

A Regular Meeting was held June 16, 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
Lucy Johnson, Councilmember

Absent:

Brett Walter, Councilmember

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant, Jim Marzen, Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski, Norm Cheney, Lindsay Johnson: Attorney to the Town, Denise Liske: Dog Control Officer

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

Resolution #71-2026

**Approval of Board Minutes From
May 19th & June 2nd 2026**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved the board minutes from May 19th & June 2, 2026.

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

Motion Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Jim Marzen discussed being interested in getting electronic copies of Budget and get them put on the website. Supervisor Grant discussed that we will speak with Aarah and get with our bookkeeper. Norm Cheney discussed 767 Whig St. regarding a dog issue that occurred on May 30, 2026 and wasn't the first issue and the gentlemen was not pleasant. Prior issue involved a

small white dog and the present dog is an Australian Sheperd. Norm called the Sherriff to get a report filed, when he foiled to get the report, it was not correct. He is looking for action to be done. Dog Control Officer Denise Liske discussed with Norm that the white dog has been handled, as Denise said this a new dog. Denise had said that the report is basically favoring the owner as Norm had said the dog did cross the Rd and the report stated it didn't cross the Rd. Norm is going to continue to keep after the Sherriff to correct the report, as there were 2 different names on the report and address was incorrect. Denise explained to Norm that if report is changed that he needs to encourage them to issue citations. As Norm also discussed briefly that the Community Center asked for his help with the 5k run they are doing on 7/25/26 and the route they run very well could be past 767 Whig which is location of the dog.

New Business

Supervisor Grant discussed it was 7:15pm and needed to open the Public Hearing to discuss the transfer of money for the town truck.

Public Hearing

Resolution #72-2026

Open Public Hearing At 7:15pm

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved opening the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

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

Motion Carried

There was no in-putt from the public. Supervisor Grant asked that we motion to close the public hearing.

Resolution #73-2026

Close Public Hearing at 7:20pm

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Tomazin, the Town Board approved closing the Public Hearing at 7:20pm.

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

Motion Carried

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Resolution #74-2026

**Approve the Transfer of \$141,818.22 From
The Capital Reserve Highway to Highway
Equipment for the Purchase of the Town Truck**

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved the transfer of \$141,818.22 from The Capital Reserve Highway to Highway Equipment for the Purchase of the Town Truck.

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE
Motion Carried

Transfers

Resolution #75-2026

Budget Transfer

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board approved the following budget transfer.

Transfer:

\$400.00 From **A8160.4 Garbage & Refuse** To **A7510.4 Historian CE**
\$141,819.22 From **DA9950.9 Cap. Res. Hwy. Equip.** To **DA51302.2 Hwy Equip.**

Councilmember Smith - AYE
Councilmember Tomazin – AYE
Councilmember Johnson - AYE
Supervisor Grant – AYE
Motion Carried

Financial Report

Resolution #76-2026

Approve Financial Report for May

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

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin – AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant discussed that Tioga County Soil and Water will do a meeting to explain previous discussion with Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant. Meeting at 1pm June 24th at the Town Hall. Discussed that Stuart's sign is up by the Highway Garage. Highway Superintendent Joe Tennant briefly discussed having a ceremony, Councilmembers decided that we will have it on July 15, 2026 at 6pm at the new highway building. It will be put in the Courier.

New Business (Continued)

Supervisor Grant discussed that there is a mobile home permit to be approved.

Resolution #77-2026

Approve Mobile Home Permit 26-27 for Manufactured Home for David Scheidel 2657 Ketchumville Rd Berkshire, NY

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board approved mobile home permit # 26-27 for manufactured home for David Scheidel 2657 Ketchumville Rd Berkshire, NY.

Councilmember Smith - AYE

Councilmember Tomazin – AYE

Councilmember Johnson - AYE

Supervisor Grant – AYE

Motion Carried

Supervisor Grant discussed the Town Office will now be closed on Fridays. Briefly discussed the energy workshop from the cooperative extension at the Community Center 6/23/26 from 6pm

to 7pm. Also, discussed that she attended District 7 roundtable legislative information and was hosted by Keith Flescher.

Old Business

Supervisor Grant discussed briefly that spectrum will be installing Mid July. Phones will be shipped and will be here in 3 to 5 days.

Single Wides and property maintenance were tabled.

Department & Council Reports

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski discussed the house on Lane Rd, he has sent a certified letter to the owners, he has been getting no response. House has been half torn down and then they quit tearing it down. There has been no progress on Ketchumville Rd, they have moved a camping trailer in. They have court next week. Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski hasn't heard anything from the state. He has sent David Aingworth a certified letter, will be served with papers next week as well as the issue on 38B. Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski would like to keep the Junk Law as we have it and keep away from property maintenance. Code Enforcement Officer Dan Cheresnowski would like to see 1 junk car instead of 2 and add about tires laying around. Jim Marzen and him will meet to discuss.

Dog Control

Dog Control Officer Denise Liske briefly the pit bulls on Smullen Ave. as it has been a problem for a couple years, they claim the dogs aren't theirs. Court outcomes haven't been good; they would keep things good for 60 days and start all over again. Have court with them next week and has several that are coming to testify.

Council Members & Committees

Planning Board

General Bills

Resolution #78-2026

General Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, the Town Board authorizes the payment of General Bills A112 to A137, inclusive in the amount of \$9,634.70.

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

Motion Carried

Highway Bills

Resolution #79 -2026

Highway Bills

On a motion offered by Councilmember Tomazin, and seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Town Board authorizes the payment of Highway Bill Vouchers H48 to H55, inclusive in the amount of \$199,055.50.

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

Motion Carried

On a motion offered by Councilmember Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The next Scheduled Meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L Corson
Town Clerk