

Kortright Town Board
2025 Budget Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2024

The Kortright Town Board held a 2025 Budget Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting on October 21, 2024 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall, 51702 State Highway 10, Bloomville, New York.

Present: Councilman Micheal Pietrantonio, Councilman Jeffrey Haynes, Councilman Nikki Pickett and Supervisor George Haynes Jr.

Absent: Councilman Chad Boest

Other Present: Bookkeeper Meg Hungerford, Ray Baker, Henry Lamont, John Rockefeller and Donald Beken

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. opened the 2025 Budget Public Hearing at 7:30pm. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. went over the Budget, stating that the Town stayed under the 2% cap, 5% salaries increase (except the Highway Superintendent), Harpersfield Transfer Station stayed the same. In Highway; using Fund Balance to purchase another truck from the Town of Cazenovia and a sweeper. In Water the Budget comes from the water bills and spend less; we've had leaks in the past but not lately. In Sewer; that comes from LVDV and the city. John Rockefeller asked if the Bloomville Methodist Church is being charged for the grease trap. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. responded that there is no fee on it but you would need to pay to have it cleaned out. Donny Beken asked if the Ambulance Service bid out. Councilman Pietrantonio stated that it is not a service you can bid out; you need a CON to conduct an ambulance. John asked if there is a report for the ambulance service; report was given to John.

A motion was made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett to close the 2025 Budget Public Hearing at 8:00pm.

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

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. called the Regular Monthly meeting to order at 8:00pm.

The Bid and Regular Monthly Minutes for September 16, 2024 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Haynes.

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

The privilege of the floor was open to Special Topics. Henry Lamont from LVDV went over the 2025 Budget the Board received last month.

Ray Baker from Headwaters Emergency Services gave a monthly and year to date report and added that Headwaters would be working with their CON by November. They are using ALS five days a week and hired a new person. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. said that we budgeted \$100,000.00 for Headwaters, if you have a large increase what happens; it would make our budget go up adding that he wished it was a Special District and not a line item. A motion was made to approve payment to Headwaters Emergency Services for \$12,481.01 by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Haynes.

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

Councilman Pietrantonio motioned to approve the 2025 Agreement with Headwaters Emergency Services, seconded by Councilman Haynes.

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

The privilege of the floor was granted to the Public. John Rockefeller asked Supervisor Haynes, Jr. if he voted for the new Social Service Director. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. replied that all the towns voted for him, they had 5 applicants and he was unanimously voted in. John then asked about the water situation; he had an Airbnb guest complain. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. stated that it does this when the well is pumping; he added that we do need to drill another well and the ideal spot is across the road from the well house, the price is really high but it's the only option. Donny Beken is working with Area Pride and asked if they could place pictures of veterans on the light poles, he has been in contact with NYSEG and they would need a Certificate of Liability from the Town. Councilman Pietrantonio motioned to approve giving Donny a Certificate of Liability for NYSEG, seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

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

Receipts- September 2024	Disbursements
\$1,620.00-Conservation License	\$3,287.86-Supervisor
0.00-Marriage License	1,530.64-D.E.C
0.00-Certificate of Registration	17.00-Ag. & Markets
450.00-Certified Copies	<u>0.00-Dept. of Health</u>
0.00-Copy Fees	\$4,835.50-Total Disbursed
84.50-Dog License	
0.00-Dog Tags	
0.00- Subdivision Book	
0.00- FOIL Request	
0.00-Junkyard	
<u>2,675.00-Building Permits</u>	
\$4,835.50-Total Receipts	

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

A motion was made by Councilman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Pickett to approve the pre paid sales agreement for L.P. Gas with Dubbens Gas Service at \$2.459 a gallon.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

General bills found on Abstract #10-2024 claims#167-183 totaling \$21,923.69 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Water bills found on Abstract #10-2024 claims#45W-50W totaling \$2,687.12 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Haynes and seconded by Councilman Pietrantonio.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Sewer bills found on Abstract #10-2024 claim#60S-65S totaling \$7,764.64 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Haynes.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Highway bills found on Abstract #10-2024 claims#99H-111H totaling \$137,752.16 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The following Supervisor monthly report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett:
General \$90,761.89 Highway \$244,877.44 Water \$24,390.99 Sewer
\$49,229.22
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The Board reviewed the report from Assessor, Diane Lutz.
No report from Josh Morgan, Code Enforcement Officer.

The privilege of the floor was granted to the Highway Superintendent Bill Burdick. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. reported that they have been working on the sander and lighting for the medium duty plow truck and Zuill is working on installing hydraulics. On a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett to approve that BURR make the repairs on the Volvo.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Communications:

The DPW project got C of O's on all three buildings.
Councilman Pietrantonio motioned to send a signed commission's agreement to the USP Office for the Bloomville Post Office, seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The CDBG grant update; all of the \$350,000.00 will be allocated with the projects that have been applied for and approved.

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. reported that the headstone repairs are completed and received a quote to straighten 20 more stones for \$5,500.00. On a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett to approve Headstone Restorations quote.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

New Business:

Councilman Pietrantonio motioned to approve the November 2024 Water Warrant, seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

On a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Haynes to approve the contract with LVDV Operations.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The Sewer Warrant was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Old Business:

The 2025 Budget was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Haynes.
Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Councilman Pietrantonio motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 9:00pm, seconded by Councilman Pickett.

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

The Regular Monthly meeting was called back to order and adjourned at 9:15pm on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett.

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

Kristin A. Craft

Kortright Town Clerk