIL regulations.

A resolution to request electric costs be closer regulated was presented. Jerry Andrews moved to adopt the resolution. The second was made by Scott Andrews and the motion was carried by all 5 votes in favor. The Clerk will send copies on the resolution to NYS Governor, Assemblyman and Representative as well as National Grid.

General Fund invoices #21-28 totaling $13957.38 were circulated and signed. Highway Fund invoices #34-50 totaling $27,494.64 were circulated and signed.

Jerry Andrews moved to pay bills as presented and the second made by Scott Andrews. The motion was carried by 5 votes in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM by a motion from Jerry Andrews, seconded by Scott Andrews, and carried by 5 votes in favor.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.