

Scottsville, New York
December 11, 2025

Regular Town Board Meeting held December 11, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

Present: Supervisor Jim Kirch
Councilman Tim Davis
Councilman Carl Schoenthal
Councilman Ed Shero
Councilwoman Tina Stevens

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Mark Boylan, Attorney
Ann Buck, Assessor
Shanna Fraser, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Ctr. Dir

Supervisor Kirch presiding.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Roll Call. All Town Board Members were present.

Supervisor Kirch recused himself from the Local Law discussions due to the appearance of a conflict of interest. Deputy Supervisor Schoenthal read the public hearing notice and opened the public hearing at 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing Local Law No. 2 of 2025-A Local Law Imposing a Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems for a period of six (6) months following the effective date of the adoption of this Local Law.

Maureen Leupold stated that she is not against solar but does not like to see it on farmland.

There being no further comment, Councilwoman Stevens made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Davis and carried. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 P.M.

Public Before the Board:

Mike Balonek questioned whether there is a plan to do a reval in the near future.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried, the Minutes of November 13 and November 25, were approved as written.

Supervisor's Report:

- Status update on proposed water districts. LaBella will have information for the Board at the January meeting.
- Ongoing evaluations of companies for GIS support.
- Comprehensive Master Plan is currently in the SEQR process

Ann Buck, Assessor, spoke about a timeline for a townwide reval. The process would start in July of 2026 for a reval of the 2027 taxes. She explained the steps in the process.

Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously or herewith):

1. Town Clerk report, November.
2. Highway, November.
3. Recreation, November.
4. Building Inspector, November.
5. Fire Marshal report, November.

6. Budget Officer report, November.
7. Dog Control report, November.
8. Senior Center report, November.
9. Town Attorney, November.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

Department Heads submitted written reports and Liaisons reported.

Councilman Davis spoke about the Warren Cemetery and the items that need to be addressed.

Councilman Schoenthal reported that there will be a first day hike on the Greenway hosted by the Trail Town Committee at 10:00 A.M. on January 1st.

Correspondence:

1. Lauren Kelly, Dir. Govt Affairs, Charter Communications, re: Changes to programming.
2. John Fornof, Monroe County Controller, re: 3rd Quarter Sales Tax Distribution.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 151:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland adopts Local Law No. 2 of 2025-A Local Law Imposing a Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems for a period of six (6) months following the effective date of the adoption of this Local Law.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – abstain
Councilman Davis-aye
Deputy Supervisor Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Councilman Davis called for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Shero and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 152:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the 2026 Agreement with Cynthia Scott for the Donnelly House cleaning.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 153:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the 2026 Agreement with Riverside Veterinary Hospital for services on an as needed basis.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-aye

Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.154:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a one-year temporary trailer permit for farm employee use on Ebsary Road, property owner is Paul Stein and Sons, LLC, effective date shall be 1/1/2026-12/31/2026.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Davis, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.155:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, approval to purchase a 2027 Freightliner M2 106 Truck Cab and Chassis at a cost of \$127,506.00 through Freightliner and Western Star of Batavia, LLC. Purchase is subject to Permissive Referendum.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.156:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants retroactive approval for the purchase of a Lenovo Thinkpad for the Supervisor at a cost of \$1,069.00 through the Pinpoint Group.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.157:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the 2026 Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Wheatland and the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District for salting and plowing from November 15, 2025-April 15, 2026.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Shero, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.158:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to spend up to \$10,000 to transition website services and website design.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-nay
Councilman Davis-nay
Councilman Schoenthal-nay
Councilman Shero – nay
Councilwoman Stevens-nay

After discussion on the quotes received by Councilwoman Stevens, Supervisor Kirch asked that the following statement be on record. “This is not on the agenda. This is the number one public facing/community engagement tool that we use. It is very consequential to our Municipal operations and our public communications. Not being on the agenda, the public has no idea that we would be voting on this tonight. For this reason, I believe it is not responsible for us to put this forward for a vote tonight.”

There was further discussion regarding increasing the amount to \$15,000 for the website services and design. There was no motion to move it forward.

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.159:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to **table** the agenda item to spend up to \$15,000 on A/V and livestream services to provide improved access to Town Meetings.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.160:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland reappoints the following individuals to their respective boards:

Laura Michaels	Zoning Board	Term: 1/1/26-12/31/2030
Bob Hatch	Alt. Zoning Board	Term: 1/1/2026-12/31/2026
Jay Coates	Planning Board	Term: 1/1/26-12/31/2032

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.161:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the purchase of the following for the Highway Department: ThinkCentre Desktop PC, ThinkPad Laptop PC, HP Color LaserJet Pro Printer at a cost of \$2,458.11 through the Pinpoint Group.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

There was discussion on the purchase of two yield to pedestrian signs at a cost of \$325 each.

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,
Resolution No.162:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a Donnelly House permit for the Library Board to hold a meeting on December 15th from 6 PM-7 PM, fee to be waived.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Abstract dated November 19, 2025, with voucher numbers 20250905 through 20250909 in the amount of \$3,658.81, and Abstract dated December 8, 2025, with voucher numbers 20250910 through 20250967 in the amount of \$106,909.52 were approved provided that all bills are paid out of their respective funds after proper audit.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$2,914.68
DA	HIGHWAY FUND DA	744.13
<u>Grand Total:</u>		<u>\$3,658.81</u>

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$38,889.20
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	3,631.77
DA	HIGHWAY DA	49,084.79
DB	HIGHWAY DB	2,265.07
	MUMFORD LIGHT	1,084.54
	MUMFORD REFUSE	6,288.78
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,521.84
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	447.60
	NORTHEAST SEWER	333.09
T/A	TRUST & AGENCY	3,362.84
<u>Grand Total:</u>		<u>\$106,909.52</u>

Councilwoman Stevens announced that tonight was Ed Shero’s last board meeting after 20 years and thanked him for his service. Councilman Shero said that it is has been truly an honor to serve the Town.

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:47 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter with no decision to be made.

The Board resumed to regular session at 8:05 P.M.

Upon the motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk