

Town Board Minutes
December 9, 2025

The monthly town board meeting held on December 9, 2025 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Council; Colby Petersen, Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson, Kathleen McGrath
Others present: George Thompson, Robert Miller, George Dowse, Vanessa Goff, John Ghidiu

Supervisor Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

November minutes Ms. McGrath made a motion to approve 2nd by Mr. Down, Carried.

Abstract of vouchers - Supervisor Martini presented the abstracts for review.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Ms. McGrath, that the bills on General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$32,310.18 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Ms. McGrath 2ND Mr. Henderson that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount \$ 10,830.44 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Ms. McGrath, that the bills on the Water District 1 Account in the amount \$ 100. Be paid carried by all.

Supervisor introduced the following:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate**

Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the TOWN OF TORREY TOWN BOARD strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **TOWN OF TORREY TOWN BOARD** urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson approving letter of support for the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)** carried.

This letter of support to be sent to New York Governor Hochul, Senators: Jim Justice, Charles Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Nick Langworthy, NYS Legislature, NY Congressional Delegation.

Highway Report Sanding and plowing as needed. Winter maintenance work on equipment. Discussion on Perry Point culvert project. Waiting with DOT for Hunt Engineering latest plan for Perry Pt project.

Code Report 1 Subdivision and 1 Lot line adjustment, 1 violation complaint, 10 building progress site visits, 2 short term rental inspections. Mr. James attended mandatory 12 hours of service training this month. Traveled 182 miles

Discussion on short-term rental permits, the cap presently is 10%. He stated the need to update the cap and table of use changes at the same time. This would be amending local law.

Assessor Report The town needs to adopt Cold War Veteran Exemption Local Law. New residential trend as of late is 2%. This means the average sales are still selling above the current assessments. Assessor office will be closed for the last two weeks of December due to the holidays.

Water District 1 Report Water sampling per DOH requirements. Flushing too maintain CL2. Marking DIG Safe tickets. Hydrant maintenance for winter. Multiple water shut off for winter. Lead and copper sampling.

Dresden Fire Dept Report- submitted

Water Committee Report Working on report for 2025

Supervisor stated the Water District 1 update letter on fees has been sent out.

Perry Pt WD No official letter on funding to date.

Public Beach Grant Mr. Downs reported he is finishing up the grant application for the update of swing set and storage building. Swing set may run @ 6,200.

Supervisor read the following proclamation for the service of Councilman Grant Downs on his retirement from the Town Board.

WHEREAS Grant Downs a resident of the Town of Torrey, chose to run for the seat of Town Councilman and was elected, taking his oath of office December 2017, and,

WHEREAS Grant has lived a life characterized by devotion to his faith, family and friends, hard work, honesty, humility and humor, influencing countless people by his service to our community and is a living example of a gentle- man, and

WHEREAS the Town of Torrey wishes to honor Grant Downs for his faithful and diligent service and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the Town of Torrey hereby honors Grant Downs and extends deep appreciation. "Your tireless efforts in every concern before the board, has made a meaningful difference to the people you represent."

The audience agreed with a standing ovation

Supervisor presented Councilman Downs with a gift of appreciation a framed photo of Town of Torrey.

An appreciation reception for Councilman Downs will be held December 18, 2025 at the Dresden Methodist Church 60 Cornelia Street 2:00 to 4:00pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Downs at 8:45pm 2nd by Ms. McGrath carried by all.

Supervisor Martini thank everyone for attending and wished all "Happy Holidays"

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Daggett