

**TOWN OF HUME
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2024
7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hume Town Board; Allegany County; Fillmore, New York was held at the Town of Hume Museum/Courtroom. Officials in attendance were: Supervisor Darlene Mason, Councilmen Christopher Austin, Peter Hopkins, Andy Peet, and Town Clerk Dawn Bentley. Absent Warren Smith

Others in Attendance: Darla Indralingam, Rose Marie Goi, Rebecca Rowley, Todd Smith, and John Ellis.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Mason

Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and moment of silence was observed.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins to accept meeting minutes from January 10th as written. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

COMMUNITY FORUM

Rebecca Rowley gave update on her roles with the county.

Motion made by Councilman Hopkins, Second by Councilman Austin to pay Letchworth Gateway Villages and Genesee Trail towns Initiative of \$2000 to cover our contribution to continue representation. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Pavilion at the Little League Park bid has been awarded to Thomas Rhett and Ryan Chamberlain as they came in with the lowest bid.

Motion made by Councilman Austin to award the Little League Park Pavilion project to Thomas Rhett and Ryan Chamberlain. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Todd Smith & John Ellis looking for status of getting water in Wiscoy. Wells have high e coli levels. Much discussion was had. They need to start by creating a petition for residents to sign.

JUSTICE – Todd Smith

Not much going on in Nov, Dec, January as far as tickets. Busy on the criminal side. Looking to have a jury trial in either May or June.

MUSEUM – Darla Indralingam

Have received information and list of rules from DEC in order to have the Luckey Buck replicated and become a permanent fixture of the Museum. The Museum is accepting any

donation to help off set the cost of acquiring this Master Buck. An anonymous has already been received.

SEE ATTACHMENT OF RULES AND HISTORY OF LUCKEY BUCK

DOG CONTROL – Supervisor Mason

Dog Report was given.

Failed Caneadea Kennel Inspection – will investigate it. It is a shared shelter with other towns.

LEGAL

RESOLUTION #3

Resolution confirming NO permissive referendum petition were filed opposing the Declaration of Surplus and Sale of 12 North Genesee St.

Motion to accept the above stated Resolution made by Councilman Austin, second by Councilman Hopkins. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

SEE ATTACHED

HIGHWAY

Fuel Bids were opened – 2 were received – Rinker Oil and NOCO (Crabboil) both bids were opened by Supervisor Mason and compared by the Town Board.

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Peet to award the 2024 Fuel Contract to Rinker Oil as they were the lowest. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

2024 Road Maintenance Report - **SEE ATTACHED**

WATER/SEWER

Still working on getting Wastewater Project underway.

TOWN CLERK – Dawn Bentley

Submitted 3 State Bid quotes for the purchase of AED’s for the town buildings. Much discussion as had regarding this purchase.

Motion made by Councilman Hopkins to Purchase 4 AED Units and place them, Town Hall, Town Sheds, Town Museum/Courthouse, and Water/Sewer office. Second by Councilman Peet.
 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried.

SUPERVISOR – Darlene Mason

Health Insurance – better policy is to stay w/Highmark

Motion made by Councilman Hopkins, Second by Councilman Austin to keep existing Health Insurance plan through Highmark of Western New York. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

2023 – MACE Report Submitted

Supervisor Mason submitted proposal to get petitions signed by Town of Hume residents for a traffic light installed at the intersection of 19, 19A, and CO Rd 4. Petitions will be submitted to NY State. Town Board members at this meeting are in favor of circulating a petition.

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins to have a Second meeting on February 28th, 2024 to discuss townwide insurance. 4 ayes 0 noes So carried

9:08 pm

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins to go into Executive Session. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

9:25 pm

Motion made by Councilman Austin to come out of Executive session. Second by Councilman Hopkins. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Motion made by Councilman Austin to pay all bills. Second by Councilman Hopkins. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Motion made by Supervisor Mason to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilman Austin. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Next meeting will be February 28, 2024 at the 7:00 pm, held at the Town of Hume Museum/Courthouse, 10842 Claybed Rd., Hamlet of Hume.

The above is true and accurate to best of my knowledge.

