TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH TOWN BOARD SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING April 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the presiding officer at the Town Hall on Banker Road. Pledge.

MEMBERS:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Michael S. Cashman, Supervisor	x	
Thomas E. Wood, Councilor	X	
Barbara E. Hebert, Councilor		X
Charles A. Kostyk, Councilor	X	
Dana M. Isabella, Councilor	X	
Kathryn B. Kalluche, Town Clerk	X	
James J. Coffey, Town Attorney	X	

Resolution No. 024-099

Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED, that the minutes of **March 7, 2024** and **March 14, 2024** be approved, and the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Motion: Dana M. Isabella

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion: None

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	Carried	Tabled
				X	
Thomas E. Wood	X				
Barbara E. Hebert			X		
Charles A. Kostyk	X				
Dana M. Isabella	X				
Michael S. Cashman	X				

Public Comment - None

Resolution No. 024-100

Abstract 4B- 24

RESOLVED, that the abstract of audited claims **No. 4B-24** for \$271,853.32, **Abstract 4B-24** prepays for the amount \$221,199.24 be received as reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Supervisor is hereby authorized to pay said abstracts.

Motion: Dana M. Isabella Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood Discussion: Thomas E. Wood

	Yes	No	Absent	Carried	Tabled
				X	
Thomas E. Wood	X				
Barbara E. Hebert			X		
Charles A. Kostyk	X				
Dana M. Isabella	X				
Michael S. Cashman	X				

Resolution No. 024-101

Establishment of Standby/On-Call Compensation Model for Town of Plattsburgh Codes Officers

WHEREAS, the Codes Officers of Town of Plattsburgh play a crucial role in ensuring compliance with municipal codes and regulations, safeguarding public safety, and maintaining community standards; and

WHEREAS, standby/on-call duties are an integral part of the responsibilities of Codes Officers, requiring them to be readily available to respond to emergencies, or other situations that may arise outside of regular working hours; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to establish a fair and consistent compensation model for standby/on-call duties that appropriately recognizes the dedication and availability of Codes Officers while aligning with best practices; and

WHEREAS, this compensation model aims to establish equitable standby/on-call compensation practices for Codes Officers, consolidating best practices gleaned from the Office of the State Comptroller, and consultation with Public Sector HR Consultants LLC; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Standby/On-Call Compensation Model addresses the specific dynamics of the Code Department, recognizing the unique nature of their responsibilities, operational requirements, as well as staffing; and, it is further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby adopts the Standby/On-Call Compensation Model for Codes Officers dated April 18, 2024 as attached, aiming to establish equitable compensation practices and ensuring fairness and consistency in standby/on-call compensation practices for non-union municipal employees, effective April 21, 2024; and, it is further

RESOLVED, the effectiveness of the Standby/On-Call Compensation Model shall be subject to periodic review and evaluation by Personnel Committee to assess its impact, address any concerns, and make necessary adjustments as deemed appropriate: and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Finance Manager and the Codes Department Officers.

Motion: Dana M. Isabella Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion: Michael S. Cashman, Charles A. Kostyk

Roll Call:		Yes	$\underline{\mathbf{No}}$	Absent	Carried	<u>Tabled</u>
					X	
	Thomas E. Wood	X				
	Barbara E. Hebert			X		
	Charles A. Kostyk	X				
	Dana M. Isabella	X				
	Michael S. Cashman	X				

Resolution No. 024-102

Renewal of Shared Services Agreement between

Towns of Plattsburgh and Ellenburg for Plattsburgh

Community Mausoleum

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellenburg includes a crematory and stand-alone mausoleum in the Town of Ellenburg and we are desirous of help with services held at the Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Plattsburgh and Ellenburg wish to enter into an Agreement to formalize the terms, conditions and obligations of each Town; now; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that, after review by the Town Attorney, the Supervisor is duly authorized and empowered to execute the attached Agreement on behalf of the Town of Plattsburgh; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Town Clerk, Finance Manager, and Town of Ellenburg Supervisor.

