

1-09-2024 - 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR JANUARY MEETING

Present:

Councilman Matthew Krist
Councilman Krissy Kittleson
Councilman Kathleen Becker
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Absent:

Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel

Also Present:

Town Clerk Jennifer L Bray
Approx. 6 guests

Supervisor Gambino called the 2025 Organizational meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the flag and by a moment of silence for long time Town of Sardinia resident Virginia "Virg" Domes who had recently passed away.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the first part of the meeting tonight was the Town's annual Organizational Meeting. Supervisor Gambino noted that there were only a few changes from 2024 and highlighted each of the changes including a new agreement with the Muckdogs youth baseball organization, new appointments, updated shelter rental guidelines and a date change for the February meeting. Upon completion of the review of the changes made Supervisor Gambino asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Organizational Resolution. There were none. **Therefor on a motion by Krist, seconded by Kittleson, the following resolution was moved for adoption.**

Resolution #1 – 2024

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Sardinia wishes to make the following official designations and appointments and authorizations, and

Whereas, the Town of Sardinia will conduct meetings to ensure communication between the Board members as well as members of the community, and

Whereas, the Town Board wishes to conduct business efficiently, timely and that proper procedures are followed:

It is resolved that:

- A.** Designation of certain public meetings to be held throughout 2025 at the Sardinia Town Hall, 12320 Savage Road, Sardinia, New York:
 - a.** Regular Town Board Meetings to be held on the second Thursday of each month, at 6:30pm with the exception of the February meeting which will be held on Wednesday Feb. 12th 2025.
 - b.** Sardinia Planning Board to meet on third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm
 - c.** Sardinia Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to meet as needed
- B.** Designation of M & T Bank as the official Depository of the Town.
- C.** Designation of the Herald Courier as the Official Newspapers of the Town.
- D.** Designation of Election polling places by the Erie County Board of Elections are as follows
 - a.** District #1– Sardinia Town Hall, 12320 Savage Road, Sardinia, New York.
- E.** Designation for the payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, payments made to NYS Comptroller's Office for Justice Fees, any payment that would cause the town to incur a late fee or interest charge, and approved contracts. All such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit.
- F.** Authorization for Deputy Supervisor to sign checks.
- G.** Designation of elective officer annual salaries for 2025 (per budget):

a. Supervisor	Beverly Gambino	\$37,040.00
b. Council Members (4)	Kathleen Becker	\$8,580.00
	Krissy Kittleson	\$8,580.00
	Leonard Hochadel	\$8,580.00
	Matt Krist	\$8,580.00
c. Town Clerk	Jennifer Bray	\$51,850.00
d. Highway Supt.	Christopher DaBolt	\$73,000.00
e. Town Justice (2)	Gene Heintz	\$16,700.00
	Eric G. Place	\$16,700.00

H. Designation of Highway employees' hourly rates for 2025 (as per contract)

Ed Fisher	\$29.55	Motor Equipment Operator
Ethan DaBolt	\$23.64	Motor Equipment Operator*

Ace Fisher

\$23.64

Motor Equipment Operator

*At the one-year anniversary of the employees starting date, the employee will be increased to an amount fifty cents (.50¢) below the current prevailing wage.

- I.** Designation of Attorney for the Town to be David M. DiMatteo, Esq. as primary contact along with David M. Roach, Esq. from the law firm DiMatteo & Roach.
- J.** Designation of Town Engineering firm to be MRB Group/Paul R. Chatfield P.E., and Emilio Moran P.E.
- K.** Designation of all Town owned baseball fields, are the exclusive use of WNY Muckdogs Travel Baseball club per contract and Manion Field designated as the Muckdogs home field.
- L.** Designation of Sardinia Senior Citizens Group monthly meeting locations, at 12320 Savage Road (Town Hall) for the months of January, February, March, April, May, September and October. The months of June, July and August will be at either Veterans Park or Manion Park.
- M.** Designation of appointed positions for 2025 along with the salary or pay rate for the position and the official appointed to the position:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Pay</u>	<u>Name</u>
Deputy Supervisor	\$875.00	Annually	Lenard Hochadel
Budget Officer	\$4,000.00	Annually	Beverly Gambino
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$1,070.00	Annually	Jennifer Bray
Town Historian	\$1,740.00	Annually	Ted Wiedemann
Dog Control Officer	\$8,000.00	Annually	Michelle Zak
Secretary to the Supervisor	\$28.39	Hourly	Michelle Jones
Emergency Services Coordinator	\$4,000.00	Annually	Gerard Whittington
Constables	\$21.04	Hourly	Albert Hansen Thomas Zeeb Nicholaus Jackson Michael Kaczmarowski
Assessor	\$21,000.00	Annually	Thelma Hornberger
Assessor Clerk	\$28.39	Hourly	Michelle Jones
Code Enforcement Officer	\$31,070.00	Annually	Gene Degman
Buildings Caretaker	\$22.94	Hourly	Albert Hansen
Cleaner, Part time	\$22.32	Hourly	Larry Purtell
Court Clerk	\$23.38	Hourly	Debra Smith
Deputy Highway Superintendent	\$1,050.00	Annually	Ed Fisher
First Deputy Town Clerk	20.28	Hourly	Vicki Hansen
Secretary Pool	\$18.52	Hourly	Rebekah Burke
Planning Board Members (5)	\$75.00	Per Meeting	Each Member
Planning Board Chair	\$110.00	Per Meeting	Chair
Planning Board Members	\$10.00	Each Additional Meeting held on the same day	Each Member
Zoning Board of Appeals (5)	\$75.00	Per Meeting	Each Member
Zoning Board of Appeals Members	\$10.00	Each Additional Meeting held on the same day	Each Member
Zoning Board Chair	\$110.00	Per Meeting	Chair
Board of Assessment Review	175.00	Per Day	Each Member
Board of Assessment – Chair	\$200.00	Per Day	Chair
Recreation Administrator	\$22.79	Hourly	Toni Orsini
Issuing Agent for Handicapped Parking	None		Jen Bray
Freedom of Information Officer	None		Jen Bray
Freedom of Information Appeals Officer	None		Beverly Gambino
Affirmative Action Officer	None		Jen Bray
Records Management Officer	None		Jen Bray

