Town of Andes Regular Meeting June 10th, 2025 7:00PM Andes Town Hall

Present:

Councilman Dale Cole

Councilman Thomas Hall

Councilman Ritchie Gabriel

Councilman Jason Mondore

Supervisor Wayland 'Bud' Gladstone

Town Clerk Carol Ames

Highway Superintendent John Bouton

Building Inspector/CEO Zach Haverly

Others:

Peter Calvert - Andes Gazette

Elizabeth DeFalco – The Reporter

Derek Curl

Lisa Marasa

Cyndi Wright

Jeff Tubbs

Karen Bornarth

Others via Zoom:

Richard's iPhone

Red Swingline iPhone

Andy Serrao- Cedarwood Representative

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gladstone at 7:00 pm.

Pledge:

The pledge of allegiance was led and recited by Councilman Cole.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the May 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes, made by Councilman Gabriel, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Privilege of the Floor:

Lisa Marasa brought up the topic of chlorine in the water system. Marasa said she had been motering the levels in the water by using at home tests and has noted that there are high levels of chlorine in the water which is at the same level as larger cities. Marasa stated that the levels did not need to be this high. Andy Serrao, a representative of Cedarwood Environmental, the firm that runs the water system in Andes was on the phone to take questions and address concerns. Serrao stated that the levels of chlorine in the water are within normal range, but they can be lowered if needed with no issues and that sometimes when the chlorine tanks are freshly filled the levels can read higher. Serrao directed anyone interested to the Andes website where the drinking water reports are located. Jeff Tubbs added that he has worked with water systems

before and can confirm that the levels do seem high. Serrao ensured that lowering the levels is definitely possible.

Oh Boy Market and Parking issues:

Supervisor Gladstone has met with Derek Curl of the Andes Hotel and Irene Hussey of Wayside Cider and Cyndi Wright of Dirty Girl Farm to discuss how parking and traffic should be handled at town events. Business owners have coordinated to make a fund to hire parking attendants to patrol and make sure parking and traffic safety is observed. Derek Curl has donated \$2000 to the fund and has set attendants pay at \$20 per hour plus a free meal. Attendants will be wearing reflective vests. No Parking signs will be placed at certain locations to avoid traffic jams and to ensure emergency vehicles can get through. Karen Bornarth expressed concern that there might be a liability issue if the parking attendants are injured and suggested there be insurance and workers compensation available. Supervisor Gladstone stated that this is a solution that has been put forth and any situation can turn bad at any time. The town and business owners are willing to pay people who can help out. Irene Hussey added that perhaps the parking attendants could be employees of the businesses so they can be protected by being on a payroll. Curl said that he was willing to put the attendants on the Andes Hotel payroll if need be. Marasa added that overall the town of Andes is not really designed in a way to hold large events and parking issues are inevitable. Wright said that this has been an ongoing problem for decades in Andes. Supervisor Gladstone added that Andes is lucky to have so many business owners who are willing to work together with the town to come up with solutions. Curl said that any future meetings that involve the business owners will be announced publically and anyone is welcome to join.

Reports:

Supervisor's report

Date Ck Rec'd	Check Details	Amount
6/1/2025	Town Clerk, DECALS	\$56.00
6/8/2025	Thomas Joyce, Justice	\$463.50
6/8/2025	Nicholas Burton, Justice	\$1,003.00
6/9/2025	Otsego Auto Crushers	\$242.88

*As some might have heard, the town will not be purchasing the property on Main street to be transformed into a parking lot. It has been brought to my attention that some community members have accused the board of having a lack of transparency. I would just like to say that the board did not have to bring that transaction ahead that quickly. The idea was in its early stages and the town didn't have to inform the public of it so soon, but chose to in order to keep people informed and ensure transparency. It is the responsibility of any board that oversees a community to look over ever possibility before moving forward. The Board ultimately decided that the purchase of 42 Main Street was not justified considering the expense. If another property comes up we will look into that as well.

*Andes Community Day will take place on August 2nd

Respectfully, **Bud Gladstone-Supervisor**

Highway Report

- *Generators will be installed at the Highway Garage in July.
- *New LED lighting will also be installed.
- *Cleaning the roads and debris has been a big priority because of the previous storms.

CEO/Building Inspector Report

An introduction was presented by Zachary Haverly the CEO/ Building Inspector. Haverly will be working on organizing the Building Department files as well as starting a project to make sure all Transient Rental Properties are permitted and in compliance. Haverly has noted that there is no definitive list of Transient Rentals operating in Andes and will be working on compiling one.

Pool Report

Permit was received. Councilman Gabriel mentioned Rachel is ready to open the pool as soon as possible, however a pool company is coming to check the pool and make sure all leaks and issues are taken care of before opening for the season.

New Business:

Summer Youth Employment- The town has hired one youth employee at the pool. Community Day- - Parade Permit has been submitted.

Motions:

Motion to approve the May 2025 Town Clerk, Supervisor's, and Justices' Financial Reports, made by Councilman Gabriel, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve General Warrants #100 -177 otaling \$ 17176.42

Highway Warrants #148-164 totaling \$ 37522.50

CHIPS Warrants # 3 totaling \$ 180.00

WWTP Warrants # 45-55 totaling \$ 37, 931.34

Water Warrants #24-26 totaling \$ \67 | .36

made by Councilman Mondore, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor. Motion Carried

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Gabriel, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor. Motion Carried. 7:59 PM.

^{*}Thank you for Jim Andrews for organizing the Memorial Day Parade.

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TOWN OF ANDES, NY TOWN BOARD MEETING REPORT BY CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES JULY 11, 2025

1. Water System

Daily usage of treated water from the water system averaged 19,200 gallons per day for the month of June 2025. Some water used for filling the community swimming pool.

2. Plant Purchases

Filters purchased from Mountain Filtration Systems at a cost of \$207.01.

3. **O&**M

Changed some filters in June 2025.

4. Equipment

Running well.

5. Distribution System

No issues.

6. Library Well