

Scottsville, New York
July 9, 2026

Regular Town Board Meeting held July 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Chili High School, Scottsville, New York.

Present: Supervisor Jim Kirch
Councilman Steve Call
Councilman Tim Davis
Councilman Carl Schoenthal
Councilwoman Tina Stevens

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Mark Boylan, Attorney for the Town
Ann Buck, Assessor
John Crowley, Building Inspector
Cheryl Kisicki, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor

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

Public Hearing on Water District No. 3:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing was opened at 6:01 P.M.

Supervisor Kirch read the public hearing notice.

Ed Flynn and Justin Petsos of LaBella Associates were in attendance. Mr. Flynn gave an overview of the project. The handout Mr. Flynn referred to "Town of Wheatland Water Benefit District 3" is included in the minutes.

Cora Baird, 789 Quaker Road said she is speaking for herself and the other kids in her neighborhood. She said that having access to safe water is a dream. The water situation currently has put a strain on her family both financially and medically. She has experienced migraines which are exacerbated by the Sulphur smell which lingers in their sinks and toilets in addition to skin problems such as eczema and acne. She also mentioned that by having public water they would then have fire hydrants in their area which would increase their safety and could mean lower insurance rates for their homes. She said that worrying about the safety of water is not something any child should have to go through and asked for those that may be apprehensive of change to take into consideration how it impacts the quality of life of children in their neighborhood.

Nathaniel Brochu-292 South Road said that they moved into their home in 2022 and within 2 months started noticing problems with their water. After consulting with multiple water companies, they had decided to have a water softener system installed. A month after being installed the company came back in to double the system. They currently use 18 lbs. of salt per day. Over the course of a year, it equates to approximately \$1,200 to \$1,300. As a result of using the salt there is a strain on appliances and they have had to replace the water heater three times. .

Laura Michaels-1285 South Road said that she is in the area of South Road that is not able to get the public water and is not part of the project. She said that 21 years ago when they purchased their house they didn't realize there was a second well that was used to fill the well that was connected to their house. In 2008 they needed to drill another well which was over 100 feet deep and turned out to be "black water" which was not able to be used except for watering the gardens. During dry summers they have had to make trips to York to have water tanks filled and haul them back to fill their well. Some years they have to make multiple trips. She would like the Board to consider putting in a municipal water supply for those people that will not be part of the project.

Wanda Izard-411 Bowerman Road spoke of the amount of money spent over the years due to the well water and the salt. She said that she has had 4 water softeners, 3 water heaters, 2 dishwashers, and needed to refurbish faucets. She has a good system now but is in favor of the project and felt everyone should have access to good water.

Kim Kowalke-888 Quaker Road commented that the figures being used are based on a presumption that grants will be awarded based on the maximum amounts. Since none of these are assured, he would like that stated. He questioned why the Board is approving something on the basis of these facts which are not facts but “purely optimistic wishful thinking” and said he felt it is irresponsible for any government body to move forward on this and commit all to this investment of our money that may not actually materialize.

Larry LaRose- He was there to represent his father Ralph LaRose of 2125 Wheatland Center Road. He has had to replace numerous appliances over the years. He said he commends the Board for moving forward with this and trying to get the grants. He said both he and his dad are in support of this project.

Chris Callery-331 Bowerman Road said that the town committing to applying for grants does not commit the town to a construction project. He said that he has been in favor of the exploration from the beginning, and he doesn't believe anyone should be concerned that we are committing to a cost at this point.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Call, and unanimously carried the Public Hearing was closed at 6:30 P.M.

Old Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Call and carried, Resolution No.98:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of the amended Negative Declaration under SEQR.

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

New Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried, Resolution No. 99:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to the Adoption of the Order Establishing Water District Number 3 subject to Permissive Referendum.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried, Resolution No. 100:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to the Adoption of the Bond Resolution for Water District Number 3.

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

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

Resolution No. 101:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to submit WIAA Grant Application for Water District Number 3.

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

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried, the Minutes of June 11, 2026, and June 25, 2026, were approved as written.

Supervisor’s Report:

- ❖ Freeman Park grant application is complete.
- ❖ Solar moratorium extension was discussed at the Planning Board meeting.
- ❖ Website: final template is complete.
- ❖ A/V problems with the camera but hope to have it ready for the meeting in August.
- ❖ Looking into a 2-year extension of the Waste Management contract for refuse districts.

Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously):

1. Town Clerk report, June.
2. Assessor, June
3. Highway, June.
4. Recreation, June.
5. Building Inspector, June.
6. Fire Marshal report, June.
7. Budget Officer report, June.
8. Dog Control report, June.
9. Senior Center report, June.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

Board Liaisons reported on activity during June.

Correspondence:

1. Carl Schoenthal, Deputy Town Supervisor re: No objection to Stokoe Farms serving alcohol for events during 2026.

New Business continued:

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Call and carried, Resolution No. 102:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the purchase of a replacement laptop for the Town Clerk at a cost of \$1,364.57.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried,
Resolution No.103:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract with Jolene Backus for a Charcuterie Board styling workshop.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried,
Resolution No. 104:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract with Duane Pancoast for a presentation on gardening.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried,
Resolution No. 105:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to hire Steven Loucks as Recreation Assistant effective 7/10/2026 at a rate of \$18.26 per hour.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried,
Resolution No. 106:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to hire Milo Paquin as Recreation Assistant effective 7/10/2026 at a rate of \$18.26 per hour.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried,
Resolution No. 107:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, approval to hire Alton Hooker as PT Laborer-Step 4 at a rate of \$22.82 per hour.

Roll Vote: Councilman Davis-aye
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Call-aye
Councilwoman Stevens– aye

Supervisor Kirch-aye

Additional Agenda Items:

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

Resolution No.108:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to purchase a fence from Higbie’s for the Warren Cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$2,923.00.

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

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

Resolution No.109:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of the emergency expenditure of \$943.00 to Empire Fire Protection for the repair of the fire sprinkler system leak at a cost of \$943.00.

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

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried the Abstracts dated June 22, 2026, with voucher numbers 20260478 through 20260486 in the amount of \$37,203.52, and July 6, 2026, with voucher numbers 20260487 through 20260548 in the amount of \$107,586.21 were approved provided that all bills are paid out of their respective funds after proper audit.

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$11,664.07
B	GENERAL FUND B	1,159.79
DA	HIGHWAY FUND DA	20,580.48
DB	HIGHWAY FUND DB	3,799.18
Grand Total:		\$37,203.52

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$76,262.85
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	325.04
DA	HIGHWAY DA	18,106.95
DB	HIGHWAY DB	725.57
	MUMFORD LIGHT	979.99
	MUMFORD REFUSE	6,477.05
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,567.40
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	461.00
	NORTHEAST SEWER	16.36
	TRUST & AGENCY	,664.00
Grand Total:		\$107,586.21

Upon the motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk