

*******DRAFT*******

The Town of Forestburgh Town Board held their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 6, 2025**, at the town hall.

Supervisor Hogue called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

Roll Call: Present – Daniel S. Hogue, Jr., Supervisor
Steven Budofsky, Councilperson
Susan Parks Landis, Councilperson
Karen Ellsweig, Councilperson

Absent Vincent Galligan, Councilperson

Recording Secretary Teresa Collins, Town Clerk

Other Present Troy Johnstone, Attorney for the Town

MINUTES – October 2, 2025, regular town board meeting minutes are acknowledged receipt. **MOTION** by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky. Councilperson Ellsweig abstains. Vote: 3 ayes – 1 nay. Motion carried.

MINUTES – October 7, 2025, Budget workshop minutes are acknowledged receipt. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Landis. Vote: 4 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

MINUTES – October 15, 2025, Budget workshop minutes are acknowledged receipt. **MOTION** by Councilperson Ellsweig, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky. Councilperson Landis abstains. Vote: 3 ayes – 1 nay. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS - #169-186 in the sum of \$203,756.89 as set forth in abstract #10 of 2025 were audited for payment. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Landis to pay for the General Fund Vouchers 2025. Vote: 4 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS - #125-136 in the sum of \$21,803.11 as set forth in abstract #10 of 2025 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Landis, seconded by Councilperson Budofsky, to accept the Highway Fund Vouchers 2025. Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

ESCROW FUND VOUCHERS - #3-4 in the sum of \$935.00 as set forth in abstract #3 of 2025 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Councilperson Budofsky, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig, to accept the Escrow Fund Vouchers 2025. Vote: 4 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OLD BUSINESS

2026 Budget – Supervisor Hogue – Motion to adopt 2026 Budget. Motion by Councilperson Ellsweig seconded by Councilperson Budofsky to adopt 2026 Budget for the Town of Forestburgh. Vote: 4 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried.

LL#1 2025- Supervisor Hogue- to be table for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Board Engineer – Supervisor Hogue – Tim Gottlieb is retiring as planning board engineer by the end of the year. So that being said we are looking for a new planning board engineer.

Sullivan County Budget – Supervisor Hogue motion to open the floor to County Legislature Nadia Rajsz – Regard the 9.1% County budget, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig.

Nadia Rajaz - The following are reasons for the 9.1% budget: Court system is pushing to build a new courthouse, we were forced into building a new jail that we are still paying off, and the jail is not a 100% capacity. We are in the process of looking at what to do with our garbage. We are looking into waste to energy. We have a promise scholarship for our high school students, so they can go directly into SUNY Sullivan and help students to achieve a two year degree as long as they maintain a certain GPA. We have infrastructure improvement at the ACC. We done the air conditioning. We have to do an ADA complaint elevator down in the college. We are looking for a place to site the courthouse. The Casino issue, casino is working with 60%, 65% capacity. We are down 4% in our sales tax. We also are involved in union negotiations and roads, bridges and culverts. So, all of this increased money in the budget is going to good use and services. There will be a public hearing on the budget on Dec 2 at 5pm and Dec 4 at 10.45 am.

REPORTS – BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board of assessments Review – Looking for two board members for the board of assessment review.

PLANNING BOARD- Planning board report – there were two matters on the agenda. One application for a two lot subdivision/land division and the second matter was an application for a special use permit and site plan for the Grand Luxury Retreats. The other action taken by the planning board was to re-set the date of our December meeting from Christmas Eve to December 16.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Galligan – Looking for any new families, new kids and seniors in town for the Christmas run. Please check your smoke detectors and have your heating system serviced.

**Town of Forestburgh Highway Dept.
HIGHWAY REPORT
Highway Superintendent,**

November 2025

Roads

We will continue to ditch roads, cut back bushes along the roads

Trash

There is a lot of trash being dumped around town if you notice someone dumping or a vehicle in an area that is not supposed to be there get a plate number or say something and give the highway a call

Parking

We are now into winter months please keep your cars, trucks off the road or it will be towed because if it gets hit by a plow wing or plow truck even snow or ice don't blame the town you have been warned

Winter Hour

Winter Hours are in effect and if you need sand for the winter come to the town barn it will be in the shed

Thank you


ADJOURNMENT – MOTION by Councilperson Ellsweig, second by Councilperson Landis to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Collins,
Town Clerk