

**Official – Town of Montezuma
Board Meeting Minutes
February 17th, 2026
At 6pm**

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

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey
Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: Thomas Fitzsimmons
Councilman: Christopher Howard
Councilman: Thomas Coleman
Councilman: Marvin King (ABSENT)
Town Clerk: Marie Cronin
Deputy Clerk/Water Clerk: Tiffini Sharp
Code Enforcement Officer: John Greer
Historian: Cheryl Longyear
Highway Superintendent: Kenneth Cook
Deputy HWY Superintendent: David Ware
Water Operator: Stanley Longyear

Others Present: Ben Ware, Carl Townsend & Nancy Kratz.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: John Greer: John issued 2 permits for the month of January 2026, one to Belinda Tanner (7808 State Rt. 90N-Tax Map #91.00-1-18) to build an 18' x 14' addition to home. The other permit was to Richard Snyder (8463 East Loop Rd.- Tax Map #86.00-1-4.21) for renovation of parts of the home from a fire. 3 weeks and the house is done & inspected by John.

Historian Report: Cheryl Longyear: Steering Committee submitted priority goals to PTNY (Parks & Trails NY) for enhancement of the Empire State Trail through Cayuga County). Business Directory completed for visitors to our sites while traveling through. Funding Grant through Tourism Infrastructure & Amenities was approved for \$5,125, matching grant with the Towns contribution of \$2,647, & \$2560 for inkind labor. The interim reports are due by June 30th, 2026. I will be placing an order for a drinking bottle filling station, two bicycle racks & an ADA picnic table, bench & trash can to the High Street Trailhead. Meetings Genealogy Club meeting see attached sheet. Programs for 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution planning in progress & partnered with Port Byron Library on this. Donations received in memory of Bunny Baker, Flowering tree & plaque for High St. trailhead and small bench, flowering bushes for Mentz Church lawn.

Highway Superintendent Report: Kenneth Cook: Nothing to report on the 2015 Ford F350, 2021 International 10 wheel dump truck, CAT EXCAVATOR, John Deere 5065, Highway Garage, CHIPS

REPORT and nothing on the Loader either. 2016 Ford F250 had work done at Conquest Auto see attached invoice. 2025 F550 new cutting edges for front plow purchased, need to go to a class on these (requirement of a grant for these) Kenneth to send one person to the class, grant is a and it's a 75% grant reimbursement (10 year warranty on blades). 2012 international 6 wheel dump truck, replaced the sander chain. Road work, getting quotes for repairs. Mowers will be getting cleaned and serviced next few weeks. Town Wide, low on salt & Cargill was called on 120 ton but they only have what they are producing daily. Cargill will try to deliver some Thursday 2/19, 2026 to try and get us by. Can reapply for salt barn grant and Kenneth Cook will look into this first.

Resolution Appointment of ZBA, Thomas Hitchcock Jr.: Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Christopher Howard to appointment Thomas Hitchcock Jr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent.

Training Date (Sexual Harassment & Workplace Violence): Date for Training is Thursday March 12th, 2026 at 6pm. Per the Town Board, this date is fine.

AFLAC Meeting: Voluntary if you would like to attend, accident ins. Thursday February 26th, 2026 at 6pm.

Resolution Budget Modification: Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Thomas Coleman to approve the Budget Modification as presented (Transfer \$13,425.47 from Cash Savings Water Maintenance to SW1-8389.4 Water Maintenance Fund). Motion carried 4/0 – 1 Absent.

Tax Collector Report: Donna Burleton: Taxes collected & all Town obligations have been satisfied. See attached sheet. Bookkeeper Patricia Craine gave all receipts to Donna.

Approval of Bills: Motion made by David Corey second by Thomas Coleman to approve the Bills as presented. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent. Tank debt from Port Byron for water is supposed to be going down and it's going up, should have some credit coming. David Corey to call and see why. The \$330 on the youth program was a donation from Daniel Dennis's Just Breathe company.