- N.** Payroll Payment Policy shall be established as follows:
- **HOURLY EMPLOYEES:** Pay period shall be a two-week period running from 12:01 AM Monday through midnight the following Sunday. Payday shall be on Thursday. Each employee shall complete a supplied biweekly timesheet by Tuesday at 10:00 AM prior to payday. All timesheets must be approved by Department Head, Board Chairman or immediate supervisor.
 - **SALARIED EMPLOYEES:** Without prior arrangements, salaried employees shall be paid 1/12 of annual salary amount for each month of completed employment. Payday is the last Thursday of each month.
 - **SALARIED EMPLOYEES:** Prior Arrangements are as follows: Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk get paid bi-weekly 1/26 of their salary.
- O.** Designation of mileage reimbursement to be allowed for specified Town Officers and employees for the use of their own vehicle in performing their official Town duties at the rate of 70.0 cents per mile meeting the IRS Rate established for 01/01/2025. Mileage to and from Town Offices is **not** reimbursable. Mileage logs are required for reimbursement and must be submitted monthly. If mileage is questionable, a mileage calculator located at <https://www.calculator.net/mileage-calculator.htm> will be used to verify and correct submitted voucher.
- P.** Meal reimbursement policy shall be established as follows: Town Officers and employees shall be entitled to a \$80.00 per diem allowance for out-of-pocket meal expense incurred while attending meetings, training seminars, and other such events that are for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing the skills or knowledge necessary for the performance of their official duties. This \$80.00 per diem allowances shall be reduced if the reimbursement period did include breakfast, lunch, or dinner and/or if any of those meals was included in registration fees, or are chargeable to another source. The daily meals will be reimbursed are as follows: \$33.00 for dinner, \$22.00 lunch, \$20.00 breakfast and incidental expenses \$5.00. Receipts are required for reimbursement.
- Q.** The Supervisor announces the following personal appointments and committees for the year 2025, noting that the Supervisor will be a member of each committee and **the first person listed to be the designated Committee Chairman.**
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| a. Personnel/Administration | Beverly/Matt |
| b. Finance/Planning & Economic Development | Beverly/Lenny |
| c. Security and Disaster Preparedness | Gerard Whittington |
| d. Public Safety (Constable, Building Code Enforcement, Animal Control) | Matt/G. Wittington |
| e. Building & Capital Projects –Town Hall | Beverly/Krissy |
| f. Parks | Beverly/Krissy |
| g. Highway | Beverly/Kathy |
| h. Recreation/Youth | Beverly/Toni Orsini |
| i. Community Events/Celebrations | Len/Kathy |
| j. Senior Citizens and Programs | Kathy/Lenny |
| k. Environment | Beverly/Krissy |
| l. Liaison to Fire Company | Beverly/Lenny |
| m. Liaison to Veterans | Kathy/Beverly |
| n. Water Evaluation Committee | Beverly |
| o. Street Lighting | Krissy/Kathy. |
- R.** Appointment to the Planning Board: Planning Board members and their term expiration dates as follows: Nancy Spink – Chairman to the Planning Board, with term to expire 12/31/2029, Daniel Szustakowski 12/31/2025, TBD 12/31/2026, Ryan Wilkins 12/31/2027, Aaron Root 12/31/2028
- S.** Appoint to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows: ZBA members and their term expiration dates as follow: Mark Sasse 12/31/2025. Ronald Phillips – Chairman to the Zoning Board of Appeals 12/31/2026, Theodore Krolick Jr. 12/31/2027, Mike Farrell 12/31/2028, Gordon Smith Jr. 12/31/2029
- T.** Appointment to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR), BAR members and their term expiration dates as follows: Thomas Idzik 09/30/2027, Lynn McCabe 9/30/28 Gordon Smith Sr. 09/30/2025, Keith Ramsey – Chairman to the Board of Assessment Review - with term to expire 09/30/2029, Open Seat TBD – 09/30/2026
- U.** Appointments to the Ethics Committee: Donald Hopkins, Michelle Jones, Gerard Whittington.
- V.** The Town Board appoints Supervisor Beverly Gambino as the designated voting representative for the Town of Sardinia to the Northeast-South town’s Solid Waste Management Board and the voting representative to the Association of Towns.
- W.** Appointment of Kevin Condon Esq. Town Prosecutor at the rate of \$697.00 per month.

X. Fees

Copies

Non-Town business

\$0.30 per black and white copy

Freedom of Information \$0.25 per copy or cost of reproduction

Facsimiles

Outgoing Local Call \$1.00 first page; \$0.50 each additional page

Outgoing Long-Distance Call \$2.00 first page; \$1.00 each additional page, or cost of call, whichever is higher

Incoming Call \$1.00 first page; \$.050 each additional page

Certified Copies of Birth and Death Records \$10.00 Each

Marriage Registration Certificates \$10.00 Each

Dog Licensing \$5.00 each spayed, neutered
\$13.00 each not spayed and not neutered

Park Shelters	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
Shelter #1(entire)	\$75.00	\$350.00
Shelter #1(one half)	\$40.00	\$150.00
Shelter #2	\$40.00	\$150.00
Shelter #3	\$40.00	\$100.00
Shelter \$4	\$40.00	\$150.00
Manion Park (each Shelter)	\$25.00	\$75.00

**Shelter rentals are open to residents exclusively January 1st 2025 through March 31st 2025

**Shelter rentals are open to non-residents starting April 1st 2025

Y. Order of Business

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Moment of Silence
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Approval of Bills
- VII. Monthly Committee & Departmental Reports
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Executive Session (if necessary)
- XI. Adjournment

RULES OF ORDER – That in all matters of Parliamentary Procedure; Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail, except where such rules are inconsistent with any local rule or resolutions pertaining to the conduct of Town Business

Z. RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

That the following rules will govern the conduct of business for the Town Board Meeting

- a. All items to be placed on the agenda must be received before 4pm Friday preceding the Board Meeting.** Items received after 4pm on Friday shall not be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled Board Meeting unless there is super majority Town Board consent.
- b. By 6pm on Tuesday preceding the regular Board Meeting,** a copy of the agenda will be available to each Board Member and Town Clerk to post to website. The copy shall include all resolutions, written reports, important correspondence and attachments unless previously distributed. It is also noted that an Agenda is not legally required and is provided as convenience to both Town Board Members and the public.
- c. Monthly committee or department reports must be in writing and turned in to the Supervisor by 4pm Friday preceding the Board Meeting.**

d. Vouchers for payment must be submitted by noon on Tuesday preceding the Board Meeting. Any vouchers received after shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board Meeting unless in cases of extreme circumstances. All vouchers will be completed for review by 5pm Wednesday

e. As per the Open Meeting Laws, all public meetings may be taped, recorded or videoed as long as camera or operator does not impede progress of the meeting. Any recording of a public meeting shall be undertaken in a manner so as to have the least obtrusive effect on the conduct of public business. In this regard, any recording device shall not create any audible noise or emit any light or flashes in a manner which would interfere with the orderly conduct of the relevant meeting, nor shall the device be allowed to set on the desk/table/bench that the Town Board may be using for their meetings.

DULY ADOPTED, this 9th day of January, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, absent, Krist, aye, Kittleson, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Supervisor Gambino asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Organizational portion of the meeting. There were none. **Therefor on a motion by Krist, seconded by Becker, the 2025 Organizational portion of meeting was closed at 6:43 pm. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino then opened the Regular January meeting at 6:43 pm.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item in the agenda was the approval of the payment of the bills. She stated that there are three abstracts to be approved. They are as follows.

Warrant #13 of 2024, including vouchers #690 through #706, totaling \$11,835.46 of which \$9,207.75 was for the General Fund and \$2,627.71 was for the Highway Fund.

Warrant #14 of 2024, including vouchers #707 through #736, totaling \$32,315.58 of which \$8,166.29 was for the General Fund, \$22,452.21 was for the Highway Fund, \$861.69 was for the Fire Protection Fund and \$835.39 was for the Street Lighting Fund.

Warrant #1 of 2025, including vouchers #1 through #13, totaling \$72,323.33 of which \$62,960.33 was for the General Fund, \$125.00 was for the Highway Fund and \$9,238.00 was for the Fire Protection Fund.

On a motion by Kittleson, seconded by Becker, the three Warrants were approved for payment. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.

Department Reports

Supervisor Gambino read the December from the Dog Control Officer.

Deputy Miller updated the board in ECSO activities in the Town of Sardinia for the month of December. He also submitted a list with a breakdown of the calls handled in 2024.

Councilman Krist noted that in the spring the board may need to look at making a change to the new fence around the pickleball courts.

Councilman Becker had nothing to report.

Councilman Kittleson had nothing to report.

Supervisor Gambino stated that there was one set of minutes from the December 16th Regular meeting that had been postponed from December 12 to be approved. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Kittleson, the minutes were approved as submitted. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns. There were none. **Therefor on a motion by Krist, seconded by Kittleson, the January Regular meeting was closed at 6:52 pm. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Bray, RMC
Town Clerk