

A Work Session was held March 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
Brett Walter, Councilmember
Lucy Johnson, Councilmember

Absent:

Joseph Tomazin, Jr. Councilmember

Also Present:

Jim Marzen

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 Report

Highway report was given by Supervisor Grant in Joseph Tennant's absence. Clean up days scheduled May 1-2, 2026. Joe Tennant is checking on the cost of tire removal to be able to price accordingly. Supervisor Grant intends on being at the clean up days. A new paver has been purchased for the highway department.

Resolution #33 -2026

Approval to change to Spectrum for phone service

Supervisor Grant and Councilmember Smith met with Spectrum to get quote for phone service. The quote was \$481/month for the first three years, until phones paid off, then \$441/month after. Spectrum will be charging \$375 for the install. This is a savings of approximately 2/3 of current bill of \$1500/month.

On a motion from Councilmember Smith and second by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approved the switch to Spectrum for phone service.

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

Motion Carried

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New Business

Discussion was held regarding sending a complaint to NYSEG about high cost of electricity. Town of Cincinnatus has sent in complaints and several other municipalities have also, including Village of Newark Valley. Board also agreed complaint should be sent.

Our newsletter is being started up again. Town of Berkshire is also doing one. Berkshire discussed if we should combine them and split cost of postage. Was also discussed to just upload newsletter to web-site and have a few paper copies in our office for anyone who wants one. Board agreed to upload to web-site.

No updates on our new web-site.

Senator Schumer has a Congressionally-directed spending grant for municipalities. Supervisor Grant has started writing a grant to purchase a new snow plow. Needs to be submitted by March 31, 2026.

Resolution # 34-2026

Authorized payment to Carl Snapp

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, second by Councilmember Walter, to pay Carl Snapp \$453 for fixing propane leak at the Historian Building. Was discussed that if had another leak, to contact Blue Ox (or current propane provider), to fix.

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

Motion Carried

Resolution # 35-2026

Appoint Marcia Kiechle Board of Assessment

On a motion from Councilmember Smith, and second by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved to appoint Marcia Kiechle Board of Assessment Review for 5 year term. Term ended August 31, 2025 – appointment to start September 1, 2025.

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

Motion Carried

Supervisor Grant has been researching to update our bookkeeping software. She will be contacting Williamson Software.

Old Business – No Reports

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement

Dog Control

Council Members & Committees

Planning Board

Executive Session

Supervisor Grant discussed that they need to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Resolution #36-2026

Enter Executive Session at 7:30 pm

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved to enter the executive session at 7:30 pm.

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Walters – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Resolution #37-2026

Close Executive Session at 7:40 pm

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved to exit the executive session at 7:40 pm.

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Walters – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Alexander
Deputy Town Clerk