

# TOWN OF BUTTERNUTS

## REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2025

Meeting was called to order 7:00 PM by Supervisor Bruce Giuda.

Board Members present: Supervisor Bruce Giuda, Council Member John Hill, Council Member Keith Lilley, Council Member Teresa Winchester and Council Member Paul Irwin. Highway Superintendent David Haynes present.

Visitors present: Barbara Lilley, Keith Klingman, Penny Klingman Town Historian, James P. Powers County Representative and James Polhemus.

John Hill made the motion to dispense with the reading of the November 12, 2025 special meeting minutes Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried. Teresa Winchester made the motion to approve the November 12, 2025 special meeting minutes Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried. John Hill made the motion to dispense with the reading of the November 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried. John Hill made the motion to approve the November 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes with additions. Election results were declared official November 24, 2025 after a manual recount. Bruce Giuda seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Bruce Giuda reported that the American Legion sent a card thanking the Town for continued support.

Reports: See Reports

Keith Lilley made the motion to accept reports as submitted, John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Old Business: Deport Engineering is on hold. At the end of year meeting the Board needs to discuss a floor plan for the new municipal building.

New Business: 1. Board of Assessment Review Members, one vacancy exists and needs to be advertised.

2. John Hill made the motion to approve Vouchers 25344 – 25365 for \$98,281.63 Paul Irwin seconded the motion all agree motion carried

3. Bruce Giuda made the motion to approve the SPCA Contract for 2026 John Hill seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

4. Highway Working Agreement 2026 is a work in progress.

5. Town Highway employee is working on the inventory Highway Superintendent will have it ready next regular meeting.

6. Bruce Giuda made the motion to hold the end of year meeting Tuesday December 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

7. Planning Board vacancy needs to be advertised. The Town Board thanks Doris Moennick for her 18 years of dedicated service.

8. Paul Irwin made the motion to accept the Financial Reports for September, October and November Keith Lilley seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Board Discussion: Board questioned the change of use site plan (example barn to home) penalty.

James Powers informed the Board that the County Board raised taxes 5%. Otsego County purchased the Huntington property and noted many costs are going up like state retirement and salaries.

Bruce Giuda made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Teresa Winchester seconded the motion all agree motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Richards