Motion: Charles A. Kostyk Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion: None

Roll Call:		Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	Carried	Tabled
					X	
	Thomas E. Wood	X				
	Barbara E. Hebert			X		
	Charles A. Kostyk	X				
	Dana M. Isabella	X				
	Michael S. Cashman	X				

Services Agreement Between Mitchell Maggy and the Town of Plattsburgh

WHEREAS, the Town of Plattsburgh has the Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum in which entombment services from a Licensed Funeral Director are required; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Maggy has the necessary qualifications and has agreed to perform entombment services on behalf of the Town for the sum of \$400 for each interment and/or removal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maggy has also agreed to help install/remove bronze plaques as needed for an additional charge of \$200 for the first installation and \$50 for any additional install/removal occurring at the same time; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that after the Town Attorney's review, the Supervisor be authorized to sign said Agreement between Mitchell Maggy and the Town, to furnish and perform services which are the subject of the attached Agreement.

Motion: Charles A. Kostyk Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion: None

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	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	Carried	<u>Tabled</u>
				X	
Thomas E. Wood	X				
Barbara E. Hebert			X		
Charles A. Kostyk	X				
Dana M. Isabella	X				
Michael S. Cashman	X				

Resolution No. 024-104

Resignation of Greg Burnell as Motor
Equipment Operator Mechanic (MEOM) in the
Highway Department

WHEREAS, Mr. Greg Burnell has submitted a letter of resignation from his position of Motor Equipment Operator Mechanic (MEOM) effective December 31, 2023, in order to fill the vacancy of Highway Superintendent (elected official); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Plattsburgh Town Board, with appreciation, accept Mr. Burnell's letter of resignation as MEOM in the Highway Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the Finance Manager and be put in his personnel file.

Motion: Dana M. Isabella

Seconded by: Charles A. Kostyk Discussion: Michael S. Cashman

	Yes	<u>No</u>	Absent	Carried x	Tabled
Thomas E. Wood	X			A	
Barbara E. Hebert			X		
Charles A. Kostyk	X				
Dana M. Isabella	X				
Michael S. Cashman	X				

Resolution No. 024-105

Authorization to Enter into a Lease
Agreement for Automate Sports Field
Line Striping Machine

WHEREAS, Mr. Mike Drew, Building and Grounds Superintendent, has requested the Town enter into a lease agreement with Turf Tank for an automated sports field line striping machine; and

WHEREAS, the lease term will be for one year at a cost of \$12,696.00, which includes 180 gallons of striping paint; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute the attached Agreement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Building and Grounds Superintendent and Finance Manager.

Motion to Table this Resolution: Dana M. Isabella

Seconded by: Thomas E. Wood

Discussion: Thomas E. Wood, Dana M. Isabella, Charles A. Kostyk

Roll Call to Table Resolution:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent	Carried	Tabled
					X
Thomas E. Wood	X				
Barbara E. Hebert			X		
Charles A. Kostyk	X				
Dana M. Isabella	X				
Michael S. Cashman	X				

Resolution No. 024-106

Zoning Map Amendment SEQRA Review & Determination 2024

TOWN ZONING MAP AMENDMENT- Consideration of a zoning amendment for parcels 245.-4-22.11, 245.-4-40.1, 245.-4-41, and 245.-4-16.2 located on Route 22, Salmon River Road,

and Superior Drive, changing the existing zoning district of said parcels from Residential (R2) to Industrial (I); and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2023 the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh (the "Town Board") received and placed on file a zoning map amendment petition from Schluter Systems Inc. requesting an amendment of the existing zone classification of the previously said parcels from Residential (R2) to Industrial (I) (the "Zoning Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XIII, Section 13.3 of the Town of Plattsburgh Zoning Ordinance, all proposed zoning amendments originating by petition or by motion shall be referred to the Town of Plattsburgh Planning Board (the "Planning Board") for a report and recommendation thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board did submit its report to the Town Board within forty five (45) days of receipt of such referral in accordance with the provisions of said Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town board considered the Zoning Amendment and the recommendations contained in the report of the Planning Board and found merit in the consideration of a zoning map amendment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereto at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (collectively referred to as "SEQRA"), the Town Board is required to conduct a review of the Zoning Amendment in order to determine if it presents a potential significant adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2023 via Resolution No. 023-185 the Town Board did declare the proposed amendment to be a Type I action for a zoning amendment that proposes to affect more than 25 acres, and declared the intent to act as Lead Agency for purposes of conducting a coordinated review of the Zoning Amendment pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, consent for the Town Board to serve as Lead Agent was granted by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Town of Plattsburgh Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, said Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law provides for an involved agency to review any action for the purpose of determining the effect of said action on the environment; and

