

Town of Prattsville Monthly Meeting January 13, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Prattsville, NY and County of Greene, NY held a Monthly Meeting at the Prattsville Town Hall on Monday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Heidi Ruehlmann	Councilperson
	Mason Chase	Councilman
	Theresa Whitworth	Town Clerk
	Dewitt Olmstead	Highway Superintendent

Others present: Dan Peckham, Debbie Dymond, Carole Cangelosi, Jane Martin, Connie Briggs, John Lane, Mike Ryan (zoom)

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizational meeting was discussed first. Minutes on a separate report.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peckham and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve of the Clerks minutes for the Regular meeting of December 8th, 2025 and the Special End of the Year meeting on December 29th, 2025.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

There were no Monthly Financials at this time.

Comments from the floor-

Councilperson Ruehlmann reviewed several items from 2025 and asked for updates on their status. First, she inquired about a State funding program available this year that includes a workshop; Councilman Chase stated that he plans to attend.

Councilperson Ruehlmann then requested clarification on the funding information the Town of Ashland provided to the Ashland Ambulance, which Supervisor Cross explained. She also asked about the status of outstanding water and sewer bills. Supervisor Cross explained that unpaid bills are forwarded to the County to be added to residents' taxes.

Additionally, Councilperson Ruehlmann asked about the Museum's plan to archive Town records. It was noted that this project is currently on hold due to member resignations. Finally, she asked about the grant the Town received for youth and veterans, as well as the harassment training for the Town. Supervisor Cross confirmed that both the grant-related activities and the training have been completed.

REPORTS:

1. Highway – Superintendent Olmstead said they had routine maintenance on the dodge truck for the spreader chain but that everything was going smoothly and that quality of the highway team has been amazing.

2. Water District report – average daily flow was 28,171 gallons, average daily chlorine residual was 1.0 mg/L which seemed a bit high but there was nothing in the report saying why and bacteria sample was "absent".

3. WWTP report – average daily flow was 25,000 gallons, the Timm Rd transducer failed and caused the pump to run constantly, 2 new transducers were ordered.
4. Code Enforcement Report – No report

BUSINESS:

1. Water Request Form – It was discussed that this is a new form because we have numerous requests for water to be turned off. Supervisor Cross said to look over the forms and that they would discuss it more at the next meeting.
2. Licensing, regulating and controlling activities of animals and animal control officer – It was discussed that this is a revision of the law we already currently have and that the board should review it and it will be discussed at the next board meeting.
3. Board of Assessment Review Position – A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of Switlana Breigle to be on the Board of Assessment Review for 5 years.
Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0
4. Street Flower Quotes – The board discussed the quotes for the seasonal flowers for the town planters. They decided to get more information about basket pricing from the vendors before making a decision and would discuss next meeting.
5. Low-Income and Disabled Tax Exemption – A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the senior and low-income and disabled sliding scale for tax exemptions, recommended by the Assessor and mirroring what the county approved.
Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0

Supervisor Cross mentioned the comprehensive plan was getting back on track after delays caused by the previous consultant. The new consultant is in place and pushing forward. The State approved the contract and the committee is currently looking for a few more committee members.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #1 for January.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Whitworth
Town Clerk