

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
February 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, February 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, Carole Cangelosi, Connie Briggs, Laura Chrchill, Iciani Figueroa, David Whitbeck, 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 January 13th, 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-
No comments from the floor.

REPORTS:

1. Highway – Superintendent Olmstead provided a report saying that the town got about 20 inch at the end of January and that was able to handle it. Supervisor Cross let the Board know that he has spoken with Superintendent Olmstead about making a wish list for possible equipment replacements. Also that the big highway truck only has 2 more payments.
2. Water District report – David Whitbeck was present to report the average daily flow was 29,413 gallons. It was reported that there was a possible leak which raised the water usage to about 43,000 gallons over a 24- hour period. This leak was fixed. The average daily chlorine residual was 0.80 mg/L and bacteria sample was “absent”.
3. WWTP report – average daily flow was 27,000 gallons, the Timm Rd transducer had a new control screen installed and Siewert will be back to install back up flows, the transducer is back to operating condition. Monthly compliance samples were submitted.
4. Code Enforcement Report- 1 permit was issued for a new covered porch
5. Pratt Rock – Councilman Chase reported that the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership shared information asking if the Town would be interested in installing boot brush stations at local parks to help prevent the spread of invasive species. These stations would be provided at no cost to the Town. The board discussed potential locations, including Pratt Rock, Conine Ballfield, and Huntersfield Creek Trail, where Japanese knotweed has been identified. The board expressed interest in accepting the free boot brush station.

The board also discussed the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant from the New York State Department of Transportation. It was noted that this grant would require a 20% match from the Town. The grant is being considered as a potential funding source for installing sidewalks from Town to Conine Ballfield. If the total project cost were \$1 million, the Town would be responsible for providing \$200,000 in matching funds. The possibility of using other grant funding to meet the match requirement was discussed, and Councilman Chase stated that he would look into this further.

6. Tax Collector Report- Carole let the Board know that the entire budget was paid and that she would start sending money to the county the following week.

BUSINESS:

1. Greene County Public Health - Representatives from Greene County Public Health, Laura Churchill and Iciani Figueroa, introduced themselves and provided information about services available through their department. They explained that they provide:
 - Children's services including early intervention and preschool special education
 - A full-time community health clinic (formerly known as family planning)
 - A sliding scale fee structure and insurance navigation assistance
 - Community health improvement initiatives focusing on nutrition security, suicide prevention, and reducing juuling and vaping in schools
 - Tick prevention education and resources

The representatives mentioned their mobile health van and their desire to potentially bring services to Prattsville. The van brings some of the available services right to our town. A resident asked how we get Public Health to commit to bringing the van to Prattsville more often. Ms. Figueroa mentioned that they did a screening last year at the Mews and will be hosting another at the Art Center this year. The Board discussed other locations where the van could sit. Greene County Public Health representatives expressed interest in exploring this possibility, noting they could provide screenings, prevention services, and help connect residents with care. They also discussed working with Medicaid waiver programs to address social determinants of health, including transportation and food security issues.

2. Water Request Form - The board reviewed the 3 forms and discussed them each. It was determined to implement the form with a \$50 fee for this service to help cover town costs.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve the water turn-on/turn-off form with a \$50 fee.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

3. Licensing and Animal Control Officer - The Board discussed that they saw no issues reviewing the new law and that it should be sent to the town attorney for her review.

4. Street Flower Quotes - The board discussed quotes for town flower baskets and review of the new information they asked from the last meeting. One vendor, Gardens by Trista, required that all wire baskets be replaced with a new green plastic hanging basket, they noted that these provide a better growing environment and would be more durable. S & D provided the breakdown for new liners and new baskets saying they would replace them as the Town of Prattsville wishes. The board discussed each option and the potential to save money. The board preferred to keep the wire baskets with liners over the plastic ones.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Chase to accept the S & D quote for \$912 and replace the baskets as needed.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

5. Payroll Service – Supervisor Cross explained that the town is experiencing issues with their current payroll service, including problems with direct deposits and delayed processing. We received two quotes from PayCo and Paychex. The board discussed the costs and services of each quote and our current service. PayCo was noted to be slightly cheaper but has setup fees and yearly fees. Both services offer an online platform for employees to access pay stubs and W-2 forms. The board decided to take more time to review the information before deciding.

6. Accounting Service – Supervisor Cross expressed frustration with UHY, the accounting firm currently handling the town's year – end financial report. Issues included delays in completing the report, unanswered emails, and adjustments still not completed. Supervisor Cross contacted the Bonadio Group, a nationwide firm with an office in Albany, as an alternative. Their proposal was approximately \$15,000 less than what UHY charges. The board discussed the potential transition, noting that while the new firm might also be late with this years report due to the transition, it would be likely to see an improvement in the current situation.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve the engagement letters with the Bonadio Group for 2025- and 2026-year end report and accounting service.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

7. Ballfield Bids – It was put into the newspaper that the town was accepting bids for the 2026 season for the Conine Ballfield and were due on February 5th, 2026. One bid was received by Donald Schoenborn, he bid to use the ballfield from April 1st to November 1st for \$500 plus agreeing to pay for the propane used, insurance and maintaining the premises. The board discussed adding provisions about garbage disposal and electricity usage, suggesting that the tenant should pay for electricity usage that exceeds the historical average. Supervisor Cross said he would revise the agreement to include these provisions.

8. Brochure – The board reviewed a draft informational brochure for town residents. Several board members felt that the brochure contained too much small text and was visually busy. They suggested restricting it to be more visually appealing with information presented in blocks rather than paragraphs, potentially including QR codes linking to more detailed information online. Resident Melissa Peters, offered to help redesign the brochure using Canva, a graphic design platform. The board also discussed signing up for an emergency notification website – NY-Alerts.

9. Knotweed – Supervisor Cross let the board know he received an email from Tim Furstnau who would like to apply for a grant he has had in the past that the board approved before. The town board was thrilled to help support Tim.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Chase to submit a letter of support for Tim's knotweed project.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Supervisor Cross shared a few updates before concluding the meeting. We currently have three well easements that will be signed in hopes of moving the well project forward. These easements are for the Town, the Fire Department, and Ken Cox. Lastly, an insurance company has contacted us indicating they may be able to offer a lower rate than what we currently have.

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A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #2 for February.

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 8:29 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Whitworth
Town Clerk