WHEREAS, said determination of the effect of said action on the environment will be necessary to determine whether a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is required; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considered an involved agency in accordance with State Laws for the purpose of assessing the effect of these zoning ordinance and map amendments on

the environment and whether or not said effect is significant enough to warrant the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously declared the zoning map amendments to be a Type I Action and a coordinated review was conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XVII, Section 17.4 of the Town Zoning Ordinance and Section 264 and 265 of New York Town Law shall refer a full statement of the Zoning Amendment and map to the Clinton County Planning Board

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Planning Board was provided a copy of the proposed Zoning Map amendment and Findings and Recommendations Report of the Planning Board, and did, by a 7-0 vote on April 3, 2024, approve the General Municipal Law Section 239-m referral number 24-24 without comment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board duly called for a public hearing for the consideration of the aforesaid amendment and gave due notice thereof as required by law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held by this Town Board at the Town Hall at 151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, New York, on the April 11th, 2024 at 6:05 P.M.; at which time the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment and SEQRA materials were available;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Town Board, in consideration of the following:

- Planning Board Report and Recommendations dated April 18, 2023
- The review of part 1 and the completion of parts 2 and 3 of the EAF Long Form (herein SEQRA documentation)
- Comments made at the public hearing on April 11th, 2024
- Written public comments submitted to the Town in absentia
- Staff Review and Recommendation dated April 16th, 2024
- Review of other related materials.

The Town Board hereby accordingly issues a **Negative Declaration** of environmental significance for the proposed zoning map amendment under the following conditions:

Zoning map amendment shall be for **portions** of parcels 245.-4-22.11, 245.-4-40.1, 245.-4-41, and 245.-4-16.2 located on Route 22, Salmon River Road, and Superior Drive, changing the existing zoning district of said parcels from Residential (R2) to (**I***) as depicted on the draft map titled "Parcels 245.-4-22.11, 245.-4-40.1, 245.-4-41, and 245.-4-16.2 To Be Considered for Zone Change From R2 to I*"; and

A 100' buffer of R2 zone shall remain along the north, south, and west boundaries as shown on the aforementioned map; and

This specific proposed area of I- Industrial will be described as I* and will not include concrete and asphalt manufacturing in the list of allowed uses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Plattsburgh does hereby authorize and direct the Supervisor to complete, and have prepared, and to execute a "Notice of No Significant Environmental Impact" (NEGATIVE DECLARATION) for this proposed zoning map amendment and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the "Notice of No Significant Environmental Impact" (NEGATIVE DECLARATION), and all related material shall be maintained on file at the Town Offices of the Town Board and available for Public Inspection, and, the reasons for the decision are stated in the attached negative declaration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Town Clerk, and Planning Department.

Motion: Dana M. Isabella

Seconded by: Charles A. Kostyk

Discussion: Michael S. Cashman, Thomas E. Wood

Roll Call:		Yes	<u>No</u>	Absent	Carried	Tabled
					X	
	Thomas E. Wood	X				
	Barbara E. Hebert			X		
	Charles A. Kostyk	Abstain				
	Dana M. Isabella	X				
	Michael S. Cashman	X				

Standby/On-Call Compensation Model for Codes Officers Adopt April 18, 2024

This compensation model aims to establish equitable standby/on-call compensation practices for Codes Officers, consolidating best practices gleaned from the Office of the State Comptroller, and consultation with Public Sector HR Consultants LLC.

