

The meeting was held in person. The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an attendance roll call.

PRESENT:	Kyle Noonan	Councilmember
	Mark Stewart	Councilmember
	John Donohue	Councilmember
	Jesse A. Fish, Jr.	Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT:	Erin Trombley	Town Clerk
	Glen Bruening	Town Counsel
	Chris Abrams	Highway Superintendent
	Kristian Mechanick	Water Superintendent
	Elizabeth Bennett	Confidential Secretary
	Jeremy Brogan	Recreation Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Cahalane (US Light Energy), Nathan Dillan (Thunderbird Farms), Jeremy Bunblasky (Seaboard Solar), Chris Koenig (CT Male for US Light Energy), Stephen Alay (Barclay Damon), Greg Hewlett (The Pines), Charlene Hewlett, Maureen Dennis (Schermerhorn Real Estate Holdings), Dave Rogge (Lamplighter Acres), John Rivers (South Glens Falls Fire Co.), Brandon Hayes (South Glens Falls Fire Co.), Ben Vaillancourt, Tim Schwab (South Glens Falls Fire Co.), Alex Portal (Post-Star).

Supervisor Fish said there were no future meetings or events to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Greg Hewlett asked if there would be a separate public comment period for the sewer law later in the meeting. Supervisor Fish said there would.

Dave Rogge asked if there would be a vote on the sewer law at this meeting. Supervisor Fish said there would not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the Special Town Board meeting on January 21, 2025 as submitted.” She also noted that Councilmember Killian had not been present on January 21.

Resolution 91-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

The Town Clerk read the following prepared resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the Month-End Audit meeting on January 28, 2025 as submitted.”

Resolution 92-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Town Clerk Trombley read the following prepared resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the Regular Town Board meeting on January 28, 2025 as submitted,” and indicated that Councilmember Noonan had not been present on January 28.

Resolution 93-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Abstain
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

Town Clerk Trombley read the following prepared resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts and approves the minutes for the Regular Town Board meeting on February 11, 2025 as submitted.” She indicated also that Councilmembers Noonan and Killian had not been present at the meeting February 11.

Resolution 94-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Abstain
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Fish stated that US Light Energy had presented previously at a Town Board meeting and a number of questions were raised. He said a revised plan had been submitted and representatives of the company would present the new plan.

Dan Cahalane from US Light Energy presented the revised plan for the former Tee-Bird South golf course property, prefacing this with a request for referral to the Planning Board and initiation of the SEQR process. Highlights included a section of panels removed to the North where they would have been relatively near a residence, and extra screening. Chris Koenig with CT Male Associates introduced himself as the Project Manager. He highlighted the removal of panels from the East side of the transmission lines, and presented images of the project. (See photos in appendix beginning pg. 86.) Based on what he said were common questions posed by Town Boards, he also showed a number of photos of other US Light Energy projects undertaken with CT Male to show examples of what could be expected visually, including a sample 8-foot-tall agricultural perimeter fence with grasses around its base, and a sample gate with a metal frame. He made a point to say the gate at the Moreau project would be hundreds of feet from the road. He showed photos of sample power poles, saying they would be near the transmission line but not in the easement. Other photos included a concrete equipment pad, inverters, and a sample 20' gravel access road.

Next Mr. Koenig showed a photo of the project site from Route 197/Reynolds Road. He pointed out the tree line or horizon line view from the road with a red line below it, indicating the intended height of the project. Mr. Koenig said the project would be out of sight, and well below the tree line. Another photo showed the view of homes on Rte. 197 facing North – the photo shows wetlands, a pond, and vegetation, all of which he said provide nice wildlife habitat and would be left alone. The vegetation that has grown since the closure of the golf course has created screening, which he said they would supplement with additional screening. On the Reservoir Road side of the property, a photo showed the South-facing view. Mr. Koenig said the array would be set back hundreds of feet, that the array would be below the tree line, and additional screening would be added to the natural vegetation, which includes small aspen and white pine trees. He also mentioned that this property was previously graded, that drainage had been integrated since it had been a golf course. Regarding the home on the North side of the project, photos showed the state of that portion of the site and views of the home through the natural vegetation, which Mr. Koenig said would be supplemented. He said that since it is the North side, there wouldn't be concerns about shade cast by the trees.

