

A Regular Meeting was held March 17, 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
Lucy Johnson, Councilmember

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant, Jim Marzen, Connie Fedorowicz, Doug Cornwell: Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski

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.

Resolution #38 -2026

**Approval of Board Minutes for February 17th and
March 3rd 2026**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the Board Minutes for February 17th, and March 3rd 2026.

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

Motion Carried

Privilege of Floor

Connie Fedorowicz treasurer of church on West Creek Rd discussed closing the cemetery as they are running out of funds. She explained that the Town could take over the cemetery after they close it. Connie had said the cemetery gets mowed twice a year. She discussed perpetual maintenance fund: When people are buried, they get a portion, the money sits there and isn't used to mow. It will go to the town when they can no longer maintain the cemetery. Connie had discussed that the Houston family donated maybe 2 acres to the cemetery and that was when Kelly Ford passed away and the cemetery was full, they now have plots available to sell. Most people are getting cremated now. The Town does not dig the graves the funeral homes make the

arrangements. Councilmembers discussed that when the town does acquire the cemetery that we will need to add it to our mowing. Was suggested that we call a town that has a cemetery to get input. (Cemetery means can take more bodies- Graveyard means it is full) Connie had said that it cost \$2,200.00 last year to have cemetery mowed.

Doug Cornwell discussed being interested in cemetery records. There is something he wants to attend in Rochester or Buffalo that is called digitize New York. Records can be all digitized as well as individual records. Vital Records started in 1880. Supervisor Grant discussed that she would discuss with the Historians.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that the trucks sold on auction international, the old truck sold for \$7,000 and the Dryden truck they doubled their money \$10,300.

Resolution # 39-2026

Authorize the Highway Superintendent to Approve the Truck Sales \$7,000 and \$10,300

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved the Highway Superintendent to approve the two trucks that were sold on auction international \$7,000 and \$10,300.

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

Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant also discussed the cost for dumpsters for clean-up days. \$425 for dumpster, \$80 a ton, tires are \$5.00 a piece and the company that picks them up charges \$3.50. Discussed that Doug Armstrong was hired and doing well. The high school needs to mill all of the front of the high school. They are willing to split the cost of labor and the school is going to use the millings for a walk way around the middle school. (Need width, depth, length) Councilmember Walter will get more details. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant had the school appreciated him. Has town guys that are willing to help.

New Business

Supervisor Grant discussed that she is learning more about the budget.

Financial Report

Resolution #40-2026

Approve February Financial Report With The Exception of the \$2,601.00 Where It Is

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the financial report for February.

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

Motion Carried

Resolution # 41-2026

Amend Resolution #8-2026 In Organizational Minutes To Write Checks for Tax Money Payments Removing the \$50,000 Increments

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Walter, the Town Board approved amending Resolution #8-2026 in Organizational minutes to write checks for tax money payments removing the \$50,000 increments.

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

Motion Carried

Councilmember Tomazin read Theresa Pollards letter of resignation the Councilmembers and Supervisor Grant. She resigned as of March 10, 2026. Councilmember Tomazin had asked if Theresa would be paid for training and Supervisor Grant said she would be. Supervisor Grant discussed that she hired Stephanie Gee a replacement for Theresa. Supervisor Grant discussed Facebook page, Councilmembers not in agreeance, they had said if anything to piggyback on the community page.

Old Business

Supervisor Grant discussed Congressional Spending and that Langworthy would like letters of support for the grant money for snowplow. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant wrote a letter, Eric Vergason, Gary Hammond could both do letters of support.

Resolution # 42-2026

Authorize to Create a Letter of Support for Congressional Spending for the Snow Plow

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved to authorize a letter of support for the congressional spending for the snow plow.

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin – AYE

Councilmember Walter- AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor Grant discussed website updates. Aarah is asking for things to get put on the website. Supervisor Grant discussed Williamson Software that it is \$20,000 one-time deal and \$5,000 a year to keep updates. They won't give a set price. Going to see if Velvet can come to the next work session to explain the software. Supervisor Grant will see what she can set up with Velvet. Maybe could get a grant for the software.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski is back early from Florida, family emergency. He discussed that has been a few building permits. Did go to court before he went to Florida for the S. Ketchumville property, the judge gave them an ultimatum, either clean it up or they will get someone to do it. Sub-Contractor or the Town. Was asked if we would get the money toward the clean-up. Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski will ask the Judge. Also, the woman has said she was getting a couple dumpsters. They go back to court April 1st. Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski explained to her that if we cleaned it up it would be all gone. Councilmember Walter discussed that if we clean it up that hopefully that it will get people to understand that the Town Board is serious. It will be discussed with the town attorney.

Dog Control

No Report

Council Members & Committees

Councilmember Tomazin had talked with Karen and she isn't coming she would like Lindsey to come to the work session and Terie Huseby to get the pilot worked out.

Planning Board

Jim Marzen had said that the planning board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

General Bills

Resolution # 43-2026

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Walter, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bills A50 to A81, inclusive in the amount of \$44,589.69

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

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution #44 -2026

Highway Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H18 to H26, inclusive in the amount of \$15,451.06.

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

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L Corson
Town Clerk

