

**TOWN OF HUME
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
MAY 13, 2026
7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hume Town Board; Allegany County; Fillmore, New York was held at the Fillmore Central School small auditorium. Officials in attendance were: Deputy Supervisor Peter Hopkins, Councilmen Warren Smith, Councilwoman Tammy Peet and Town Clerk Dawn Bentley.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: SEE ATTACHED, Darla Indralingam

Meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Peter Hopkins
Pledge of Allegiance was recited and moment of silence observed by all

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Peet, Second by Councilman Smith to accept April meeting minutes as written with one correction made to page 1 "Water/Sewer, motion should read" "not to reimburse Bruce Hinz not LM White"

ROLL CALL

Pete Hopkins	yes	
Tammy Peet	yes	So Carried
Warren Smith	yes	

WATER/SEWER – NO REPORT

HIGHWAY – NO REPORT

MUSEUM – Darla Indralingam

Lift is moving right along – electric being installed.

Looking to form a Historical Society.

Also looking for volunteers.

JUSTICE – Darla Indralingam

Status quo

Playground project – Councilwoman Peet gave update and group of community members.

SEE ATTACHED

COMMUNITY FORUM

Cindi Burton – gave presentation regarding Wreaths Across America. She would like to start with Alger Cemetery – 91 Veterans there. Would like to add a cemetery a year. Fundraising for wreaths can start next year. **SEE ATTACHED**

Patti MacEwan

Data Centers – how they create a lot of noise and cause electric bill to go up, companies make process with no return.

SEE ATTACHED LOCAL LAW FROM ALFRED

Levi Behen

Talked about legal action threat that was in the Wellsville Sun, **SEE ATTACHED**

Also asked questions about U of R.

TOWN CLERK – Dawn Bentley

Town of Hume property Assessment Review Board will be May 27th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Town of Hume office.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – Pete Hopkins

Taping of meetings tabled until next meeting.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Hopkins to table the discussion of taping of meetings until next month, Second by Councilwoman Peet.

ROLL CALL

Pete Hopkins	yes	
Warren Smith	yes	So Carried
Tammy Peet	yes	

Resolution #3 – Declaration Resolution for Town of Hume, Wiscoy-Rossburg Water Service Extension. **SEE ATTACHED**

ROLL CALL

Pete Hopkins	yes	
Tammy Peet	yes	So Carried
Warren Smith	yes	

Tom Bower – financial disclosure – Supervisor Sweep-made public prior to meeting.

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Hopkins, Second by Councilwoman Peet to pay all bills.

ROLL CALL

Pete Hopkins	yes	
Warren Smith	yes	So Carried
Tammy Peet	yes	

Motion made by Deputy Supervisor Hopkins, Second by Councilwoman Peet to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Pete Hopkins	yes	
Warren Smith	yes	So Carried
Tammy Peet	yes	

The next meeting of the Hume Town Board will be June 10th, @ 7:00 pm to be held at the Fillmore Central School, small auditorium.

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

Dawn Bentley
Town Clerk

Please Sign In

1. Courtney Potter
2. Jana Potter
3. Lisa Bower
4. Cynthia Burton
5. Kevin Bender, Jr.
6. Julie Miller
7. Patti McCowan
8. Lilythill Mulliner
9. Sharon Mitchell
10. Joann Mitchell
11. John L. Mann
12. Julie A. Hall
13. Haley Hall
14. Rosemarie. Gori
15. Linda Fiegl
16. James Herrmann
17. Allen J. Funder
18. Andrew Gayle
19. ~~Sybil~~
20. ~~Bettie~~
21. Nancy Kall
22. Carol Potts
23. Vaughn Hank
24. L. Gray Cough
25. Thomas E. Bower
26. Joel Stroud
27. Levi Behar

PLease Sign In

28 Kathy Young

29 Amanda Kelly

30 Tara Boyd

31 Carol Thomas

32 Julie Stenzel

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Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 19, 2026** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Alger Cemetery honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Alger Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsafteramerica.org/NVALGE



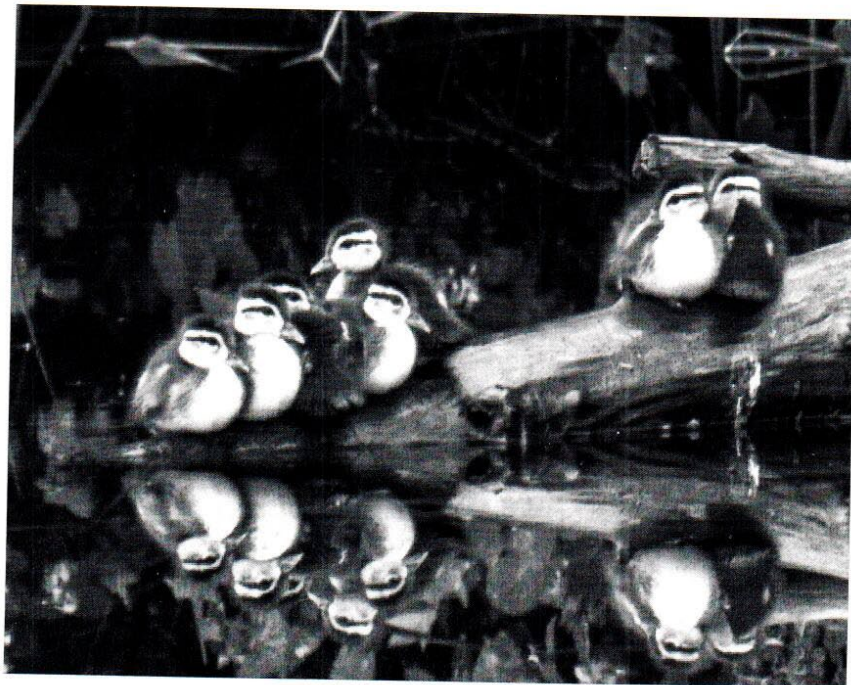
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Opinion-Editorial

A public statement regarding the Town of Hume, public records, transparency, and accountable government

By David Cartwright, Town of Hume

My main request is for timely, clear access to public records detailing how the Town of Hume handles taxpayer money. I am writing not only to residents but to anyone who values open, accountable government and the public's right to understand government operations.

A public records request I submitted to the Town of Hume has remained unresolved for months, raising concerns about potential unnecessary legal expenses and broader issues beyond a single records request.

I do not want unnecessary expenses for Hume taxpayers. Despite cooperative efforts, I still have not received a meaningful response from the Town.

To clarify the specifics of my request: On January 20, 2026, I submitted a Freedom of Information Law request to the Town of Hume seeking financial and related municipal records from January 1, 2020, to the present, such as budgets, financial transactions,

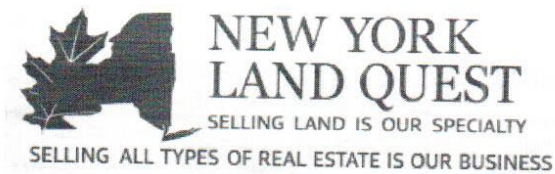
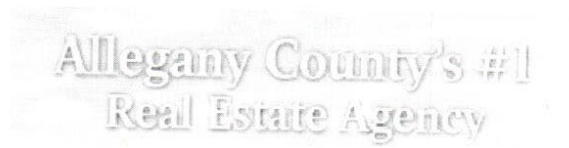
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asked to be notified in advance if copying or processing costs were expected to exceed \$100.



The Town acknowledged the request on January 27, 2026. However, rather than first determining which records were available electronically or providing a meaningful estimate, the Town began photocopying records. On February 6, I was informed that copying had already exceeded \$100. I responded that most of the records should be in electronic format, asked what was being copied from hard copy, stated that scanned documents would be fine, and asked to be notified if the cost approached \$500.

Despite that, the costs continued to grow. On February 19, I was informed that 3,678 pages had been copied at a cost of \$919.50, and that approximately \$1,000 in wages had been incurred by the person compiling the records.

I do not object to paying lawful FOIL fees. My concern is that the Town created unnecessary expense by not determining whether records could be provided electronically before incurring costs, or by providing a clear timeline.

Due to these concerns, I filed an administrative appeal. At the March 11 Town Board meeting, the public was told my appeal indicated refusal to pay, which was not accurate.

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At that meeting, the Town stated the cost had reached about \$2,559.30. The public was told the request could affect Town departments and taxpayers, but not that I had requested electronic records and cost notifications from the start.

Afterward, I submitted a written Request to Correct the Record on March 13, asking for clarification that I had not refused to pay and that my appeal concerned FOIL procedures. To my knowledge, this was not addressed at the next meeting.

Since then, I have continued trying to resolve this out of court, asking whether records are available electronically, what the next steps and timeline are, and whether my appeal will be determined.

Those questions have not been answered.



This silence raises questions about the Town's motivation. If the issue is confusion about FOIL, it should be possible to clarify and resolve it. But when officials publicly mischaracterize my position, fail to correct the record, and ignore follow-up, residents may wonder what the goal is.

On April 23, I sent another written request to the Supervisor and Town Board by email and certified mail. I again asked for clarification of the format of the records, the Town's next steps, and an anticipated timeline. I asked for a response by April 28. That certified letter was available for pickup on April 28 and was picked up at the Fillmore Post Office.

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If the Town does not respond, Article 78 may be the only option to review government action. I prefer a clear response, a lawful production plan, and correction of the public record.

If Town officials and attorneys continue to ignore the issue, Hume taxpayers may end up paying to defend a lawsuit that could be avoided with basic communication and compliance.

This should matter to anyone who believes in open government. Public records laws exist to ensure citizens understand how governments spend money and make decisions. When officials allow costs to rise, mischaracterize requests, and ignore follow-up, it is a problem affecting all.

The issue is not personalities or politics, but transparency, accuracy, and responsible use of taxpayer funds.

The Town can still resolve this constructively by identifying electronic records, producing records efficiently, explaining fees, properly resolving the appeal, and correcting public misunderstandings.

Respectfully,

David J. Cartwright

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PLAYGROUND MTG1: Monday, 5.11.26

ATTENDANCE: Wendy/Gregg Reinbold, Courtney/Dana/Mike Potter, Clayton, Tammy/Kevin Peet, James

PLAYGROUND MEASUREMENT: 242' Circumference / 3770 Square Footage

EQUIPMENT ASSESSMENT:

MISSING/BROKEN: Duck Spring Rocker

DETERIORATING SPRING: Horse Spring Rocker

TP BOLTS LOOSE & SWIMMING: Motorcycle Spring Rocker

BROKEN: Toddler Swing Seat

FALLING APART: Perimeter / Barrier of Playground

MISSING/BROKEN: Water Fountain

FULL OF MOLD: Multiplay Unit Hand-play Panel

CRUMBLING SURFACE: Basketball Court

PICNIC TABLES: Uneven/warped wood surfaces

PLAYGROUND SURFACE: Uneven, weedy

LANDSCAPE/TREES: Shade Maples are dying and need to be addressed / perhaps REPLACE

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Hwy & Dana pulling shrubs & weeds; refilling w/ new topsoil.

Tammy & volunteers replacing plants with low profile perennials &

ASSIGNMENTS: Please provide a document at next meeting with pictures of ideas & any other supp

COURTNEY/DANA: Research new foundations options (rubber mulch, padding, turf)

WENDY: Research any code/zoning considerations w/ County

JAMES: Research playground barrier options (lower than 6-8" but high enough to keep out debris)

IDEAS FOR NEW INSTALLMENTS / UPDATES: discussed at this meeting but not limited to more ideas

Waterbottle Filling Station

Bocci Ball Court

Hopscotch Court

Talking Tube

Splashpad

Resurfacing & adding lines to BB Court

Reconfiguring playground perimeter

Reconfiguring Benches

Reconfiguring Grills & Ash Bins

Resurfacing/sanding/planing & treating picnic tables (weatherproofing)

OVERALL AGREEMENT: The need for increased play-flow and creating a visual thread connecting various areas. Consider/research new install ideas that offer multi-age & ability options. Plastic Perimeter of playground is solid, but requires cleaning & painting. Multiplay set is solid but needs a plan.

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**NEGATIVE DECLARATION RESOLUTION
TOWN OF HUME - WISCOY-ROSSBURG WATER SERVICE AREA EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hume is proposing the Town of Hume - Wiscoy-Rosburg Water Service Area Extension (Project), located in the Town of Hume, Allegany County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as an "Unlisted Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hume completed a coordinated environmental review informing requested interested and involved agencies of the Town's desire to act as the Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hume Town Board has considered the significance of any potential environmental impacts per the SEQRA Regulations and completed the appropriate SEQR documentation for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Hume Town Board hereby established itself as Lead Agency for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on review of the SEQR documents, SEQR regulations, interested and involved agency comments, and other available supporting information, the Town Board hereby determines that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and will not require the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a result of such findings, the Town Board hereby directs the Supervisor to sign the FEAF Part 3 of SEQR indicating that a Negative Declaration has been issued for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

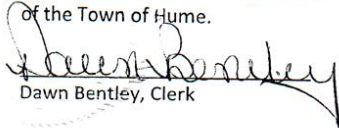
The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Darlene Mason, Supervisor - *absent*
Tammy Peet, Council Member - *yes*
Andrew Peet, Council Member - *absent*
Warren Smith, Council Member - *yes*
Peter Hopkins, Council Member - *yes*

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Date: 5/13/2026

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted on 5/13/2026 and is recorded in the Meeting Minutes of the Town of Hume.


Dawn Bentley, Clerk