

Clarification on pages 22 & 23 of 4/8/2026 Minutes.

-Elizabeth Pfister, Town Clerk

Associates and Major Engineering.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Harting read aloud the guidelines for public comments.

Norman Colwell, Route 79 – Last month he asked Supervisor Harting if he could find out if the Town over spent what it brought in for revenue. Supervisor Harting confirmed yes, the budget was overspent and fund balance was also used. Colwell believed it was the third year the Town overspent its budget and it would seem eventually the Town’s savings would be gone if continued. Supervisor Harting was not sure it had been three (3) years that the Town has overspent its budget, and went on to explain. The NYS Comptroller’s audit stated the Town was underspending its budget and was saving too much money. Supervisor Harting explained that for the past two years the Town has spent that money down. Two years ago, the Board passed a resolution allocating what money they wanted in reserves and determined the limits for those accounts. The Board then determined a plan to use the rest of the unallocated reserve funds, some on vehicles, some on roads that needed to be taken care of and were not planned to need repair yet. Colwell asked if overspending the budget effects the Towns fiscal rating, he believed the Town received a ‘D’ rating in the past few years. Secretary to the Supervisor Breeding said the Town has an ‘A’ rating currently and has had since she has been here.

Ruth Seward, Main Street – Asked how the Millenium Pipeline tax dispute would affect taxes for the rest of the Towns tax paying residents. Supervisor Harting explained that Millenium was initially given a PILOT agreement and when it expired Millenium challenged their assessed tax values on all of their property across the State. Seward asked if the School will also be pushing back on this too. Attorney Spinner explained that the Town Tax Assessor is the party to these types of actions and their assessment dictates the school and County tax amounts so normally Towns are the best party to handle these cases. Spinner went on to further explain that most of these types of cases typically settle at a reasonable amount for the municipality. The difficulty with this case in particular is ~~getting an appropriate valuation since there is no other situation in New York to use for objective data.~~ Council Member Hartwell asked Spinner if Delta Engineering was still being looked at as the firm to use on this case and is concerned about their experience with this type of work. Spinner said so far, the Town of Union Assessor is happy with their work and is finding it relevant for use, but he will report more on that as Union moves ahead with their case.

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Bartolo Morales, Abundant Solar – Asked when the Solar Law would be approved. Attorney Spinner explained it was just voted on for approval by the Board and has to be filed with the Department of State before it officially goes into effect, but should only be a couple weeks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion By: Council Member Hartwell Sec. By: Deputy Supervisor Beavers
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

Vote of the Board:

- Supervisor Harting - Aye
- Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye
- Council Member Hupman - Aye
- Council Member Conrad - Aye
- Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Supervisor Harting told the Board he had reviewed the March 2026 financials that they have in their packets, there is nothing that is sticking out spending appears to remain on target.

Motion By: Council Member Conrad Sec. By: Council Member Hartwell
Motion to Approve the April 2026 Bills for Payment

Vouchers for Payment

A & B Fund # 126 – 174	\$ 27,329.06
DA Fund # 3	\$ 20,719.06
DB Fund # 77 – 114	\$ 134,419.29
SS3 Fund # 22 – 30	\$ 6,898.73

TA Fund # 4	\$ 1,043.46
Total	\$ 190,409.60

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye
 Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye
 Council Member Hupman - Aye
 Council Member Conrad - Aye
 Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Supervisor

The Board received information for New York State Association of Towns, Lobby Day on May 5, 2026 in Albany and their list of legislative priorities.

Motion By: Council Member Hupman Sec. By: Deputy Supervisor Beavers

Motion to Authorize the Supervisor or His Designee to Sign a Letter in Opposition to the Revive Act (A10632/S9423)

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye
 Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye
 Council Member Hupman - Aye
 Council Member Conrad - Aye
 Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

Discussion: Supervisor Harting explained that the REVIVE Act a new Article 17 of the Property Tax Law that would allow the State to override local zoning laws overriding Home Rule, when taking over underused retail space, office parks, and parking lots to turn into housing. This letter to Legislature Joe Angelino asks him not to support this bill. Council Member Hupman stated that unfortunately this is being seen more and more.

Motion By: Council Member Conrad Sec. By: Council Member Hartwell

Motion to Authorize the Supervisor or His Designee to Sign a Letter in Regards to Amendments to Tier 6 of the New York State and Local Retirement System

Vote of the Board:

Supervisor Harting - Aye
 Deputy Supervisor Beavers - Aye
 Council Member Hupman - Aye
 Council Member Conrad - Aye
 Council Member Hartwell - Aye

Motion Passed

Discussion: Supervisor Harting explained that reforms that are being talked about to Tier 6 of the NYS Retirement system would place a significant financial burden onto Towns and the law, as it is currently written states any changes are to be funded by the State and not the employer. this letter to Angelino asks him to support Towns in this.

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Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Kithcart shared with the Board that the McNair Road bridge project was still on target for budget but now the project is behind waiting for the State to approve the design for the project. Kithcart stated that Fisher was initially expecting to have the job out to bid by now.

Highway Superintendent Kithcart said the Highway staff have begun to take the plows off the trucks and clean them for storage. They have repaired and painted two (2) of the older truck dump bodies. They have also begun ditching, shoulder repair and sweeping road cleanup.

Town Clerk/Registrar

Clerk Pfister said tax collection has wrapped up and she pointed out that there was some statistics included this month on her report showing how many payments came through the