The town board meeting was held on September 9, 2025 at the town justice building.

Councilman Gerhardt led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call as follows: Supervisor Bronner - present

Councilman Jordan – present

Councilman Voght – present

Town Clerk Smith - present

Councilman Gerhardt – present

Councilman Hubiak – present

Superintendant Hajczewski – present

Also attending the meeting: Butch Woodruff, Connie & Ken Richards, and Marie & Jack Armstrong

The town clerk read the minutes from August 12, 2025 town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner asked if any corrections, additions, or changes to the minutes as read. Councilman Hubiak made motion to approve and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved. Although Councilman Jordan wanted it noted not a correction to the minutes, but he went to the board of elections and they would accept any facsimile of his name to be written in for the 2025 election for councilman and that he is not encouraging a write-in campaign.

At 7:05 pm Supervisor Bronner opened the meeting to the public. Question was asked about the codes officer following up on the Hectus property. Supervisor Bronner advised that he thought the property owners were scheduled to appear at court on August 23, 2025 as they were issued a summons, but he didn't know the outcome of the presumed court date. Also a question was asked about the budget for the town. Supervisor Bronner advised a preliminary tentatively budget was given to the town board to look at for the next meeting, but also advising the tentatively budget does not have to be in until October 2025. Nothing would be finalized until it is reviewed by the town board. A town person requested a monthly report on the website what the accounts have available and Supervisor Bronner said that it could be done. There was much discussion for the property behind the town barn for the salt, sand barn. The total cost for the 2 acres being \$37,500.00. Councilman Voght brought up it had been said \$12,500.00 an acre for 3 acres. Supervisor Bronner advised in the agreement it was written 3 acres or less for the cost of \$37,500.00. The owner was adamant he didn't want to sell 3 acres and wanted the language in the agreement as written. After much discussion from the town board and residents in the town, Supervisor requested for a motion to purchase the property. Councilman Jordan made motion to purchase the property and Councilman Hubiak seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes and was approved. Next on the agenda Supervisor Bronner advised he had talked with Eagle Associates regarding the Magnum building the town board had chosen for the salt, sand barn. Eagle Associates has assured the quote is the same that was given in March 2025 for \$516,699.00. Once closing of the property and contract is signed to agree to construct the building for that cost, we front that cost, but we are in line to receive \$500,000.00 worth of grant. The plan is to develop the property this fall and the winter, and have it ready for next spring. Another question was asked about the truck that was bought and when payment was due. Supervisor Bronner advised the truck wouldn't be here until February 2026 and will be bought on a bond-anticipation note and the intention is combining both truck payments out to 6-7 years. Supervisor Bronner then asked the town board to admit to approve the contract with Eagle Associates after closing on the property, to allow the Supervisor on the town's behalf to sign the contract to build the building. Councilman Hubiak made the motion to submit the contract with Eagle Associates and once closing is complete, supervisor to sign on behalf of the town board to get contract set in motion. Councilman Gerhardt seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes and was approved. Supervisor Bronner then needed another motion on behalf of the town board for the contract to be binding with Eagle Associates. Councilman Hubiak made motion and Councilman Gerhardt seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes and was approved. Supervisor Bronner advised the town has a contract with Herkimer County to do assessing for the town of Stark. It's an annual contract and needed a motion to accept. Councilman Hubiak made motion and Councilman Jordan seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes and was approved. Also passed to the town board to review was the preliminary insurance quote for the Selective Package for the amount of \$38,467.00 and for the official's liability is \$320.00 that is coming due and from Stark Tech for preventive maintenance to the water board was a bill for \$1,408.65. Then Supervisor called for an executive session to discuss the union contract at 8:01 pm. Councilman Jordan made motion to accept and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved. The meeting was closed to the public. The executive session ended at 8:46 pm and the town board continued with their regular meeting.

The town board reviewed the Supervisor's report. Councilman Jordan made motion to accept and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

The town clerk's report was reviewed by the town board consisting of 2 dog licenses and 2 building permits totaling \$362.56. Councilman Jordan made motion to approve and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

The town board reviewed the General and Highway Fund vouchers to pay the bills. Councilman Jordan made motion to pay the bills and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

The next town board meeting will be held on October 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Councilman Gerhardt made motion to adjourn and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.