To address questions about benefits to the local population raised at the last meeting, Mr. Cahalane said they encourage bids on the project from local companies, saying they will use local labor to build the project if they can, that the project will bring revenue to the Town, the infrastructure will be upgraded, improving resilience, and that there would be an exclusive sign-up period and that residents could save up to 10% on electricity. Councilmember Stewart asked about the distance from the property line on the Reservoir Road side. It was explained that photos were taken from the Road to avoid entering private property shown between the road and the home in question. Councilmember Stewart asked how far the solar field boundary would be from the edge of the field in the photo. The response was that the setback would be 50 feet, as required by the solar law, and that the house would be 450 feet from the array.

He added that they are striving to meet what he called Councilmember Donohue's "exemplary" standard. Mr. Koenig said as far as the distribution of power is concerned, electricity generated at the site will go to a local substation which would be used by the Town. He asked what the next steps were, whether it was referral to the Planning Board, or SEQR since this is a type 1 action and the Town Board is the Lead Agency for these actions, and whether this process could be started that night. Councilmember Stewart asked Building, Planning and Development (BPD) Coordinator Westfall if he had any concerns. Mr. Westfall indicated he did not and that the packet presented was very thorough. Councilmember Stewart agreed and said he thought they had gone above and beyond.

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“WHEREAS, US Light Energy submitted to the town, a complete application for a solar project, to be sited at 65 Reynolds Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board heard a presentation on the application at the February 25, 2025 Town Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has completed a full EAF for SEQR, the Building, Planning and Development Office generally agrees with the statements within the EAF, and the project would be a Type 1 action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board declares lead agency for the proposed US Light Energy Solar Project, pursuant to SEQRA, further resolves to forward the application to the Planning Board for a favorable or unfavorable report, and requires the applicant to establish an escrow in the amount of \$3,000 for general plan and stormwater reviews.”

Resolution 95-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

BUILDING, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Supervisor asked BPD Coordinator Westfall to introduce the next set of fee schedule updates. Mr. Westfall said he had reviewed some the fees with Counsel, and mentioned PUD, solar energy system overlay district, solar building permits, and site plan review. He said he also reviewed the mobile home park renewal fees discussed at the previous meeting, which he adjusted and capped based on the work done on these, which he said he thought would work out better for everyone.

Councilmember Stewart said he agreed these fee updates were overdue and said that he would abstain from a vote on the proposed fees due to the nature of his work in the Town.

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board approves the following changes to the Building Department Fee Schedule:

- Mobile Home Inspection (Per Unit) - \$10
- PUD/Commercial Rezone Application - \$1,100
- Residential Rezone Application - \$400
- SEO Solar (per megawatt) Permit - \$1,500
- Site Plan Review to 5,000 sq ft - \$250 (corrected during the reading)
- Site Plan Review above 5,000 sq ft – \$500 (corrected during the reading)
- Site Plan Review above 10,000 sq ft - \$.10 per sq ft +\$500 (edited in the reading)”

Resolution 96-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Abstain
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 3:0.

(This resolution was amended by Resolution 111-2025)

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board approves the scope of work for the Hudson Riverside Park Planning, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to the LA Group.”

Resolution 97-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board approves the scope of work for the Nolan Road Riverside Trail Planning, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to the LA Group.”

