

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2026
MINUTES DRAFT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present,

Councilmember Terwilliger, Councilmember Haar,
Councilmember Freeman, Supervisor Mahr, Clerk Serphillips.

Absent, Councilmember Kenyon

In attendance,

Joe Serphillips, Ron McIntire, Bryan Starkweather, Jon Serdula, Amy Gush

Approval of minutes,

A motion to approve the December 2025 minutes was made by
Councilmember Haar, Seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger. All are in
favor.

Supervisor's report,

Supervisor Mahr stated that there were negatives in the General and
Highway funds because the expenses were charged to the wrong account.
He will correct that with Carol Golden when they meet to close 2025.

A motion to accept the Supervisors report was made by Councilmember
Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. All are in favor.

Supervisor Mahr reviewed the Real Property levy for 2026.

Abstract 13 and Budget modifications were reviewed.

Abstract 1 and Budget modifications were reviewed. Insurance,
Workman's Comp, Liability and Retirement funds have been paid for the
year. Payment was split between the General and the Highway budgets.
The Association of Towns invoice for NETO Training.

A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Councilmember Freeman,
seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger. All are in favor.

A motion to approve Resolution 001 for adjusting insurance line items in the
highway budget, was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by
Councilmember Terwilliger. Voting as follows.

Councilmember Haar, yes, Councilmember Terwilliger, yes, Councilmember
Freeman, yes. Councilmember Kenyon, absent.

Clerk's report,

Clerks report was reviewed. Councilmember Freeman asked, moving forward, if we could break down the total of renewal permits for STR, and for new permits. A motion to accept the clerk's report was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Terwilliger. All are in favor.

Justice report,

No monthly report.

Assessor report,

No monthly report.

Highway report,

Superintendent Starkweather stated that the new sander and plow are now on the pickup truck. The Highway department has been plowing, sanding, and getting ready for next season. A new chainsaw was purchased, and approval is needed to scrap the old one. A motion to approve scraping the old chainsaw was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. All are in favor.

Superintendent Starkweather stated that the East Lake Rd. culvert construction project will be on a payment schedule. The contractor must submit their payroll every week to the Department of Labor for a certified project.

Code report,

Jon Serdula is now working on the STR renewals. Renewal letters have been mailed and applications are caught up.

Planning/Zoning,

Mr. Walsh applied to the Planning board to build on a plot that has a structure on it and is approved for a shed.

Mr. Blenco sent a letter to the Planning board asking for a meeting to see what his options are for building on his property.

Watershed report,

The report was put up on the screen and reviewed by Amy Gush. 183 inspections are due in 2026. Outstanding issues are being addressed. Letters of violation will be sent to owners. Mr. Serdula stated the phone

calls will be made to residents to help resolve the issue with their holding tank.

Ethics report,
No activity this month.

DOC report,
No activity this month.

History report,
Volunteer Hours: 33.5
Accomplished:

1. Picked up two items from the Steuben County Historian that are being loaned to us. They are two items that used to live in Kay Liederbach's house when the Lake Keuka Club was in residence.
2. Moved the map flat file cabinet into the records room.
3. Moved the Keuka Hotel Display Cabinet and display out to the Main Hall.
4. Moved our display of local winery and grape grower items to the empty display case in the Main Hall.
5. Completed logging the Hallett loans and donations into the History Database.
6. I accepted an invitation to speak to the Hammondsport Women's Club on 1/8/16. Topic of course is the Aisle of Pines.
7. Continued work on binder organization.
8. Attended the December board meeting to present updates on what is going on with the history group.
9. Responded to the gentleman from Minnesota who was looking for information on Samuel Hallett's granddaughter.

Goals for January:

1. Prepare PowerPoint for Aisle of Pines presentation.
2. Begin process to upgrade the history room to develop more display space and appropriate workspace.
3. Replace computer desk (did not have to buy one)
4. Interview work from home volunteer (didn't get this done in December)
5. Set goals for the History Group for 2026.
6. Responded to gentleman from Florida who is writing a book on the Aisle of Pines and was looking for information.
7. Lay out final plan for rearranging the history room.

8. Paint the history room.

9. Begin work cleaning up the images that live in the History database.

10. Need to remove poor quality and duplicate items.

Continue work on binder organization.

Purchase a bookcase for the records room. Begin reorganizing the collection in the records room.

Web Statistics,

No report this month.

Old business,

The STR update was reviewed along with the fee schedules from areas around us. Councilmember Freeman stated that Steuben County Opted out of the State mandates.

Supervisor Mahr stated that we are still having trouble with the heating system particularly when the unit has to switch to the back up system..

New business,

Supervisor Mahr stated that there is Grant money available for the playground. He mentioned putting a committee together to apply for the Grant. Suggestions were made on how to use the Grant money.

New business,

The question was raised about when we will have our yearly Town picnic.

The next Town Board meeting is on February 10th at 6:00pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Haar, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. All are in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Angie Serphillips, Town Clerk