

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
March 9th, 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, March 9th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

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

Others present: Dan Peckham, Connie Briggs, Deb & Jim Dymond, Donnie Rion, Jim Baltz, John Lane, Melissa Peters, Mike Ryan (zoom)

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the Clerks minutes for the Regular meeting of February 9th, 2026.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the Monthly Financials report.

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

Comments from the floor-

John Lane presented a request to the board regarding naming the mountain his property is on "Willard Lane Mountain" in honor of his grandfather. He explained that the naming process now requires federal approval in addition to town board approval, as federal agencies investigate to ensure no duplicate names exist. John noted that many peaks in the Catskills remain unnamed. The Board members expressed approval of the idea, with no objections raised.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to write a letter of support for naming the Lane property "Willard Lane Mountain".

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

REPORTS:

1. Highway – Superintendent Olmstead submitted a written report, the report mentioned that things were running smoothly but that the 5500-dodge ram truck keeps breaking down and that the repair costs have become extensive and it would need to be replaced soon. Supervisor Cross said that he had spoken with Superintendent Olmstead about working on a cost-effective plan for replacing this.
2. Water District report – David Whitbeck provided a report that said the daily usage was approximately 29,000 gallons. That all required reports have been submitted.
3. WWTP report – average daily flow was 27,000 gallons. All the air compressors are operational, and everything is running smoothly.

4. Code Enforcement Report- 3 building permits last month: an inground pool, house elevation on Main St and a renovation on Route 7.

5. Pratt Rock – Councilman Chase reported that DEC awarded a smart growth grant for \$123,000 to extend the sidewalks on Main St to the upper entrance of Pratt Rock. Councilman Chase said he did investigate this grant potentially being a match for the DOT grant and it does look like it can be, but we missed the deadline this year for that grant. It was suggested that if we took our time for proper engineering and planning, we could hold the DEC grant money to apply for the DOT grant next year. We would not lose the DEC money while waiting. The Board agreed that this was a great plan.

6. Tax Collector Report- The report was viewed by the Board and noted continued payments to the county.

BUSINESS:

1. Audit of the Court and Clerk Books – The three books were reviewed by the board members and they were all signed off on.
2. Payroll Service – The board had received two estimates last month and were reviewing them. A third vendor contacted the office today and asked to put a quote in. The quote will be available at the next meeting, and this topic was postponed until then.
3. Water Meter Readings – The Board noted no unusual usage this billing cycle and bills should be sent out.
4. Shared Service Agreement with the Greene County Highway – The reviewed the new shared service agreement. While the town has historically shared equipment and services with the county informally, the county now requires a formal documentation agreement. The town attorney, Diana, reviewed the document and found nothing more than typical county town agreement terms.

Resolution #1-2026 for Town of Prattsville

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PRATTSVILLE AND GREENE COUNTY FOR HIGHWAY SERVICES

On motion by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilperson Peckham the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Greene County has requested that the Town of Prattsville enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the Greene County Highway Department and the Town of Prattsville Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to allow the sharing of equipment, materials, and personnel in order to assist with the maintenance and repair of municipal and county roads and highways, particularly during emergencies or specialized projects; and
WHEREAS, shared services between municipalities can improve efficiency, reduce duplication of equipment purchases, and provide cost savings while enhancing the ability to respond to emergencies and infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, municipalities are authorized to enter into agreements for the performance of municipal cooperative activities, including the sharing of services, materials, and equipment; and
WHEREAS, the proposed agreement establishes a term beginning January 1, 2026, and continuing through January 1, 2030, unless earlier terminated by either party with proper notice; and

WHEREAS, the total combined value of shared resources under this agreement shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Prattsville has reviewed the proposed Shared Services Agreement and finds it to be in the best interest of the Town and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Prattsville hereby authorizes the Town Highway Superintendent to enter into the Shared Services Agreement with Greene County for the sharing of highway services, materials, and equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a fully executed copy of the agreement shall be returned to the Greene County Highway Department and maintained in the records of the Town Clerk.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to sign the agreement and pass resolution 1 of 2026: Authorizing a shared services agreement between the Town of Prattsville and Greene County for highway services.

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

5. Waterhead Protection Easement– The board reviewed the easement for the town-owned property where the highway department is located. Since the town would be signing the easement for its own property it was considered routine.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to sign the wellhead protection easement for property 74.14-1-17.

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

6. Town Use Form – A town use form was submitted for July 11th for a birthday party; the board approved this request.

7. Brochure – Resident Melissa Peters presented her revised brochure to the board. The board had a few changes of name corrections and added some information, but they appreciated it and liked the revised brochure. Mrs. Peters would make slight adjustments and send it to their emails, and they would get the brochure out to the residents. One of the items that came up for discussion was the spring clean-up day, and the board decided to set the date for the first week in May, May 4th to 7th. Mrs. Peters proposed organizing a town logo competition involving local schools and the art community in town, offering to coordinate the effort on a volunteer basis. The board expressed interest in this concept for future consideration.

8. Highway Equipment – This was discussed during the Highway report. Superintendent Olmstead suggested a list of items that he would like to replace in a timely manner starting with the Dodge Ram 5500. Supervisor Cross said he would work with Superintendent Olmstead on how this would be funded.

Supervisor Cross had two additional items to discuss with the Board. The Town's insurance policy is up for renewal on April 4, and a new company is also submitting a bid for coverage. The Town expects to receive both quotes by mid-March. In order to review the proposals and select a provider prior to the April 4 deadline, the Board will need to hold a special meeting. The Board has scheduled a special meeting for March 30 at 6:00 PM.

Additionally, Supervisor Cross reminded the Board that the Town's April 1 State refund payment is due. He will sign the payment to ensure the bill is paid between Board meetings.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Chase to pay the bills on abstract #3 for March.

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 8:10 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Theresa Whitworth
Town Clerk