

**Official – Town of Montezuma
Board Meeting Minutes
For June 17th, 2025
At 6pm**

Supervisor David Corey opened the meeting, led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey
Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: Thomas Hitchcock Jr.
Councilman: Thomas Fitzsimmons
Councilman: Christopher Howard
Councilman: Marvin King

Other Members Present: Town Clerk: Marie Cronin
Deputy Clerk/Water Clerk: Tiffini Sharp
Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer
Historian: Cheryl Longyear
Highway Superintendent: Kenneth Cook
Deputy Highway Superintendent: David Ware
Water Operator: Stanley Longyear

Residents Present: James & Kathleen Decker, Adam Wiggins & Ben Ware.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: John Greer issued 2 permits for the Month of May 2025, 1 for a 28x30 detached deck on 7870 Fuller Road to Donna Upfold. 2nd one if for Ryan Hultz 7285 Baldwin Rd for a 16' x 36" lean to with solar panels which will need to be inspected by the electric company.

John also attended the 200th Anniversary of Mentz Church it was very interesting and commended Cheryl Longyear (Historian) on the great job she did with the presentation.

Historian Report: Cheryl Longyear asking for more volunteers to help with weed eating and planting flowers at the Butterfly Garden and trails. May 30th, 2025 they had some help but need more. The play at the Samuel Center in Port Byron NY starts this weekend (Clinton's Ditch). Kathleen Decker completed a genealogy database on a website of Montezuma and Mentz from 1850 Census (25k individuals). The Empire State Town Program a preliminary Trail Towns' assessment review was completed for Montezuma, Mentz/Port Byron & Brutus/Weedsport. It helps the Towns take stock of the Town's assets as we work on the program. Parks & Trails workshop at Samuel Center in Port Byron. Encourage Town & Village Board Members to attend. June 24th, 2025 at 6pm. June 25th, 2025 a Bike ride will be held to assess trail conditions on rt. 31 & off road between Port Byron & Weedsport. A Trail counter being installed at Schasel Park in

Port Byron to tract use of the trail though this area. Tiffini Sharp asking Cheryl Longyear if the 200th Anniversary Program went well and per Cheryl yes it did.

Highway Superintendent Report: Kenneth Cook, see attached report: need oil pan replaced on 2012 international 6 wheel dump truck, will do Monday. Calling for prices on tires for the John Deere 5065, Kenneth will get quotes. Ditching done on Wilsey road & hope to pave end of July 2025. Donald Russell resigned on June 10th, 2025 & turned in his things the next day June 11th, 2025. Matthew Crittenden has an interest in Dons position and he does have a class A cdl. Part time work only. Kenneth Cook will be available by phone as he will be on Vacation June 19th, 2025 to July 7th, 2025. 2 Quotes for the new box for the 2016 truck. Flatbed installed is a total of \$4,400 RE Apgar from Waterloo NY & Regular Ford Box not installed at RE Apgar \$5,600. Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Christopher Howard to approve the purchase of the Flatbed at the cost of \$4,400. Motion carried 5/0.

Ideas on installing the Playground Equipment: Motion made by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. second by Thomas Fitzsimmons to approve the \$14,000 installation by Denzak Recreation Design instead of having the highway department doing it. It includes installation and site plan prep. Safer for the professionals to do this. Motion carried 5/0. The highway staff to put the mulch in after the installation and before the inspection. Can use the rest of the money from ARPA \$5,000 and A7140.2 parks & recreation-equipment \$3,500 to purchase the mulch needed. Still need drainage on Town Hall property. Soil & Water said when they came out there was nothing we can do about the water here. Everything is overflowing and no place to go. Duflo did spray for mosquitos but not helping.

Addition to the water rules and regulations #35. Should A property sell or become occupied by a new tenant during the quarterly billing cycle, the current occupant will be responsible for water charges for the full quarter. A new application must be submitted by the new occupant & charges can be pro-rated from the date of receipt. Final bills will be issued to the previous occupant at that time. Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to approve the new rule #35 as above. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. second by Christopher Howard to approve the Bills as presented. Motion carried 5/0. Does anyone know if the smart meters have been installed on Town accounts. Unsure is all are done, but some have been done. Would like to track bills to see difference.

Approval of Supervisors Report: David Corey to bring some things to Boards attention that are wrong on this report. On the Revenue page #2 ARPA the amounts are wrong A4089. On the expenses report A1410.4 needs to be changed. A3620.4 Safety inspection Contractual is low (Budget Modification needed). A8160.11 Town clean up (Budget Modification needed). A9040.8 Workers Comp. (Budget Modification needed). Same for account SW1-9040.8 Low. Town Clerk Contractual A1410.4 & Bookkeepers account A12220.44 will be corrected and reflect next month. A7310.1 personal services for youth programs (Budget Modification). Motion made by

Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to approve the supervisors report as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of the May 22nd, 2025 Minutes: Thomas Hitchcock Jr. wondering if the kids are using the ballfield at stop 69 yet. Per Tiffini Sharp next year the T-Ball kids or little league kids will be playing there and this year the Cayuga Bombers are playing there. We will also be sending the paper bills for water this quarter and sending a letter with them letting them know about email billing and paying and that we have credit card machines now. Motion made by Christopher Howard second by David Corey to approve the May 22nd, 2025 minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0. Thomas Hitchcock Jr. abstained.

Supervisor News: Last month we spoke about the Planning board getting the junkyard paperwork to review & they would like another month to review it before a decision it to be made. Per David Corey he may go to the next meeting next month in July and explain everything to them as the Town Lawyer Kevin Cox is unable to attend. Received a check for Mortgage Tax of \$46,669.79 & snow plow check for \$47,917.83. We were supposed to get a packet of information from Montezuma wildlife refuge by today, but still waiting. Bill Stewart spoke with David Corey on this yesterday.

Public Comments & Concerns: Adam Wiggins asking if Mentz Church Road was going to get water. Per David Corey the Funds for the programs have dried up for now. Called Congressman on what to do and they told him to call his Town Board. The Engineer would like to set up a meeting within a month or so as everything is going up in cost and if you do get funding you have to apply for 40% more than you need, that's the new rule. Tiffini Sharp asking on youth program August 2025 agenda of calendar events she has planned in the park at Town Hall. Seabreeze is the most expensive but if she gets approval to go ahead with the Seabreeze trip she can submit for funding through the County of Cayuga. Also \$30 per hour for Port Byron buses to transport. Can have out of Town kids pay the discount rate. Christopher Howard asked if we partner with surrounding Towns and Tiffini would like to start that committee up again like in the past. Field trip rates are only on weekdays, estimated 60 people. Motion made by Christopher Howard second by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to proceed for funding. Motion carried 5/0.

Adjournment of Meeting: Motion made by David Corey second by Christopher Howard to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin

