

A Regular Meeting was held April 21, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski, Lindsey Johnson Attorney to the Town: Marty Schneider, Arrah Richards, Neal Clinchens, David Andrews, Barbara Ulrich.

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.

Board Minutes

Supervisor Grant waived the Board Minutes for April 7th as they weren't in possession.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that the truck will be late summer fall other truck next week (cab & chassis). Discussion on the agreement signed was that the cab & chassis is to be paid for when it comes and the box is paid for separate. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed his agreement to spend it is written up and has no exact prices and do not know what they are getting for CHIPS money, so it is estimated. Have been hauling sand for winter before prices go up more.

Supervisor Grant briefly discussed that a lady came in upset about cemetery on Dodson Hill Rd as the pipe was plugged. The Highway got it taken care of. The lady came in again and was very happy it was all fixed. She had brought them homemade donuts.

Privilege of Floor

Marty Schneider had a lengthy discussion on the 250th Birthday as it is a big deal. There will be soldiers that lived in Newark Valley, Revolutionary Soldiers. Going to be an additional display on the Borden Plant that had burned. Marcia Kiechle ordered a banner for the Town and will have the Town & Village Logos on it. Marty Schneider also mentioned that some 6th grade students will be writing some essays she had asked the high school and said they refused as they thought there should be a \$250.00 prize. There will be an event at the depot on June 27th and the

101st Fort Drum Military Band is coming to play at 2pm and they are doing it for no charge. The Historical Society is getting a new flag pole and they are looking for anyone to sing a patriotic song while raising the flag.

Neal Clinehens is in the process of digitizing records; there is an old card catalog and is working on getting them put in the computer and they will be able to make more connections. Neal discussed how they had talked before on computer and a large-scale scanner. With the computer not being on-line they aren't able to get them on-line. Would also like a laser printer, they have provided a bit out of pocket things. Neal had said he donated a hard drive. He also, discussed the annual budget how the historical budget has been \$400.00 for years and would like to see it doubled. Neal discussed long term goals, as the volunteers are aging and would like to get some younger people involved. Also, that in this area they are paid and may have to consider paying them. Councilmember Walter asked if the stuff on the list would suffice to do what they need to do. Was mentioned that High School Students will need community service and they should be offered to come if they would like.

New Business

Supervisor Grant briefly discussed that we are getting closer with Spectrum.

Aarah discussed the website and she had a rough draft ready on January 23rd, we are in the end stages. Brandon will be meeting with Supervisor Grant on April 29th at 1pm to get the .GOV set and then Araah can get in to do more with our town website.

Supervisor Grant discussed she had been invited by the mayor to attend a United Way Meeting on Village Hero Banner. Supervisor Grant also discussed that we all have to do our training for Cyber Security & Harassment etc. Stephanie will be sending emails to all and the link to register. Supervisor Grant discussed that she had 2 applicants for the Assessors position, Karen Hall could interview this week. Going to arrange to do both interviews on same day, and the ones sitting in on interviews only come once. Terie Huseby has important dates on website.

Old Business

Supervisor Grant thanked Jim Marzen for installing the thermostats. Was discussed that Lindsey Johnson sent the retainer agreement. Supervisor Grant and councilmembers looked over the financial report.

Financial Report

Resolution #50-2026

Approval March Financial Report

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

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin – AYE

Councilmember Walter- AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski discussed all is well he has sent out a few violations on 38B and if they don't respond they would be taken to court.

Dog Control

Dog control Officer Denise Liske sent a report and is on file in Clerks Office.

Council Members & Committees

Councilmember Tomazin discussed the new truck, cab and chassis have to be paid for when it comes.

Councilmember Walter discussed the repair on Zimmer Spur. Highway Superintendent discussed that it hasn't been repaired in a long time and the flood had gone through in July.

Councilmember Walter also discussed the price on Culligan and he feels we are paying to much also had a couple questions on the abstracts.

Planning Board

Jim Marzen discussed that they are still working on previous items.

General Bills

Councilmembers discussed the vouchers and there were a few questions on a few asking why they are on general side and not highway. They will be reviewed.

Resolution # 51-2026

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bills A82 to A111, inclusive in the amount of \$9,696.73.

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

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution #52 -2026

Highway Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Walter, and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H27 to H33, inclusive in the amount of \$12,054.42.

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 8:35 pm.

The next Scheduled Meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L Corson
Town Clerk

4/21/2026

