

**TOWN OF HUME
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2025
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 Christopher Austin, Peter Hopkins, Andy Peet, Warren Smith, and Town Clerk Dawn Bentley.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin Peet, Darla Indralingam, Richard Bentley, Todd Smith, Kevin Margerum, Cory Burrows, also SEE ATTACHED

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mason.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Hopkins to accept meeting minutes from October 22nd as written.
Second by Councilman Peet. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

WATER/SEWER

John Beardsley is changing out meters to the new radio read.

Resolution #18 – Calling for Public Hearing

SEE ATTACHED

HIGHWAY – Kevin Peet

PESH Inspection - PTO Guards, 3pt hitch, NYS will pay 75% - Kevin will get quotes
Centerville is no longer interested in our truck.
Permit from DOT for Christmas lights.

7:12 pm Councilman Austin arrived

MUSEUM – Darla Indralingam

DEC – getting moving on the Luckey Buck
Glass slides were donated by the family of a gentleman who grew up in Fillmore.
Cindi Burton has been helping a lot.

JUSTICE – Todd Smith

Not many changes
Criminal case load has tripled.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Kevin Margerum – Mr. Keeler wants to put recreational/seasonal cottages on pads – pad would be only 25ft from center. Consider letting them build. Get variance committee together to make sure it poses no hazards.

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins to have variance committee get together to make determination. 5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

James Mason – **SEE ATTACHED**

Handed out a proposal to the board. He is looking to get a variance for standing permit for Trall rd. Kevin Peet – spring would be the worst time for heavy traffic. Road currently has 8-ton limit for local deliveries. A lot of truck traffic – will have to monitor it. Change signs “Local Delivery Only” from 19 – Dowd – Trall. Weight limit is there mostly for loggers.

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins for James R. Mason and RG Mason Auctions and any such future business that Mr. Mason would decide to operate at Trall Road, may receive any deliveries required to operate such business.

4 ayes 0 noes 1 abstain (Darlene Mason) So Carried

Kathy Bruer – Tammy Peet **SEE ATTACHED**

Hoping to increase town population.

Linda Fiegl – senior housing – empty houses, how can we get people in them

Much discussion was had by individuals in attendance. At time conversations were heated. Talked about imminent domain, meaning of zombie house, secret meetings, lists, respecting private property, how the community can make decisions on property, planning boards...etc.

All that had comments and opinions were heard.

DOG CONTROL – Richard Bentley

Report in Board folders, he went over report with board.

LEGAL – NO REPORT

TOWN CLERK – Dawn Bentley

School taxes completed with collection rate of between 95% and 98% collected.

SUPERVISOR – Darlene Mason

Resolution #17 – SEE ATTACHED

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Smith to move \$60,000 from NYCLASS to Sidewalk SM5410.4. 5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Resolution #19 SEE ATTACHED

Extra salt purchased due to it not being accessible last year.

Motion made by Councilman Hopkins, Second by Councilman Peet to transfer monies. From NY CLASS TO DA5110.4 in the amount of \$14,000.00.

5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Councilman Hopkins thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that we need to work together.

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins to pay all bills.

5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Motion made by Supervisor Mason, Second by Councilman Hopkins to adjourn the meeting.

5 ayes 0 noes So Carried

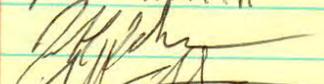
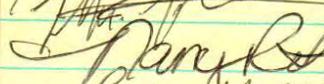
Next meeting is December 10th, 2025, 7:00 pm at the Fillmore Fire Hall, 24 South Genesee St., Fillmore, NY 14735 Remember this is a Public Hearing and that starts at 7:15 pm.

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

Dawn Bentley
Town Clerk

Sign In

Please Print

1. LINDA PIEGL
2. James J. Mason
3. Tammy Peet
4. Kathy Brewer
5. Bill Brewer Bill Brewer
6. Rose Marie Gori
7. Amy Wilson
8. Todd Q. Smith
9. Russell Zentke
10. Tyler Smith
11. 
12. 
13. Gary Bell
14. Lillythill Miller
15. Donald Mason

TOWN OF HUME
RESOLUTION #17

MOTION MADE BY: Chris Austin

SECONDD BY: Warren-Smith

WHERE AS: The Town Board of the Town of Hume makes the resolution to TRANSFER monies from:

FROM: NYCLASS

FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00

TO: SIDEWALK SM5410.4

The Resolution as stated above is hereby adopted by a majority vote of the Town of Hume Town Board at an official meeting held on the 12th of November 2025.

Supervisor: Darlene Mason yes

Councilman Chris Austin yes

Councilman Pete Hopkins yes

Councilman Andy Peet yes

Councilman Warren Smith yes

Certified: Dawn Bentley Date: 11-12-25
Dawn Bentley, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION #18

Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Discuss Changing Rates for Water and Sewer in Town
of Hume to Address Debt Service and Meter Rates

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hume, County of Allegany, State of
New York, held at the Fillmore Fire hall, at 24 South Genesee Street, Hume, New York, on
Dec.10, 2025 at 7:15 P.M. there were

PRESENT: Darlene Mason, Supervisor
Christopher Austin, Deputy Supervisor/Councilperson
Peter Hopkins, Councilperson
Andrew Peet, Councilperson
Warren Smith, Councilperson

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Dawn Bentley, Town Clerk,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hume (the "Town Board" and the "Town,"
respectively), in the County of Allegany New York, recently undertook projects to expand the
existing public water and sewer system and modernize, repair and upgrade a significant portion
of the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, certain changes must be made to address debt service payments as well as
ongoing service charges to pay for the maintenance, repair, upkeep and fund a reserve account in
the event emergency repairs need be made; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held to discuss the proposed changes and give the
opportunity for the public to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that a public hearing be held at the Fire
Department at 24 South Genesee Street, Hume, New York, on the 10th of December, 2025 at
7:15 P.M.;

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Clerk publish at least once in Olean Times

Herald, a newspaper published in Olean, New York, and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, and posted on the signboard of the Town maintained pursuant to subdivision 6 of section 30 of the Town Law, a copy of this Order, certified by said Town Clerk, the first publication thereof and said posting to be not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of such public hearing.

Following discussion the foregoing resolution and order was called to a vote which resulted as follows:

	Yes	No
DARLENE MASON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHRIS AUSTIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PETER HOPKINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANDREW PEET	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WARREN SMITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Supervisor then declared the resolution to be adopted and directed the Clerk to proceed to contact the Town Attorney if necessary and to complete the publishing and posting as required by law.



TOWN OF HUME
RESOLUTION #19

MOTION MADE BY: Pete Hopkins

SECOND BY: Andy Peet

WHERE AS: The Town Board of the Town of Hume makes this resolution to TRANSFER monies from:

FROM: NY CLASS to DA5110.4 in the amount of \$14,000.00

This Resolution as stated above is hereby adopted by a majority vote of the Town of fHume Town Board at an official meeting held on 12th day of November 2025.

Supervisor Darlene Mason yes

Councilman Chris Austin yes

Councilman Peter Hopkins yes

Councilman Andrew Peet yes

Councilman Warren Smith yes

CERTIFIED

Dawn Bentley
Dawn Bentley, Town Clerk

DATE: 11-10-25



SEAL

- Increase our town's population; ideally with families to contribute to our school & local economy

How can we achieve this?

1. Through communicating with Zombie property owners re:
 - Housing Shortage
 - Steady decline in Fillmore's student base
 - Calling upon their conscience to help us sustain a community
2. By utilizing the Allegany County Land Bank opportunities
3. And consistent and overt effort to keep Hume populated and thriving

We are in the early discovery and inventory stages.

Once the inventory and research are completed, we would like to offer an Impact Presentation of all the properties qualifying as Blight or Zombie properties. This could be to the Hume Community or at a standard board meeting for further discussion.

In response to the question, "What gives me the right to tell a property owner what to do with what's his?" it is important to consider the collective impact individual property decisions have on the broader community. While property owners do have rights, these rights come with responsibilities. Specifically, we must ask: what gives a property owner the right to negatively influence the value of their neighbor's property, to make a neighborhood less desirable, and to negatively impact an entire community?

Maintaining a healthy and thriving community requires everyone's participation and consideration. Actions taken by one property owner can affect the well-being and prosperity of their neighbors and the community as a whole. By working together and addressing these challenging issues, we can ensure that our community remains balanced and vibrant for all residents.



R.G. Mason Auctions



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585-567-8844

Dear Town of Hume Town Board, My Name is James R. Mason and I am Representing R.G. Mason Auctions and Mason RP Management LLC.

My Purpose for this meeting is to talk about the Mason RP Management property on Trall Rd. This Property is on the corner of Trall and North Rd (Banks Rd). (Currently Doesn't have a 911 Number). There Is a Weight rating on Trall Rd of 8 Tons.

With our Equipment Consignment Auctions moving to this above property (April, June, August and October)(The December and Feb/March will remain at the current R. G. Mason Auction Facility). I am here to request a Variance, or a Standing permit for Trall Rd.

I'm also asking the Town Board and Kevin Peet The Highway Superintendent to look into changing this weight rating on this road due to the current semi-truck and large truck traffic already on Trall Rd, Currently D&H Gravel, Eledeweiss Farms, Marquart Farms and others use Trall on a Regular basis. When we are added to this amount of truck traffic I would like to see you raise the weight limit for the road.

Kevin and I have been meeting and going over where drive ways are going. I want to thank him for his time and help with this.

Thank you for your time and consideration

James R Mason

Equipment Auction Manager at R. G. Mason Auctions

Owner of Mason RP Management LLC

"Have Gavel, Will Travel"