Employee Composition:

- 1 Salaried Employee (Non Union)
- 2 Hourly Employees (Non Union)

Standby/On-Call Compensation Calculation:

Salaried Employee

- Determine hourly rate by dividing regular annual salary by 2080 hours.
- Calculate the daily rate by multiplying the hourly rate times 8 hours.
- Determine the standby rate by multiplying the daily rate time predetermined percentage (15%).
- Multiply the daily standby rate by the number of standby shifts (1 shift = 8 hours) required to be on standby.
- Maximum shifts per day: 3
- Anticipated shifts per pay period: 16

Hourly Employees

- Calculate the daily rate by multiplying the hourly rate times 8 hours.
- Determine the standby rate by multiplying the daily rate time predetermined percentage (15%).
- Multiply the daily standby rate by the number of standby shifts (1 shift = 8 hours) required to be on standby.
- Maximum shifts per day: 3
- Anticipated shifts per pay period: 16

Recall:

All eligible employees can receive recall pay in addition to standby/on-call pay.

Schedule:

The Codes Department will continue to publish a Standby/On-Call schedule based on the town's normal workweek of Sunday to Saturday. The Standby/On-Call schedule will be shared with the

Town Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Business Office and local agencies. This will ensure a standardized distribution of shifts per employee.

Conclusion:

This model ensures fairness and consistency in standby/on-call compensation practices for non-union municipal employees, considering factors such as salary, hourly wages, and predetermined percentages. By incorporating these best practices, the municipality can effectively compensate employees for their availability and readiness to return to duty when required. This model address the specific dynamics of the Code Department.

The effectiveness of the Standby/On-Call Compensation Model shall be subject to periodic review and evaluation by Personnel Committee to assess its impact, address any concerns, and make necessary adjustments as deemed appropriate.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made as of the ____ of ___ 2024 by and between the TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH, Clinton County, New York ("Plattsburgh"), acting through its elected Town Board, and the TOWN OF ELLENBURG, Clinton County, New York ("Ellenburg"), acting through its elected Town Board, and

WHEREAS, Plattsburgh and Ellenburg are neighboring municipalities desirous of sharing specific mausoleum and cemetery services which will benefit residents of both municipalities and improve fiscal outlook and the environment shared by these communities; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Plattsburgh and Ellenburg are desirous of sharing services they had previously not provided and that have now been thrust on them by the actions of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Plattsburgh and Ellenburg were contacted by representatives of the State of New York's Division of Cemeteries in 2015, indicating that following a multitude of financial and management issues, Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Inc. ("Whispering Maples") had been declared abandoned by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Whispering Maples includes a crematory and stand-alone mausoleum in the Town of Ellenburg and a stand-alone Mausoleum in the Town of Plattsburgh; and

WHEREAS, under New York State Town Law §291, abandoned cemeteries become the wards of the municipalities in which they are located providing the towns with no choice in this matter; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015 the New York State Division of Cemeteries indicated that Whispering Maples was immediately being turned over to the Towns of Plattsburgh and Ellenburg; and

WHEREAS, Plattsburgh and Ellenburg began to immediately work together to protect the taxpayers of their communities and the families of those interred at Whispering Maples; and

WHEREAS, Ellenburg has the staff and resources to help provide some services for the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum; and

WHEREAS, Plattsburgh and Ellenburg have collaborated on and cooperated in this effort to best meet the needs of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Plattsburgh and Ellenburg wish to enter into this Agreement to formalize the terms, conditions and obligations of each Town with respect to above-described mausoleum and interment services:

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the basic terms of the arrangement between the Towns of Plattsburgh and Ellenburg so that Ellenburg Mausoleum and Crematory and the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum can effectively serve the residents of both Towns. This Agreement is necessary to provide some entombment and interment of remains in the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum by the Town of Ellenburg Staff.

Section 2. Ellenburg hereby grants consent and authorization to provide Plattsburgh with Ellenburg Mausoleum and Crematory staff or agents of the Town of Ellenburg to provide entombment and interment services as needed at the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum as such services are necessary to inter remove the human remains of crypt and niche owners of the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum. This section shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the facility as provided to the Town of Ellenburg by the Town of Plattsburgh pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and all applicable state laws, rules and regulations.

Section 3. Plattsburgh shall have the responsibility and obligation to pay Ellenburg for each entombment or internment within sixty days of the presentation of voucher for such services from Ellenburg in the amount of \$500.00 per entombment or internment.