Supervisor's Report: Motion made by Christopher Howard second by Thomas Fitzsimmons to approve the Supervisor's report as amended, David Corey to speak to Bookkeeper Patricia Craine on the changes that should be made. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent.

Approval of January 20th, 2026 Minutes: Motion made by Thomas Coleman second by Christopher Howard to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent. Per Tiffini Sharp, both of the large water bills were paid in full, they did not use the agreements.

Supervisor's News: NYS Thruway Bridge project, The Town is responsible for the cost of the waterline. David Corey called Rachal May's and Jeff Gallahan's office to have them put this into the State Budget, to help us with this cost. Tiffini Sharp and David have gone through 3 webinars for funding. David gives Tiffini a lot of credit for her work on this. David also spoke with Carl Rindflesh from Cayuga County Water Authority Director, \$100,000 to \$200,000 to move the waterline. Carl gave David a number for Blue Heron Construction out of Weedsport for this. RCAP income survey to combine with everything to help with getting funding. The Survey is at no cost to the Town other than stamps. Lawyer Kevin Cox will be called to look into this for us. Per David Corey this could be the 1st phase of something. Per Tiffini Sharp also states that they suggested to combine the moving of the waterline and expansion of water at the same time make it a 2 phase project, but moving the waterline on the Rt.90 thruway bridge is the first priority. There is State funding and for Federal funding we are over by \$2,500, so if we do the income survey and if we can prove we are under this amount (\$67,670 immediate income) this will help us. Northern Boarder Catalyst prequalification by the end of February 2026. There will be another grant in the fall. See if c2ae can get the Town submitted for the funding. Per Thomas Fitzsimmons we do not have enough EDU's to expand the Town waterline at this point. Motion made by Thomas Coleman second by David Corey to go ahead and do the RCAP Survey. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent. The Thruway Bridge over Rt. 90, the thruway are going to pour concrete on the thruway side of the bridge, sometime this week or next. Once the concrete is set the bridge will be closed for a total of 3 weeks, possibly the whole month of March 2026. Detour signs will be put up on 5&20 to detour people to turnpike rd to rt.38 & rt.89. David Corey received a call from Mr. Martin whom cut trees last year on Town Property, he wants to cut more on High Street but David explained that would wash away the bank so told him no this time. Tiffini Sharp has a 1 time life time forgiveness request for water from Morgan Carr 924 State Rt. 31. Per Tiffini we might have to set adjustments of the amount to request the 1 time forgiveness. We will need to update whatever we decide in the rules & regulations for water. Motion made by David Corey second by Christopher Howard to give Morgan Carr the 1 time lifetime forgiveness. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent. A file should be made to keep all this information on the forgiveness given to whom and when. Tiffini Sharp brought to attention the possibility of notifying the public by text message alerts. (TextMyGov) Throop & Weedsport use it at a cost of (roads closed, bridge closing etc.) \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year. Christopher Howard , can notify of Town Board Meetings too. Tiffini to check on more of this. Burt Lewis, owner of Montezuma Anchorage & Paddle, whom would like to have the campground water shut off for 2 quarters because he only has tent sites, he would like not to be charged the \$121.50 for both quarters. Per Stanley Longyear, he's been paying this yearly and doesn't understand why all of the sudden does he want to do this. He still doesn't have a permit for the campground. It's to late to do this for the beginning of this year so have him come back end of year and ask again, then the Board would have time to decide. David Ware has 3 quotes for the installation of the water salesman, 1st quote from Core & Main at the cost of \$3,481.19, 2nd from F.W. Webb at the cost of \$3,531.32 & 3rd from Ferguson Waterworks at the cost of \$3,483.69, we would like to go with Core & Main whom has the cheapest quote. Motion made by Thomas Fitzsimmons second by Christopher Howard to go with Core & Main's quote of \$3,481.19 for everything needed. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent.

Public Comments & Concerns: None at this time.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by Christopher Howard second by Thomas Fitzsimmons to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 4/0 – 1 absent.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk: Marie L. Cronin