Resolution 98-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“WHEREAS, the Town of Moreau has recognized that Betar Park is one of the Town’s premier recreational facilities, drawing visitors from not only all parts of Moreau, but from the greater region as well, and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of the Park, the Moreau Town Board has sought continually to provide upgrades that meet the needs and demands of park patrons, and

WHEREAS considering the needed upgrades to the Park, the Town Board had directed the Building, Planning, and Development Office to apply for a planning grant for park improvements under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) through the competitive 2024 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for a project entitled Betar Recreational Park Planning, and

WHEREAS, after review by OPRHP and the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC), the Town of Moreau was awarded competitive funding in the amount of \$205,158 from OPRHP, and

WHEREAS, to further this project and receive funding, the Town is required to accept this award and designate a signatory via resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Moreau Town Board accepts the award from OPRHP for a project known as Betar Recreational Park Planning, funded under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 to plan for future park upgrades. And be it be further

RESOLVED, that the Moreau Town Board delegate the signing authority to execute any contracts or other required agreements with New York State to the Supervisor of the Town of Moreau and designate the Supervisor to ensure completion of this project in compliance with the terms of the grant award.”

Resolution 99-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Discussion: Councilmember Donohue again thanked Mr. Westfall for her very successful efforts on behalf of the Town to obtain grants.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2025

Supervisor Fish said that the Town’s attorney had made changes to the proposed local law and that the revised law was posted to the Town’s website. He added that the law requires that seven days pass after posting before action can be taken. He said a vote will be held at the next meeting.

Councilmember Noonan asked if this was the law allowing the Town Board to set sewer rates, clarifying it was not a law setting rates but authoring the Board to do so. Supervisor Fish said it was. The Councilmember said

that in an email exchange with the Town's attorney where a question of whether to publish the EDU schedule calculation methodology had been raised. Attorney Bruening said that was a question for the Board to decide and said calculations are ongoing. Councilmember Stewart expressed concern that the law's language in §115 is not clear about whether the Town's commitment is to the first generation of sewer pumps, or for pumps over the span of the sewer debt, when they cost \$8,000-10,000 each and do not have a thirty-year life expectancy. The Councilmember said that if the Town was responsible for the equipment for the life of the debt, the proposed rates would not cover it. He asked how to fairly distribute this cost, and said the provision touching on the subject was added in the last 30 days of the last revision of the previous law. He said grinder pump repairs could cost millions of dollars, and asked if the Town has to put money aside for this or if the property owner pays for this expense.

Attorney Bruening said according to the signed finance document with EFC (Environmental Facilities Corporation), the Town is responsible for the maintenance line and current pumps. He said the Town was obligated to that in the map plan and report revisions, and this was included in some of the easements executed. He said public monies could not be used to purchase the pumps unless the Town took responsibility for them. Who covers the cost of subsequent pumps is yet to be determined by the Board and this can be changed, Counsel said. Councilmember Stewart said he is willing to go ahead with current rates for one year to see how the finances work out, but he restated that the proposed rate included debt and usage but not maintenance or replacement pumps. He indicated he felt a reserve fund for sewer district 1, extension 5 was needed for this if the Town was going to retain responsibility for the pumps. Councilmember Noonan said he was just listening and was not in favor of changing rates anyway.

Supervisor Fish opened the floor for Public Comments on the local law.

Greg Hewlett said he agreed with Councilmember Stewart with regard to the additional expense of pumps, and said in his experience with these pumps, they perform inconsistently; some last 4 years, some last 20 years. He said that the proposed rate was set for a term of a year, roughly, and then each year the Board can revise rates if the payments don't cover the expenses. He said over time the hope was that growth may have offset additional expenses. As for the idea of building up a reserve fund, Mr. Hewlett said there was no way to budget for it because you don't know how many pumps will need to be replaced in any given year.

On a different note, Mr. Hewlett said law 115-63 articles 3-8 mention a fine for destruction to a pump. Supervisor Fish said if the owner of the property is at fault, it is the owner's responsibility, but if the pump malfunctions, it is the Town's responsibility. Attorney Bruening said the language in question refers to violations of the legal provisions that section addresses. Mr. Hewlett asked, in the case of a mobile home park, where multiple homes are on a single pump, how fault would be determined, and whether the landowner or individual homeowner would be responsible. Attorney Bruening said the provision to which Mr. Hewlett refers revises the previous language to allow for a penalty, but does not set a penalty amount. Counsel added that this is a good question and one of the difficulties created by the way the system was built, and it would be a problem for enforcement that the Town has to figure out.

Councilmember Stewart asked if there were any other instances of multiple homes going to a single pump outside of mobile home parks. Mr. Hewlett said apartments would be a similar situation. The Councilmember said it was his opinion that the property owner is responsible for the pump because they own the infrastructure. Mr. Hewlett said right now the Town owns the infrastructure. The Councilmember asked if the landowner owned the pipes from the unit to the pumps, to which Mr. Hewlett responded affirmatively. The Councilmember acknowledged joint ownership and thanked him for his comments and for agreeing on setting rates. He said the current language of the law doesn't specify that the Town is only responsible for pumps included in the debt, and raised the question of whether, under current language, the Town would have to take responsibility in the future for maintaining pumps bought and installed on new projects unrelated to the loan.

He added the law doesn't specify that the Town is only responsible for the first pump, and it also doesn't prohibit the Town from owning or taking responsibility for others in the future. Supervisor Fish said the Town won't buy or install the pumps. Councilmember Stewart said an easement would be needed for the Town to service lines and pumps, and asked how easements would work at a later time with new properties on the line that don't exist yet. Maureen Dennis suggested the Councilmember read the heading of the paragraph, which provided some parameters around the subject, which Councilmember Stewart stated agreement with. Mr. Hewlett said that the hope is that by the time more maintenance costs are incurred, there would be more users and money through growth. He expressed his opposition to pre-charging additional money to build up an unknown amount of reserve funds when rates can be revised as needed every year. Supervisor Fish agreed and said they will look at it again in October 2026.

Mr. Hewlett questioned the language in Section 7, whether it stated that if any part of the law is found later in court to be invalid this section supersedes the court. Attorney Bruening said the wording indicates that if any part is found unenforceable in the future, the rest of the law stays in effect. Mr. Hewlett again asked if EDU assignments are under review. Councilmember Stewart stated this public comment period was related to changes to the local law.

Maureen Dennis said that the language on page 2, paragraph 2 seemed ambiguous. She expressed concern that this could be applied to the entirety of the sewer district. She asked if this section could include language specifying the specific extension(s) being referenced or impacted. Counsel agreed. Ms. Dennis also said the debt and maintenance paragraphs do not specify which extension(s) either, and requested that "EDU" be defined. She said she saw three different EDU schedules on the Town site and said she found it confusing.

Supervisor Fish said the Public Hearing would remain open for Local Law 4.

SEWER RATES

Supervisor Fish said that because the local law had to be passed before rates could be set, the Board could not act on EDU rates at that time. He said they could allow more public comments, and opened the floor to the public.

Greg Hewlett referenced Councilmember Noonan's question earlier in the meeting about publishing the EDU assignment methodology, and said at the prior meeting a document for EDU establishment was attached to the agenda. He said these methodologies seem to have been used mostly, but abandoned on some properties, and he asked if there would be an explanation. Supervisor Fish said they gave out the document because it is self-explanatory. Mr. Hewlett referenced a figure in the document: 1800 sq. ft. equals one EDU. He compared two commercial properties in the proposed sewer rate schedule. He said Action Equipment has 3.83 acres, a 7,700 sq. ft. building, and was assigned 4.31 EDUs. Next door to that facility is Drywall Center, which he said has 4.53 acres, an 18,000 sq. ft. facility, and one assigned EDU. He questioned how they arrived at these results using the same formula. Councilmember Stewart said the engineers should relook at those. Mr. Hewlett mentioned 1402 Route 9, (The Hillman Companies/County Waste) with seventeen acres and 45,000 sq. ft of buildings, which he said was assigned one EDU.

Supervisor Fish said the EDU assignment was based on effluent put into the system and not on square footage. He said Mr. Hewlett's properties create 30 times the volume of effluent as these commercial sites, which hardly add anything to the system. Mr. Hewlett said he didn't mention his properties in this discussion, that he was asking legitimate questions about EDU assignments on parcels in the sewer extension. Referring to the latter parcel, he said there are two operations running on that site and he estimated 20-30 truck drivers and employees using facilities there. He said if they have a well for their primary water source, which does not come through the water meter, the waste water is still going into the sewer. He said the 4,500 gallons on the schedule for this property is less than 90 days of a single-family home usage. He said his point in bringing these issues up is that there would be more EDUs if they were calculated more consistently, and therefore the per EDU figure would be lower.

In response to Mr. Hewlett’s concerns, Maureen Dennis made the points that businesses are not open 24 hours a day, and truck drivers don’t work out of the office, so they would not be using bathroom facilities there throughout the day. Mr. Hewlett agreed, but said in the instance of the first two properties he compared, their water use figures were provided for comparison in addition to the figures he cited. Councilmember Stewart said they should look at some properties, and that a clause was needed to allow the appeal of EDUs. Mr. Hewlett said if a company is assigned too few EDUs, they won’t grieve their assignment. He said he was just looking for consistent application of criteria in the assignments, and said among the five parcels he compared, 77 additional EDUs would be added to the system if the criteria were applied evenly. He provided documents to members of the Board.

TRANSFER STATION

Councilmember Donohue said a recycling event was being arranged in coordination with the Moreau Community Center’s Earth Day event. He mentioned electronics and tires specifically would be the focus of the event, and said he would provide additional information at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$134,000 from account DB5112.493, to be used for blacktop grinding under Saratoga County Contract #24-PWPR028R; an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from account DB5112.493 for the purchase of road materials under Saratoga County Contract #24-PWCSGS-50R and Washington County Contract #24-5; an amount not to exceed \$411,100* for blacktop purchases under Saratoga County Contract #24-PWAC-3R; and be it further resolved that purchase orders will be requested by the Highway Superintendent and issued from the Highway Department.* (*Corrected during motion process.)

Resolution 100-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as with the correction of \$411,100 for blacktop purchases and with purchase orders issued from the Highway Department.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

The Town Clerk read a prepared resolution:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the purchase of culverts from account DB5110.497 under Saratoga County Contract #24-PWP21R2; and an amount not to exceed \$7,000 for the purchase of guardrails from account DB5110.494 under Saratoga County Contract #24-PWGR-24R2; and be it further resolved that purchase orders will be requested by the Highway Superintendent and issued from the Highway Department for each expenditure.”
(Corrected during reading.)

Resolution 101-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Town Clerk Trombley read a prepared resolution:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to complete the request for road paint with Saratoga County for 13.33 miles of centerline striping and 12.73 miles of centerline and edge line striping, to be paid out of account A3310.499.”

Resolution 102-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for tree and stump removal from account DB5110.457, per the Town’s contract with Richard Sears Tree Experts; and be it further resolved that purchase orders will be requested by the Highway Superintendent and issued by the Highway Department.”

Resolution 103-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Town Clerk Trombley read a prepared resolution:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board acknowledges the dates of the upcoming 2025, 10 hour day and four day work week for the Highway Collective Bargaining Unit beginning on April 21, 2025 and continuing

through October 31, 2025, and further acknowledged that the Highway Superintendent will provide the Supervisor’s Office with a list of the Friday emergency on-call list.”

Resolution 104-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes a purchase, not to exceed \$9,000 for red clay, from Haedka Stone Corporation, to come out of account A7140.4.”

Resolution 105-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution for girls lacrosse. She read:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the spring 2025 contracts with South Glens Falls Girls Youth Lacrosse, South Glens Falls Lacrosse and Empire City Soccer, pending attorney review and in a form acceptable to the Town Supervisor.”

Resolution 106-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Discussion: Councilmember Noonan asked if much change was expected in the contracts. Recreation Director Brogan said they would be substantially the same except for the cost.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye

Councilmember Donohue Aye
Supervisor Fish Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Fish said there had been an emergency situation that required the rental of a bypass pump for Bluebird Village. He said the Board needed to approve the expense so it could be paid at the end of the month. He invited Water Superintendent Mechanick to explain more about the situation.

Mr. Mechanick addressed the Board, explaining that a sewer pump had been borrowed by agreement from Schermerhorn Real Estate Holdings to hold the pump station over until it could be upgraded. Due to delays, the borrowed pump was in use longer than planned, and a seal failed, he said. With the station overflowing, Mr. Mechanick pulled out the disabled pump and decided to bring in a rental. In the meantime, to prevent sewage from overflowing the tank, he said he called Action Septic to pump down the tank, and then installed the new rental pump. He said it had been running this way from that time forward.

Councilmember Noonan asked if this was the pump station the Town had purchased, which Supervisor Fish confirmed. Councilmember Stewart asked about the pumps in the station. Mr. Mechanick said he had tried a number of things to get them to run but they did not run reliably. Supervisor Fish explained in more detail the issues with the pumps, and summarized at the end saying they just won't work.

Supervisor Fish said there was another item on the agenda regarding the opportunity to buy the rental pump for a good price to retain as a back-up pump once the new pumps arrive and are installed, but since Principal Account Clerk Cruz had been out of the office, they would have to postpone that discussion because they have to discuss where the money can come from to pay for the pump. A pump of this kind brand new would cost \$142,000, Supervisor Fish said, and he thought it would be a good investment for the Town.

The Supervisor asked Town Clerk Trombley to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the payment of \$2,909 to Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc, for an emergency transfer pump rental needed at the Bluebird Pump Station.”

Resolution 107-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan Aye
Councilmember Killian Absent
Councilmember Stewart Aye
Councilmember Donohue Aye
Supervisor Fish Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

Discussion: Councilmember Stewart asked Mr. Mechanick if he would be comfortable with the size of the used pump. Mr. Mechanick said he was, in part because the “hour time” is low and it is a strong pump. He said the smaller pump is a 4 x 4, and the rental is a 6 x 4 which maxes out at 2000 RPM. He said hoses and attachments would be interchangeable with other equipment by cam locks. Councilmember Stewart said he supports the purchase and asked if there would be a warranty. Mr. Mechanick said he would find out. The Councilmember asked if this decision could wait two weeks. Mr. Mechanick said he was told as long as we are renting it, nobody

could buy it before the Town. The Council member asked if the cost of the rental would be credited toward the purchase, or if an emergency meeting would be needed. The Councilmember said he was concerned they pay for another 2-week rental knowing they want to buy it, and asked if the Board was comfortable, without the financial element completely resolved, to give the Water Superintendent authorization to tell the rental company the Town intends to buy. Councilmember Noonan asked if Mr. Mechanick was certain this is the pump the Town needs. Mr. Mechanick said he had made a lot of calls and spoken to many people with the specifics of what we are moving, and that this is the pump for the job. Councilmember Noonan asked if Mr. Mechanick had contacted the engineer. He said he had, and they described the pump as “overkill.” Councilmember Noonan asked about the overflow and if sewage spilled out on the ground. Mr. Mechanick said it got to the top of the tank but did not spill, instead backing up into the Schermerhorn apartment complex lines, and that the manhole covers were “bubbling.”

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved, that the Town Board authorizes Senior Assessment Clerk, Matt Espey to attend, via zoom on March 14, 2025, a continuing education class entitled, “Income Redefined: RPTL 467 & 459-c calculator intense” at a cost of \$120 to come out of account A1355.4.”

Resolution 108-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Sole Assessor to attend, via zoom, a series of continuing education courses as follows: “Understanding how Tax Grievance helps sellers/buyers” on March 14, 2025, “Fair Housing Fair Lending” on May 7, 2025, and a seven hour USPAP/Ethics Course, which is taken at her own pace, all to be paid out of account A1355.4 at a total not to exceed \$405.”

Resolution 109-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MONTHLY REPORTS

The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board accepts the January Monthly Department Head Reports for the Recreation Department, the Town Clerk’s Office and the Water & Sewer Department; and further resolved that it accepts the February Monthly Department Head Reports for the Highway Department, Transfer Station, Recreation Department, Town Historian, Building Department, and Water & Sewer Department.”

