

The regular monthly meeting of the town board of the town of French Creek was held on Monday March 9, 2026 at the town highway building.

Those present were town clerk, Debbra Albright, Highway Superintendent, Brian Malecki, and board members Norvel Willink, David McCray, Cole Gleason and Wayne Emory.

Mr. White was called away for a family emergency, so Mr. Willink and Mrs. Brenda White filled in for him. Mr. Willink called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

The minutes last month were reviewed by the board. Mr. Willink made the motion to approve. Mr. Gleason 2nd the motion and 4 Ayes followed. Mr. Willink read the Assessor's report to the board. The new property evaluations are done and should be sent to residents sometime this month. There will no longer be an in-person grievance opportunity for residents. It will be done online now. The income limit for senior tax deductions was raised from \$30,000. To \$32,000. Mrs. White gave the board the Supervisors monthly report, and there were no questions for her.

During the public comment time, Karen Engstrom from the Chautauqua energy watch for concerned citizens group presented some interesting information to the board for solar and wind power concerns. They are things for the board to consider before establishing our town laws this year.

Mrs. White said that she is still working on building the new .GOV website for the town. In her report of property tax collection, she stated that there were still 118 unpaid property taxes, but that is less than last year at this time.

Mr. Malecki gave the highway report and stated that spring bids are now open for road supplies. Mr. Malecki asked the board to accept and allow him to piggyback on the town of Ellicott's black top bid, and to accept and allow him to piggyback on the Town of North Harmony's gravel bid. Mr. Willink made a request for a show of hands from the board. All 4 members raised their hands in agreement. All 4 said Aye.

The bills were presented for payment in the amounts of \$7,693.51 for the general fund, \$17,178.86 for the highway fund, and \$1,273.87 for special districts. Mr. Willink made a motion to accept and pay these bills and any additional bills that come until the 20th of this month. Mr. Emory moved the motion; Mr. Gleason 2nd and 4 Ayes followed.

Mr. Willink made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Mr. Gleason moved; Mr. McCray 2nd and 4 Ayes followed.