HUMPHREY TOWN BOARD

January 12,2026

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. with the pledge to the flag.

Members Present: Margo Pearl; Supervisor

Jerry Andrews, CM	Tonya Dry, CM
Scott Andrews, CM	Alicia Pearl, CM
Jason Pearl, Hwy Superintendent	Mary M. Weber, Clerk

Absent: Tim Haynoski, DCO Ben McDonnell, CEO

Others Present:
Public Comment Period:

Ben McDonnell, CEO, had dropped off checks for building permits totaling $240.00 and reported that he has completed all the necessary training to be fully certified.

A written report was presented from Cattaraugus County Assessor's Office. A new exemption for veterans was passed by NYS. The Town will need to opt in to add this exemption for our veterans. The exemption would allow qualifying vets to receive 100% exemption from property tax. The law is poorly written, with many restrictions according to the County Veterans advisor. Applications for renewal of ag and STAR exemptions are being processed as received; renewal and new applications must be received by 3/1 each year to be applied to the next school and Town and County taxes.

Dog Control Officer Tim Haynowski reported no strays. He plans to make contact with the owner of dogs who is in violation of unlicensed and running at large laws.

Jason Pearl, Highway Superintendent, presented an oral report of work in December. Plowing snow and maintaining equipment has been the main activity during the winter season. The new pickup has been received.

The Town Clerk presented written reports to the Supervisor for December and $160.00 was presented for building permits issued in November 2025. A check for $4.86 was presented for tax collection interest to close out 2025.

The Town Supervisor provided report and the accountants' summary for the month of December. A check had been deposited into the Highway fund for $1111.00 for Safety Award.

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

Jerry Andrews moved to accept the minutes from December, second was made by Tonya Dry and the motion was carried by all in favor.

Old Business: The Comprehensive Plan is still waiting for community input. No action needed at this time for the Salt Shed Grant. Updating of the current Highway Guidelines was postponed allowing the Clerk to email the current guidelines to the board members for review.

New Business: The Annual Decisions were reviewed. Tonya dry moved to adopt them, second was made by Jerry Andrews and the motion was passed by all votes in favor.

General Fund invoices #143-146 totaling $812.09 for 2025 and #1-8 for 2026 totaling $4158.58 were circulated and signed. Highway Fund invoices #202-206 totaling $2536.25 for 2025 and #1-6 totaling $49,165.39 for 2026 were circulated and signed.

Tonya Dry moved to pay bills as presented and the second made by Alicia Pearl. The motion was carried by 5 votes in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM by a motion from Tonya Dry, seconded by Scott Andrews, and carried by 5 votes in favor.

The next regular meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Organizational Meeting 2026
Annual Decisions

Board meetings: 2nd Monday of each month 6:00 PM at Humphrey Town Hall

The Annual Agreement to Spend Town Money circulated for signature in duplicate and mailed to County DPW for approval.

Depositories:

Class Investments
Five Star
Community Bank: Town Clerk Account
Five Star: Tax Collector Account

Appoint Diane Finch Accountant

Board of Assessment Review

Sandy Andrews	Expires 9/30/2026
Jason Dry	Expires 9/30/2028
Todd VanDyke	Expires 9/30/2029

Adopt Robert's Rules of Order at board meetings.

Mileage at .60/mile

Authorize the Supervisor to pay utilities bills, credit card bill and health insurance before meetings to avoid penalties.

Designate Olean Times Herald as the official newspaper.

Fix salaries of Highway Employees according to 2026 budget.

Employee #1 $__22.95_____
Employee #2 $__22.95_____
Employee #3 $___22.56_____
Deputy Stipend: 1 extra week off with pay

Fix salaries of all appointed and elected officials according to the 2026 Budget.

Supervisor	6500.00	Town Clerk	7500.00
Superintendent	58,500.00	Justice	6000.00
Town Board	1200 x 4 members		4800.00
Constable	1200.00		
Building Inspector	10,000.00	Dog Control	2400.00
Court Clerk	3000.00	Historian	150.00

Payrolls as follows:

Employees every 2 weeks
Superintendent: 26 pay periods
Supervisor and Town Clerk/Collector: monthly
Building Inspector, Dog Control Officer, and Justice: monthly
Constable and Council Members every 3 months

Authorize the Superintendent to purchase equipment up to $10,000.00 without prior approval.

Gravel price at county bid price or lower.

Monthly distribution of Board minutes by Town Clerk to:

Assessor
Code Enforcement Officer
Accountant
Also posted on the message board and website

Petty Cash

Town Clerk $26.48 Petty Cash for making change
Checking balance $34.42
Tax Collector 0 Checking Balance 1/1/26

Annual Appointments

Deputy Supervisor Tonya Dry
Deputy Superintendent Scott Swan
Deputy Town Clerk Alicia Pearl
Deputy Tax Collector Mike Weber
Code Enforcement Officer Donald "Ben" O'Donnell
Town Constable Phil Blair
Town Attorney Peter Sorgi

New oaths of office signed and filed by 2/1/2026 if possible`