Section 4. Plattsburgh shall have the responsibility and obligation to pay Ellenburg for each removal of a decedent's entombed remains from the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum within sixty days of the presentation of voucher for such services from Ellenburg in the amount of \$500.00 per removal. Plattsburgh will charge each consumer the full charge for any other funeral or product services related to the removal and may reimburse Ellenburg for those charges contracted for on behalf of Plattsburgh provided such authorization is provided in writing by the Town of Plattsburgh in advance of need.

Section 5. Plattsburgh shall provide a casket lift for the use of the designated agents of the Town of Ellenburg for the entombment and interment of remains at Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum. Should such lift be inoperable or unavailable, the Town of Ellenburg or their agents shall utilize their lift at the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum. The cost for transport and usage by the Town of Ellenburg in such circumstances shall be \$100 which shall be paid directly by the parties contracting use of the crypt or niche space at the Town of Plattsburgh Community Mausoleum. The Town of Ellenburg or their agents shall notify in writing, the Town Clerk of the Town of Plattsburgh, in the event that such substitution and transportation is necessary.

Section 6. Ellenburg hereby agrees to notify Plattsburgh within twenty-four hours of any conditions occurring during an entombment or interment that will require repair or notification to crypt or niche owners and may impact further entombments or interments at the mausoleum facility.

Section 7. Ellenburg hereby agrees to provide a safe and clean work space during any entombment and interment and will clean and restore the areas utilized for such activities.

Section 8. This Agreement shall terminate <u>April 31, 2026</u> and may be renewed or extended by the parties.

Section 9. Both parties to this agreement understand that the fees set forth above may be modified to account for tasks that have unanticipated requirements.

Section 10. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and may only be changed, modified or supplemented by a writing executed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this instrument by their Supervisors and caused their official seals to be affixed pursuant to resolutions adopted by their Town Boards, copies of which are annexed hereto.

		TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH
Date	, 2024	By: Michael S. Cashman, Supervisor
Date:	, 2024	TOWN OF ELLENBURG
		By:

PLATTSBURGH COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made as ofday of TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH, Clinton County, New York (' and Mitchell Maggy, a licensed funeral director, and	
WHEREAS, Mitchell Maggy has agreed to perf of the Town for the sum of \$400 for one particular inc and 3pm Monday through Friday and \$600 for weeken	
WHEREAS, Mitchell Maggy has agreed to affix crypt/niche front as needed and directed by the Town an additional \$50 for plaque adjustments occurring at also includes returning to the Mausoleum to ensure the from the surfaces; and	Clerk for the sum of \$200 for the first plaque plus the same time for the same family/space. This
WHEREAS, Mitchell Maggy has provided the Town of \$1,000,000 that lists the Town of Plattsburg hereby agree as follows:	own with a certificate of Liability Insurance in the gh as additional insured; now therefore the parties
Section 1. The Town of Plattsburgh shall pay M completion of his services.	litchell Maggy said sum thirty days after the
Section 2. Mr. Maggy agrees that he is not an econtractor.	employee of the Town and is an independent
Section 3. A copy of Mr. Maggy's Certificate of this contract.	Liability Insurance is attached and made a part of
Section 4. This Agreement represents the entir be changed, modified or supplemented by a writing ex	e agreement between the parties and may only ecuted by both parties.
IN WITNESS WEREOF, the parties have execute Mitchell Maggy and have caused their signatures to be Town Board, a copy of which is annexed hereto.	d this instrument by the Town Supervisor and affixed pursuant to a resolution adopted by the
DateAPril 19, 2024	
Date April 19 2024	Mitchell Maggy, Licensed Funeral Director

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RESOLVED, that this Town Board meeting be adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Motion by: Dana M. Isabella Seconded by: Charles A. Kostyk

Discussion: None

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Carried
			X
Thomas E. Wood	X		
Barbara E. Hebert	Absent		
Charles A. Kostyk	X		
Dana M. Isabella	X		
Michael S. Cashman	X		

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Katie Kalluche, Town Clerk