Dawn Bentley
Town Clerk

Those wanting a copy of the Roosevelt Luckey antlers (Luckey antlers) must be a not for profit organization and must:

- Pay for all costs associated with the reproduction and mounting of the Luckey antlers including the cost of making mold(s) of the antlers, insurance, transportation;
- Pay for all costs associated with mounting the reproduction Luckey antlers;
- Pay for all costs associated with remounting the original Luckey antlers;
- Pay for all damages that occur to the reproduced Luckey antlers while in their possession;
- Show proof of insurance covering the replacement costs of the reproduction Luckey antlers;
- Agree that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation retains ownership of the reproduction Luckey antlers and if (the organization name) should cease to exist as a not for profit organization, or in any way fail to maintain the reproduction Luckey antlers, the reproduction Luckey antlers will be returned to the NYSDEC;
- Display a descriptive plaque along with the reproduced Luckey antlers stating that the antlers are owned by the NYSDEC;
- Agree that the NYSDEC can repossess the reproduction Luckey antlers at any time, giving (the organization name) a 60 day notice so they can discontinue advertising of the antlers; and
- Agree that the reproduced Luckey antlers shall never be copied, reproduced, sold or loaned without express written permission from the NYSDEC.

If the Town is amenable to these conditions, please let me know and we can begin to make further arrangements.

ADVENTURES FROM THE ARCHIVES - ROOSEVELT LUCKEY'S WORLD'S RECORD WHITETAIL

NEW YORK 1939

ANTLERS MAKE PEOPLE DO WEIRD THINGS. IN THIS CASE, IT WASN'T THE ANTLERS ATTACHED TO THIS WORLD'S RECORD, BUT ITS SHEDS THAT CAUSED THE PROBLEMS.

1	if present	3	3	1 2/8
2	if present	10 4/8	11 6/8	1 1/8
3	if present	13	14 1/8	1 2/8
4	if present	11 1/8	12 3/8	1 2/8
5	if present	7 1/8	5 7/8	1 2/8
6	if present			
7	if present	4 6/8	4 6/8	--
8	if present	4 6/8	4 6/8	--
9	1st Point	6 5/8	6 3/8	2/8
10	2nd Point			
11	3rd Point			7/8
12	1st Point between Third and way between Third Point and ant is missing	6 3/8	5 4/8	
13	2nd Point between Third and way between Third Point and ant is missing	18 1/8	96 7/8	98
14	3rd Point between Third and way between Third Point and ant is missing			14 5/8
15	Exact locality where killed	Hume, Allegany Co., New York		
16	Date killed	1939		
17	By whom killed	Roosevelt Luckey		
18	Present owner	N. Y. State Conservation Department		
19	Address	Albany, N. Y.		
20	Guide's Name and Address	none		
21	Remarks: (Mention any abnormalities)	2d Prize 1947		



In the 1930s, Roosevelt Luckey owned a Ford dealership and garage in western New York's Allegany County. Every year, he'd drive a Ford across the state to the Adirondacks in the northeast corner to hunt deer at a cabin owned by him and a few friends. He killed his first deer there in 1926. He would make the long drive because there were relatively few places open to hunting in New York until the late 1930s. That's when state game managers opened a short season in Allegany County.

In the fall of 1939, Roosevelt, his brother, and a few other hunting buddies gathered for a classic deer drive close to home. Late in the day, Roosevelt saw coming toward him a buck bounding in 20-foot leaps. Roosevelt set up at an opening. When the buck crossed it, he pulled the trigger on his Remington Model 11 shotgun. The buck stumbled at the slug, but it kept going. After trailing the buck, the men found it piled up. They saw its rack up close for the first time—all 14 points of it.

In those days—and still today in some parts of the country—a deer's weight is just as important, if not more important, than the size of the rack. Roosevelt's field-dressed buck weighed 195 pounds, which makes a lot of meatloaf. But meat doesn't stick around as long as antlers.



Records suggest the Luckey buck hung in Roosevelt's Ford dealership for years. When the garage closed, the rack made its way to Albany and became the property of the New York State Conservation Department.

In May 1955, Grancel Fitz wrote to the department on behalf of the Boone and Crockett Club. Grancel wanted to measure the buck with the Club's new scoring system (<https://www.boone-crockett.org/genesis-scoring-and-records-system-bc-impact-series>), which he helped devise. After putting a tape to the antlers, the Luckey buck was declared the New York state record typical whitetail

(<https://www.boone-crockett.org/new-york-state-big-game-records>)—and still is to this day, according to [Big Game Records LIVE](#) (<https://www.boone-crockett.org/big-game-records-live-all-species>). At the time, it was also declared the biggest typical buck in the records, crowning it the World's Record.

The Case of the Unlucky Sheds

The Luckey buck has since been dethroned from World's Record status, but there is one mysterious twist to this story that involves a pair of its sheds. An [in-depth article](#) (https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/0210caseclosed.pdf) in the February 2010 issue of the *New York State Conservationist* tells how it went down.

In 1978, the largest set of shed antlers in New York disappeared from a display at the Erie County Fairgrounds. A good 16 years later, New York Environmental Conservation Officer (ECO) Robert Lucas got an anonymous phone call. The caller told Lucas he would find an "item of interest" tied to a road sign in a remote area of Cattaraugus County. When he investigated, Lucas found a very big set of antlers.

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A full-blown investigation ensued. The officers brought the sheds to meetings, contacted eyewitnesses, and spoke with the state's Big Buck Club. It didn't take long to sniff out the backstory. The sheds were found on the old Merwin farm by Joseph Merwin in 1938. In 1939, Roosevelt Luckey killed the deer that most likely grew those antlers. Merwin kept the sheds in a barn for decades until 1972, when they were loaned to the Big Buck Club. While on loan, they disappeared from the Erie County Fairgrounds.

As part of the investigation, the ECOs ran a front-page story in a local newspaper, which generated several leads. One of those leads led to a man who had worked at the fairgrounds when they disappeared. Although he never admitted to stealing them, as part of a plea deal, he admitted to possessing the antlers after they were reported missing. In 1995, the antlers were returned to Joseph Merwin's widow, who donated them to the Department of Environmental Conservation. Today, those giant sheds and the final pair of antlers that the Luckey buck ever grew belong to the people of New York.

TROPHY STATS

SCORE: 198 3/8 B&C points

LOCATION: Allegany, New York

HUNTER: Roosevelt Luckey

DATE: 1939



#3

**Resolution Confirming No Permissive Referendum Petitions Were Filed
Opposing the Declaration of Surplus and Sale of 12 North Genesee Street
and
Authorizing Transfer of Property**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Hume (the "Town"), Allegany County, New York, at a regular meeting thereof, held on August 23, 2023, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution, an abstract of which is as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO

MICHAEL AND DAWN DIRIENZO SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Town acquired a parcel of land in 2015 located at 12 North Genesee Street, ("Property") in said Town for the purpose of public parking; and

WHEREAS, it is no longer necessary for the Town to retain the entirety of said property; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Dawn DiRienzo ("Purchaser") made an offer to purchase the property with the Town reserving rights for the public to park upon a portion of the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the time for permissive referendum passed and no petitions opposing the transfer were filed with the Town; and

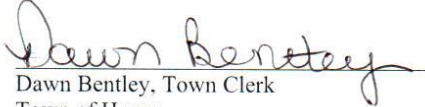
WHEREAS, the Town and the Purchasers have negotiated and agreed upon the terms of the sale of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hume, in regular session duly convened, does hereby authorize and direct the Town Supervisor with the assistance of the Town Attorney, execute and deliver to said Purchaser all such documents necessary to transfer ownership of the property located at 12 North Genesee Street as set forth in the purchase contract.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUME NEW YORK.

Dated: ~~January~~ ^{February} 14, 2024




Dawn Bentley, Town Clerk
Town of Hume

2024 Possible Road Maintenance

Mills Mills - Grind and mix pave .6 on Mills Mills end

Dowd - Grind and mix pave from Rt. 19 to Troll Rd.

Chip Seal

Ballard

Daley

Rogers

Spring Street

Troll

Hodnett