

December 1st, 2025

The Town of Kingsbury held its Town Board Meeting on Monday December 1st, 2025 at the Town of Kingsbury Town Hall located at 6 Michigan Street.

Present: Supervisor Hogan
Councilman Akins
Councilman Lindsay
Councilman Washburn

Absent: Councilman Haessly

Also Present: Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney
Mason Leonard, Highway Superintendent
Scott Lindsay

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Hogan and opened for business with the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Washburn.

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to approve the minutes as submitted for the Town Board Meetings of September 29th, 2025 and November 3rd, 2025.

I. Budget Transfers

TOWN OF KINGSBURY - BUDGET TRANSFER: DEC 1, 2025 MEETING

GF/WT	FROM:	BUILDINGS-CONTRACTUAL	1.1620.4	\$	8,500.00
	TO:	CENTRAL STOREROOM-CONTRACTUAL	1.1660.4	\$	500.00
		CENTRAL PRINT/MAIL-CONTRACTUAL	1.1670.4	\$	6,000.00
		CENTRAL GARAGE-CONTRACTUAL	1.5132.4	\$	2,000.00
	PURPOSE:	ANTICIPATED YEAR-END NEEDS			
HWY/PT	FROM:	CHIPS-EQUIPMENT	4.5112.2	\$	4,000.00
	TO:	BRUSH & WEEDS-PERSONAL SERVICES	4.5140.1	\$	2,000.00
	TO:	BRUSH & WEEDS-CONTRACTUAL	4.5140.4	\$	2,000.00
	PURPOSE:	TREE REMOVAL			
WATER	FROM:	ADMINISTRATION-PERSONAL SERVICES	7.8310.1	\$	7,842.22
	TO:	SOURCE OF SUPPLY	7.8320.4	\$	6,978.68
	TO:	STATE RETIREMENT	7.9010.8	\$	863.54
	PURPOSE:	YEAR-END NEEDS			

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A motion by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to approve the Budget Transfers.

II. 2026 Ford F350 Purchase

A motion to purchase the 2026 Ford F350 with bigger cab so the Highway Crew only has to take one vehicle to job sites was made by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

A document will need to be signed for Greenwich Ford which Mason provided to Supervisor Hogan.

Legal Update:

The county is scheduled to review and provide feedback on a proposed local law the following day.

The court will be in a position to take action on the law at the next meeting.

Upcoming Agenda Item:

Mr. Meager, who was initially scheduled for the current agenda, requested to defer his discussion about water with our insurance to a meeting two weeks later.

Concern was raised regarding potential cancellations of third-week December meetings.

Quarry Crossing Maintenance Plan:

A collaborative plan was established for the maintenance responsibilities at Quarry Crossing:

Town of Kingsbury: Responsible only for pothole patching from Dix Avenue to Kvale Lane.

Queensbury: Will handle snow plowing, snow removal, sanding, and salting.

Hudson Falls: Will manage Kvale and potholes south of Kvale down to River Street.

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Neither Kingsbury nor Hudson Falls will be responsible for snow removal in this specific area. This plan is temporary until a permanent resolution is settled.

Audit Discussion & Financial Management:

Supervisor Hogan addressed a recent negative article in the Post Star regarding an audit of Washington County's financial management by the Comptroller's office.

Supervisor Hogan clarified that the audit contained no negative findings, but rather recommendations.

Recommendations primarily centered on improving long-term planning and increasing reserve accounts.

Hogan expressed strong disagreement with substantially increasing reserves, citing the county's strong financial position: a \$1.7 million fund balance, a \$3.5 million budget, zero debt, and two relatively new buildings constructed without raising the tax cap.

The Town of Kingsbury prefers to keep funds in an open fund balance to earn interest (currently close to 4%).

A financial plan is being developed based on the audit, but Supervisor Hogan maintained their philosophy on fund management.

New Hire Approval:

Sheila Corbett was approved as a new crossing guard, hired at \$20 per hour to replace a previous guard.

Shannon Celeste was approved as the new Dog Control Officer, hired at a salary of \$20,000.00.

A motion by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Akins to approve the new hires was carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

Reports:

The Town Clerk's monthly reports for October and the Code Enforcement and Dog Control Officer reports for October were accepted.

A motion made by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Washburn was passed by a vote of 4 ayes to enter executive session at 6:43pm for the purpose of discussing litigation, with no action anticipated to be taken following the session.

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A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Washburn to exit Executive Session and adjourn was carried by a vote of 4 ayes at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paige Zahaba".

Paige Zahaba, Town Clerk