

Kortright Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025

The Kortright Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on August 18, 2025 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall, 51702 State Highway 10, Bloomville, New York.

Present: Councilman Jeff Haynes, Councilman Chad Boest, Councilman Nikki Pickett and Supervisor George Haynes Jr.

Absent: Councilman Micheal Pietrantonio

Other Present: Steven Smith, Liz Page, Gary Rockefeller, Lynn Pickett, Linda Lutz, Janis Beken, Brenda Pardee, Keith Weaver, Shelly Bartow, Diane and John Drake, John and Bev Rockefeller, Robert Coager and Joan Bauer

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. called the Regular Monthly meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The July 21, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and were approved on a motion made by Councilman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Pickett.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The privilege of the floor was granted to Keith Weaver, Commissioner of the Delaware County Social Services, and Shelly Bartow, Director of Delaware Opportunities, to update the public on the Delaware County owned house in Bloomville that will now be used for unhoused people. Keith started with they have hired a manager for the house and at some point would like them to come and meet the public. He added that they have been working on the Agreement; which will be similar to the one for the Delhi house, some changes as the Bloomville house will be used for transitioning residence. Shelly added that she could bring that agreement with her to the November Meeting and reminded that if they don't abide by the agreement they will be removed. Lynn Pickett asked if they plan on hiring anymore people, if the shift is 8-5 what happens after 5. Shelly answered that they submitted a budget proposal for another person; and stated again that the Bloomville house is for people that shouldn't need 24 hour supervision as they should be more self sufficient and in the beginning only have up to 3 people. But added that they will be sharing cell numbers so if anything does happen after 5pm, give them a call. Gary asked what kind of program would they be attending during the day or will they just be sitting on the porch? Shelly responded that they will have a car transporting them and they will be on a schedule and Keith added that they would most likely have a job. Gary asked if it would only be for Delaware County residence. Keith stated yes. Linda asked what is the funding to run this program; Shelly answered that she can't tell us that as it comes from many departments and she would have a better idea at the end of the year. Lynn asked if the Delhi house is functioning and Keith stated yes at 50%; she asked about the Hotel, Keith didn't know but added that the ARPA money helped fund people staying at the Hotel. Linda asked about winter and the cold; Shelly answered if it is cold and an emergency yes they would come to Bloomville; but they don't want to mix the different needs. Linda asked if they have a unhoused family that could move into Bloomville; Shelly responded no, the majority our men and we have other programs and homes for single mothers and families. Brenda asked if they will be doing background checks on them; Yes and they will not be putting level II and III or drug addicts in Bloomville. Linda argued, don't you see where we are coming from we see a huge house that could help a family in need when you have smaller houses in other town to house 3 men. Shelly answered that the Bloomville house could house up to 7 men and recognizes yes, but no town is going to be perfect no house is perfect and they would have the same issues in other towns. John Drake asked if the house is on the Tax Roll, Keith said no. John Rockefeller addressed the Board and asked why they aren't asking any questions; Supervisor Haynes, Jr. responded why push back, we don't own the house and the County has an obligation and are required to care for the people. Shelly ended with they will be back in November to report and listen to more concerns.

Lynn asked if the ditches on McArthur are getting done; Supervisor Hynes, Jr. stated he would talk to Billy.

The Town Clerk's monthly report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Boest as follows:

Receipts- July 2025	Disbursements
\$100.00-Conservation License	\$1282.52-Supervisor
30.00-Marriage License	94.48-D.E.C
10.00-Certificate of Registration	1.00-Ag. & Markets
0.00-Certified Copies	22.50-Dept. of Health
0.00-Copy Fees	\$1400.50-Total Disbursed
5.50-Dog License	
0.00-Dog Tags	
0.00- Subdivision Book	
0.00- FOIL Request	
0.00-Junkyard	
<u>1255.00-Building Permits</u>	
\$1400.500-Total Receipts	

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

General bills found on Abstract #8-2025 claims#122-131 totaling \$9,614.96 approved on a motion made by Councilman Boest and seconded by Councilman Pickett.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Sewer bills found on Abstract #8-2025 claim#46S-50S totaling \$7,824.29 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pickett and seconded by Councilman Haynes.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Water bills found on Abstract #8-2025 claims#42W-46W totaling \$2,048.83 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pickett and seconded by Councilman Haynes.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Highway bills found on Abstract #8-2025 claims#125H-134H totaling \$151,739.70 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Boest.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The following Supervisor monthly report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Boest:

General \$171,577.26 Highway \$420,923.89 Water \$27,102.41 Sewer \$65,405.12

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

No report from Assessor, Diane Lutz. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. reported that deputy Assessor Bucky Soule went to trailing and submitted a bill for \$961.96; lodging and food. On a motion made by Supervisor Hynes, Jr. and seconded by Councilman Pickett to approve the payment for reimbursement, half with the Town of Meredith.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

No report from the Code Enforcement Officer, Josh Morgan.

The privilege to the floor was granted to the Highway Superintendent Bill Burdick. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. reported that Bloomville Hill will be sealed next week, they are preparing to pave at the sand shed and they've been doing repairs on the Backhoe, mowing tractor and a couple of trucks. Its budget time and Superintendent Burdick would like to purchase two trucks from the Town of Cazenovia for \$200,000.00 each.

Communications:

Nothing yet on the Town Website development.

There was a major water leak at the Hydrant on Co hwy 33 last Saturday night, on a boiul water advisory until Wednesday, if the test clears.

New Business:

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. received the 5 year contract with the County to plow County Highway 33, Steve Smith stated that he doesn't think the Town makes enough money plowing Co Hwy 33 to purchase another truck for \$200,000.00 to get \$18,000.00. On a motion made by Councilman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Boest to approve the 5 year contract with the County to plow Co Hwy 33.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The Sewer bills are placed on the respected tax bills; the new DPW building doesn't receive a tax bill so we need to send out a bill to them for the sewer District.

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. received an email from Jamie Gironda, Senior Hydrogeologist, and their findings are within 75' of what we were thinking (see insert).

Need to appoint an Assessor next month, six year term expires 09/30/2025.

Budget request at the September meeting and will try to stay under the 2% CAP.

The Regular Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm on a motion made by Councilman Boest and seconded by Councilman Haynes.

Adopted: Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Boest-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Kristin A. Craft
Kortright Town Clerk