

**Official – Town of Montezuma
Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 21st, 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
Town Clerk: Marie Cronin
Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer
Historian: Cheryl Longyear
Highway Superintendent: Kenneth Cook
Deputy Highway Superintendent: David Ware
Water Operator: Stanley Longyear

Residents Present: Ben Ware & Thomas Coleman.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: John Greer: No permits issued in September 2025. John did issue 2 Certificates of Occupancy, One issued to Paul & Frances Shirk at 7270 Rt.90 for a Tool Shed they put in. The other was issued to Loretta Royce at 7737 Laraway Rd for a large addition added to the house. John also issued 3 certificates of Compliance, one to David & Terry Thurston for a lean to on their shed, another to Mary Sponable for putting in a shed and the other one was for Marion & Sheila Laird for a Pole Barn on West Loop Rd.

Historian Report: Cheryl Longyear: Joni Lincoln and myself delivered Seneca River water for a ceremony of the replica of the Seneca Chief's stop in Clyde NY, which was added to a keg carrying canal waters from each stop from Buffalo to New York Harbor in honor of the 200th Anniversary of completion of the Erie Canal. October 3rd, 2025 several greeters stood on the Richmond Aqueduct to welcome the boat as it passed by. OMHC purchased and planted 4 white pines in parking lot rt. 31, for the Haudenosaunee Peace Tree and 4 Trustees whom passed away this year 2025. A researcher of a London documentary film company about filming in Montezuma Heritage Park on the building of the Erie Canal. Repairs being done at the OMHC, the Center is open on Thursday's 1-3pm or by appointment. Bernie Corcoran will give a talk on the local Military Tract formed after the American Revolution, at the Samuel Center November 8th, 2025 at 2:30pm. Looking into a grant for professional assessment of our Archives Room. See Attached minutes from Cheryl Longyear.

Highway Superintendent Report: Kenneth Cook: Nothing to report on the 2016 Ford F-150, Highway Garage, Mowers and Loader.

2015 Ford F-350 – painting & cleaning this truck. Kenneth to sell when the prices are best for it.

2025 Ford F550 New truck is here with plow, MDI has not built the Jag wing yet, possibly beginning of November finishing truck and installed the back up camera.

2012 6 wheeler dump truck, the bearings on the front of the v-body sander replaced, 2 sider polls adjusted on the sander. Sander will be installed in two weeks.

2021 10 wheeler dump truck cleaned, tested and ready for sanders & plows.

Cat Excavator: moved to cold storage for the winter, accessible if needed.

John Deere 5065: New tires on, brush hog off, weights and bucket on.

Road work done on Wilsey rd for 2025 & we'll be just filling pot holes as they pop up.

Town wide report: Have the white paint for Mentz Church, will try to finish before it snows.

CHIPS have been turned in and should have our return in December 2025, (\$65,957.53).

Per David Corey, the Planning Board sent the Junkyard Laws approval back to the Town Clerk (Marie L. Cronin) so now we can proceed with a Public Hearing on this on the same day as the November 18th, 2025 Board Meeting. It will be scheduled at 5:30pm. Marie to advertise this in the newspaper (the Citizen).

The second Budget Meeting Workshop is on Thursday October 23rd, 2025 at 6pm.

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Christopher Howard second by Thomas Fitzsimmons to approve the Bills as presented. Motion carried 4/0, Thomas Hitchcock Jr. abstained.

Thomas Fitzsimmons asking why the Transmission fee for the water from Port Byron is \$3.00 less, we need to follow up on this. We need to meet with Town Laywer (Kevin Cox) and to meet with the Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority to discuss the Transmission fees & tank Debt, this hasn't been done yet, so we aren't sure if we're getting charged correctly. David Corey to call Kevin Cox and see if they can set up a meeting. Tank Debt should be done around 2030. Started paying in February 2016.

Approval of the Supervisors Report: A9040.8(workers comp) \$10.20. Youth Program A7310.1 the money has not been moved per Thomas Fitzsimmons. David Corey stated that the Bookkeeper Patricia Craine will straighten this out before the end of this year. Thomas Hitchcock Jr. asking which account does the salt come out of, Per Kenneth Cook it comes out of DA5142.4 snow removal contractual. David Corey let the Board know that we received a check from the County for \$150 and it says Traffic refund, unsure if this is the Courts. Kenneth Cook letting the Board know that account SW1-830.11 (water assistant), this was payment for class for David Ware & David Ware's pay while he took over, when Water Operator Stanley Longyear was off. Month of September 2025, David was paid out of the Highway Fund not the water fund. Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to approve the Supervisor's report as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of Minutes (September 16th, 2025 & October 16th, 2025): Motion made by Christopher Howard second by David Corey to approve the September 16th, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5/0. Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by David Corey to approve the October 16th, 2025 minutes as amended. Motion carried 5/0. Marie to give the corrected Junkyard Laws to the Board before the Public Hearing in November 2025. Bring last year Budget meeting minutes to next meeting please. Thomas Hitchcock Jr. wondering how we can get information out to the residents of the Town, we have the website & face book & nobody gets the paper. Unsure how to achieve this, will look into this further. Christopher Howard, maybe a sign down by the VFW. Cheryl Longyear, public can sign up for the news letter too. Maybe send with water bills, but not all residents have water.

Vote on the water bill agreement: Marvin King asking why the bill was so high. (resident had a water slide running for 24hrs), his toilet was leaking also, We will charge the resident \$8.59 per 1,000 gallons, that's what the County charges. We pay \$12.15 per 1,000 gallons. Motion made by David Corey second by Christopher Howard to give Todd Tanner a one time lifetime forgiveness break on water bill. Motion carried 5/0. Thomas Fitzsimmons would like to talk to the Board on the new Trailer on Rt. 90, while the contractor was spreading dirt with the skid steer, he accidentally hit the top of the curb box which shoved the it down onto the shut off which broke the fitting (per David Ware), the fittings were soldered not flared/fitting properly, and the Highway Staff had to repair it at a cost of \$885 (parts & labor). It should have been a break flare not the soldered one, the owner of the property was not home when this took place. We feel that the homeowner should not have to pay for the contractor's mistake and would like to see if the Board would just have us pay this cost. Motion made by David Corey second by Thomas Fitzsimmons to pay this fee and not charge the homeowner. Motion carried 5/0.

Public Comments & Concerns: Tiffini Sharp has given Marie Cronin Town Clerk information on the youth program grant. She was awarded \$20,000. It is a match grant, we pay and they send us a check. She has information on also on the up coming events she has planned for 2026 youth program. Tiffini included all of the neighboring Towns (Montezuma, Throop, Mentz, Conquest, Village of Port Byron). The grant runs from October 1st, 2025 to September 30th, 2026. The Trunk or Treat had over 100 kids at this event. Tiffini is doing a great job.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by David Corey second by Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin