

**TOWN OF HUME  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026  
7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hume Town Board; Allegany County; Fillmore, New York was held at the Town of Hume Museum/Courtroom. Officials in attendance were: Supervisor Darlene Mason, Councilmen Peter Hopkins, Andy Peet, Warren Smith, Councilwoman Tammy Peet and Town Clerk Dawn Bentley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Peet, Darla Indralingam, Richard Bentley, Levi Behen and 42 other Town of Hume Residents.

Call to order by Supervisor Mason

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Hopkins to accept minutes as written with one correction “where is says Councilman Peet it needs to be A. Peet.” 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman A. Peet.

5 ayes            0 noes            So Carried

**WATER/SEWER**

Supervisor Mason read notes regarding water and Sewer – SEE ATTACHED

Wiscoy/Rosburg water project update – Matt Zarbo about funding

SEE ATTACHED

Motion made by councilman Hopkins, Second by Councilman A. Peet to have Catherine Reese investigate additional funding for the project.            5 ayes            0 noes            So Carried

Engineer will be coming for a funding meeting.

**HIGHWAY** – Kevin Peet

Keeping up with the weather.

Mixing Salt and Sand

Maintaining Equipment

Playground – grant for updating. Councilwoman T. Peet assigned this task by Supervisor Mason.

**MUSEUM** – Darla Indralingam

Supervisor has official plans for the lift.

**JUSTICE** – Darla Indralingam

Plaque for Todd Smith

Right now, fines cannot be accepted by credit card.

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Levi Behen – Spoke to Board, Information **IS ATTACHED**.

**DOG CONTROL** – Richard Bentley

Problems with SPCA – they don't return phone calls.

Check into conducting an Enumeration at the end of Summer.

**LEGAL – NO REPORT**

**TOWN CLERK** – Dawn Bentley

FOIL request received from an individual from the State of Virginia looking for copies of everything the town has conducted for the last 5 years, between cost of copies and wages for the person doing the work, it will be a hefty bill.

Councilman A. Peet made motion to ask for one half the money upfront, Second by Councilman Hopkins.      5 ayes              0 noes              So Carried

Public Officers law may play a part in that request. Supervisor will check with attorney.

**SUPERVISOR** – Darlene Mason

Townwide Insurance – went up \$3000 from last year – going to be \$45,822.21.

Motion made by Councilman Hopkins, Second by Councilman A. Peet to renew insurance with Ryan Agency.      5 ayes              0 noes              So Carried.

Tammy Peet spoke about Republican Party is making a change. The Town of Hume will be going to Petition – this has nothing to do with the Town Board, the decision was made by the Republican Committee.

Firehall cost the Town \$125.00 every time that we use it.

Councilman Hopkins, Second by Councilman Smith to pay all bills.

5 ayes              0 noes              So Carried

Councilman Hopkins, Second by Councilman A. Peet to adjourn the meeting.

5 ayes              0 noes              So Carried

The next meeting will be at the Town of Hume Museum/Courthouse located at 10842 Claybed Rd, in the Hamlet of Hume, on March 11, 2026 @ 7:00 pm.

The above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dawn Bentley

Town Clerk

February 11, 2026

Water/Sewer

1. A state audit has been ordered and will commence soon going back several years possibly 10 or more years. I am excited and happy about this to be done and we will work with them in any way they need.
2. In my conversation with the comptroller, he pointed out my oversight of the Add Valorum line. Both debt serves were on the same line. Real property was notified, Mr. Budinger said to put \$48,000 in an escrow account, which has been done, for a credit 2027 on the Add Valorum line. In simple terms the money was simply on the wrong calculations line and has been resolved.

Good evening, members of the board. My name is Levi, and I'm here tonight as a concerned resident of Hume.

Before I begin, I want to say something briefly.

I have encouraged everyone in our group to be courteous, kind, and respectful to this board—and I stand by that. However, holding this meeting in such a small venue does not feel like that same kindness extended back to us. Having residents wait outside in the cold just to hear what their elected officials are doing is not fair to the constituents and taxpayers of this town. That's all I'll say about that.

Now, I want to acknowledge that running a municipal water system isn't easy, and I appreciate the work this board does. But I'm here to urge the board to prioritize finding solutions to bring down water costs for our residents.

As you know, New York State has seen significant increases in electric rates, and those costs will hit every household in this town. When families are already stretching their budgets to cover higher electric bills, an expensive water bill on top of that creates real hardship. We need to look seriously at every option available to reduce the burden on our neighbors.

With that in mind, I have a 5 questions I'd like the board to address:

**First**, what is the progress on the audit that was previously requested? Residents are eager to understand where we stand.

**Second**, how much total debt does the town currently carry, and what is the interest rate on the loan for the sewer project?

**Third**, what does it actually cost the town to produce one thousand gallons of water? Including the labor cost, not only the equipment cost. Understanding our true cost per unit would help everyone evaluate whether our rates are in line with what's necessary.

**Fourth**, is there any update on exploring Caneadea as a primary source for our water supply? Has that conversation moved forward?

**And fifth**, will the board consider providing an official live stream of these meetings? Many of our residents work second and third shifts and simply cannot attend in person. They deserve access to what their elected officials are doing too.

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#### Wiscoy/Roszburg Update

The engineer for Wiscoy/Roszburg water Matt Zarbo is recommending we contact USDA Catherine Rees to look into applying for funding through them; her looking into this would not cost the town anything for this.

On another note how many people are interested in the community information about Wiscoy/Roszburg project. We would have the engineer explain the project. This would not be on a meeting night.