Resolution 110-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart seconded by Councilmember Donohue, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

FIRE PROTECTION

Supervisor Fish said they were putting thigs together to have a discussion about the Town taking on the Village of South Glens Falls for fire protection. He said at that time they did not have enough information to take action.

Discussion: Councilmember Stewart said he would like to proceed, that attorneys were working on it, and that he did not want to see a fire tax implemented. He said the Fore Company received all the funding they requested for 2025 so he was hoping to wrap up the process by 2026. He suggested they work with the Village of South Glens Falls on the transition after the Village election (March 18). Supervisor Fish said the deadline for legislation is June per State Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner’s office, and that any change may not be effectual until 2026.

A representative of the Fire Company asked what information was still needed, said that they had provided everything they needed to make a decision, and that the Village wanted to go ahead. Supervisor Fish said it was a question of how to transition financially. He said the way it had been proposed would require a fire tax, which he was not in favor of instituting. He said there were also questions about assets like the Village fire truck fund, a building, and so on. The Fire Company representative asked if they could move ahead after the election with another three entities, and if they should meet again then. Supervisor Fish said they should to ensure the new leadership is in agreement, and to work out the financial pieces. The Fire Company representative said the Village approved it and they believed the Town wanted to move forward too. Councilmember Stewart said that two months prior there had been a resolution made by the Village and that there were questions to work out, like how to Village will contribute to the cost to cover fire protection. Once the details are worked out, the Councilmember said a new law is required. The Fire Company said their attorney tried to push the envelope because he said they were running out of time. Councilmember Stewart said they were running out of time for 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Maureen Dennis asked about the building permit pricing update passed earlier in the meeting related to site plans over 10,000 sq. ft. (see resolution 96-2025). She said the price published with the agenda gave a figure of \$.05 per sq. ft. BPD Coordinator Westfall looked at the copy Ms. Dennis had and confirmed she was correct.

She also asked about an item on page 103 of the agenda and supporting documents file that was shared with the public for the meeting, which referenced Rte. 9 PS (Pump Station) Sewer and gave January daily and total usage of the sewer going to Wilton. Supervisor Fish said the meter doesn't work, that a design flaw prevents the Town from knowing how much is traveling to the County. The equipment needs to be moved to work properly, he said.

Resolution 111-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue seconded by Councilmember Noonan, amending the previous building department rate resolution, to set the rate for site plan reviews above 10,000 sq. ft. at \$500 plus \$.05 per square foot.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0.

(This resolution amends Resolution 96-2025)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation

Councilmember Donohue said new equipment for Recreation was in the works.

Councilmember Stewart said the deadline for \$10,000 for improvements to Recreation Park restrooms was looming.

Councilmember Donohue said there was also a grant application in the works for improvements to the sand bar beach.

Crandall Library

Councilmember Noonan highlighted upcoming events at the Library Folk Life Center, including Irish Stick Fighting, bluegrass music, Wool & Water fiber art, Women's History Month activities, and April concerts.

Sand bar beach grant application

SUPERVISOR'S ITEMS

Supervisor Fish wanted to announce that BPD Coordinator Westfall had completed Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer certification and congratulate him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Fish asked the Town Clerk to read a prepared resolution. She read:

“Be it resolved that the Town Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.”

Resolution 112-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue seconded by Councilmember Stewart, to accept the resolution as read.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0. The Board entered executive session at 8:42 p.m.

At 9:19 p.m. the Board exited executive session, having taken no action.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 113-2025 A motion was made by Councilmember Donohue, seconded by Councilmember Noonan, to adjourn the meeting.

Asked if all were in favor, the responses were as follows:

Councilmember Noonan	Aye
Councilmember Killian	Absent
Councilmember Stewart	Aye
Councilmember Donohue	Aye
Supervisor Fish	Aye

The motion carried 4:0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Trombley
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Town Clerk

See US Light Energy photos in appendix to follow.

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Fort Edward NY 12828
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