

The Bee

Town of Hume Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Rd. Hume, NY, at 7 PM. Town Board meetings are open to the public. Complete copies of Board Minutes may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office or on line at: www.humetown.org

Town of Hume Board Members

Supervisor:

Dennis Ricketts

Council Members:

Daniel Miller

Chris Austin

Gregory McKurth

Bruce Hinz

Our Town ~ from Supervisor Ricketts

The Town Board met on Wednesday, January 12; organization and appointments were approved at the beginning of the meeting.

The only change in Town councilmen seats was that of newly elected Bruce Hinz. Councilman Hinz grew up in the Town of Hume. He and his wife Kathie live on Centerville Road; they have three grown children, Nick, Justin and Stephanie.

Bruce graduated from Fillmore Central School in 1982 and from Alfred State in 1984 with a degree in Agricultural Business. He is self-employed and works the family farm on County Road 23. Mr. Hinz is also the owner of Route 19 Gravel.

Bruce is looking forward to working with the taxpayers in the Town of Hume and learning the ins and outs of local government.



Town of Hume Town Board

Chris Austin, Gregory McKurth, Bruce Hinz, Daniel Miller, and Dennis Ricketts

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Town of Hume is 190 Years Old

The Town of Hume will be 190 years old on March 20th. The following is an excerpt from *Allegany County and Its People*:

At the first settlement Hume was part of the extensive town of Angelica. Nunda was created March 11, 1808, and Hume was part of its territory until March 6, 1818, when Pike was erected. From 1818 our town was part of Pike until March

20, 1822, when "Township 6, Range 1," was organized as the town of Hume and the first town meeting was held.

In 1798 the boundary lines for the Caneadea Indian Reservation were set, taking up a large percentage of the Town and extending into the Town of Caneadea. The reserve was the home of the Seneca until 1826, after all of the land had been sold by the Seneca.

2012 Organization and Appointments

The following appointments were made at the January 11th, 2012 Town of Hume Board meeting:

Animal Damage Office: Vacant

Attorney, two year term: David Pullen

Bingo Inspector: Audrey Smith

Bookkeeper: Ted Hopkins

Court Clerk: Karen Cwiklinski

Deputy Supervisor: Daniel Miller

Deputy Town Clerk: Joanne Cockle

Dog Control Officer: Vacant

Registrar, two year term: Sondra MacEwan

Deputy Registrar, two year term: Joanne Cockle

Town Historian: Rondus Miller

Deputy Town Historian: Nancy Gillette

Audit Committees:

Highway: Chris Austin

General: Greg McKurth

Sewer & Water: Daniel Miller

Special Districts: Bruce Hinz

Water/Sewer Billing: Chris Austin

Audit Committees, continued:

DPW Committees:

Highway: Daniel Miller & Chris Austin

W/S: Bruce Hinz & Greg McKurth

Records Audit Committees (two year appointment 01-01-2012 to 12-31-2014)

Justice Department: Greg McKurth

Supr. & Clerk's Records: Daniel Miller

Records Advisory Committee:

Bruce Hinz,

Daniel Miller,

Rondus Miller

Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Bruce Hinz & Greg McKurth

Mileage Rate: 55.5/mile

Depository: Community Bank

Newspaper: Olean Times Herald

Posting Places: Town Hall, Community Bank, Library, Brooks Hose, Wiscoy-Rosburg Fire Hall, Speichers Grocery, Jubilee

Board Meeting Dates: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM as necessary

Meeting Place: Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Road, Hume, NY

P.T. Laborer/Seasonal Laborer Rate: Max of \$9.35 per hr.

Office Cleaning: Max of \$9.35 per hr.

Purchasing Policy, Employee Handbook & Investment Policy: Ratified

This concludes the list of appointments for the Town of Hume for 2012.

The Water/Sewer Superintendent, Dana Potter, appointment is a four year term and not applicable this year.

Hume ~ 190 Years Old continued from front page

As we all know, Roger Mills, Sr. of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, was the pioneer of our town, coming here in the spring of 1806. He settled in what we know as Mills Mills today.

The town has five hamlets, four of which are recognized—Wiscoy, Rossburg, Hume, Fillmore; Mills Mills is considered a place of residence.

The names of the hamlets have changed over the years. For example, Wiscoy was referred to as Mixville, Indian Town, or Lower Caneadea Village.

Hume was referred to as Cold Creek until 1826 when the post office was established.

Rossburg was referred to as Mixville Landing, Wiscoy Landing and finally Rossburg, named for Mahlon L. Ross.

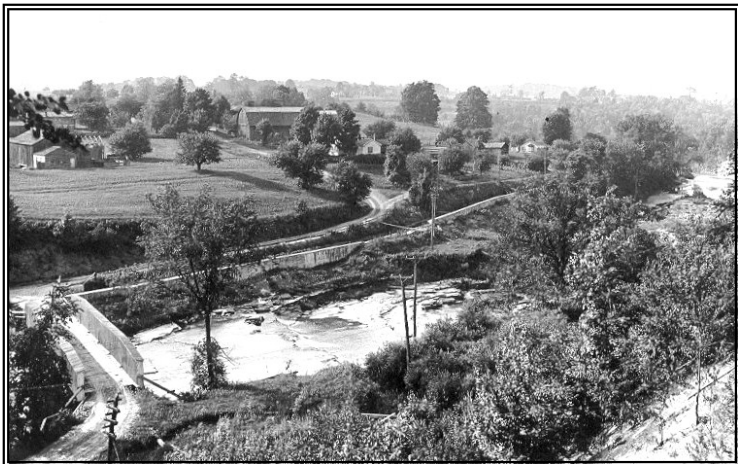
Fillmore was referred to as Mouth of the Creek or Down in the Mouth until 1850, when a post office was established. Fillmore was the last hamlet to establish a post office.

Mills Mills has always been referred to in this manner, since this is where Roger Mills first settled.

Our town is rich in local history, some of it yet to be discovered. Ten years may seem like a long time but in reality it is not. In the year 2022 the Town of Hume will celebrate its bi-centennial.



Scenes from the old days.
Do you know where and when?



Visit the Town of Hume on the web to find complete Board minutes, links to Town departments and general information.
www.humetown.org

Town Clerk hours: Monday to Friday 9-12 & 1-5

Email humetown@rochester.rr.com

Posting Places: Town of Hume Clerk's Office, Community Bank, Wide Awake Library, Brooks Hose Fire Company Fire Hall, Wiscoy-Rossburg Fire Hall, Speicher's Grocery, and Jubilee.

Newspaper: Olean Times Herald

The Bee is always looking for articles from our readers. The Town of Hume does reserve the right to edit or reject all submissions.

In the last issue of *The Bee* I wrote an article about the possible closing of the post office in the hamlet of Hume. It has been brought to my attention that math was not my strong suit in the article! The post office in Hume was established in 1826, twenty four years prior to the 1850 post office opening in Fillmore. With my math corrected, the post office in Hume is **185** years old.

Speaking of Post Offices, I would like to pose this question: What year did the Post Office in Rossburg close? I have asked many people what the year was and everyone can remember when it closed but not the exact year. And don't ask the USPS because they don't even have a record of it at all! Interesting.

Also, it is rumored that the closing of post offices has been put on hold until the spring. Let's hope that none of the closings will come to pass.

Rondus Miller

More Scenes from the Old Days

