

A Work Session was held February 3, 2026 at Hutchinson Hall, Newark Valley at 7:00 P.M. The following Board members were present:

**Present:**

Kathleen Grant, Supervisor  
Warren Smith, Councilmember  
Joseph Tomazin, Jr. Councilmember  
Brett Walter, Councilmember

**Absent:**

Lucy Johnson, Councilmember

**Also Present:**

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant, Jim Marzen, Abbey Ortu

**Meeting Called to Order**

Supervisor Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Grant led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Highway Superintendents Report**

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that they have just been plowing and sanding and working on the trucks. He and Councilmember Tomazin went to the county to look at a used truck and made an offer and no word back yet. They want the box from it to put on another truck. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant had stated the George Wahl has retired.

**New Business**

Supervisor Grant briefly discussed repairing furnaces or maybe new as we had to have the one in the Town Hall repaired in the cold snap. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant had said that they haven't had anything done since they have been here. They will be replacing the motors on the furnace. Donohue Halverson will be getting a quote in writing to us for a service contract for yearly service, Historians should be included as well. Supervisor Grant briefly discussed that the thermostats came in. Jim Marzen discussed that we need a Gmail account in place before getting them put in. Jim is planning on putting them in. Supervisor Grant also discussed that she is meeting with Lindsey Johnson on taking over as town Attorney. Supervisor Grant discussed the heat in historian building; they have an electric heater but do not like to leave on when no one is there. Going to check to see if the pipes froze. Supervisor Grant briefly discussed that the paperwork wasn't filed for the 2% tax cap. Was very briefly discussed recording of the Board minutes. NYS open meeting minute law, has to be posted if meeting is recorded. Was thinking it would help me out.

REAP Was discussed by Supervisor Grant that her and Joe Tennant met with them about grants, and we do not qualify for these grants. Abby discussed that they don't have to pay to be eligible

for other things. (4.75% loan) Brittnay Woodburn knows REAP in and out and she would be a good one to talk to. E had qualified less than 4 years ago. Abby discussed different grants – Congregational (can't apply on line), Gillibrand Office USDA, Community Block Grants. There are only 2 Counties in the whole state that are getting. Supervisor Grant discussed that the Office will have same closing dates as the Village.

## **Old Business**

Supervisor Grant met with Aarah on the Website. Was very impressed with her work, she really knows her stuff. Was discussed that we need to get the sign done for Stu.

### **Rail Trail**

There was a lengthy discussion on the rail trail. Lengthy discussion on the deeds and easements. Abby discussed that it would go from the fire station to Berkshire. It isn't going to happen over night they are looking at a feasibility study and that is all it is right now, as Abby discussed they check with all land owners. If they don't find it feasible, they will find other ways. Abby wants facts on the study before deciding to support or not support. There are already 54 people with support letters to the IDA.

Highway Department Hours were discussed again by Supervisor Grant and the Councilmembers. They agreed if approved that they would do a MOU to the contract until the end of contract. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant mentioned trying it for 6 to 8 months. Was discussed that they need to put in the contract that the Highway Superintendent will have the authority to go back to what they were within 2 weeks or discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

### **Resolution # 22-2026**

### **Approve to Purchase A 2026 Volvo Truck for the Town Highway in the Amount of \$317,397.22**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approved the purchase of a 2026 Volvo truck for the Town Highway in the amount of \$317,397.22

Councilmember Smith - AYE  
Councilmember Tomazin - AYE  
Councilmember Walter - AYE  
Supervisor Grant – AYE

### **Motion Carried**

## **Department & Council Reports**

### **Code Enforcement**

No Report

**Dog Control**

No Report

**Council Members & Committees**

No Report

**Planning Board**

No Report

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

The next Scheduled Meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L Corson  
Town Clerk