

Scottsville, New York
May 14, 2026

Regular Town Board Meeting held May 14, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

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

Absent: Councilman Carl Schoenthal

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Mark Boylan, Attorney for the Town
Shanna Fraser, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Ctr. Dir.

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

Public Hearing on Local Law No. 3 of 2026-A Local Law Extending the Large-Scale Energy System Moratorium of 2025.

Supervisor Kirch recused himself so there is no appearance of impropriety.

Supervisor Kirch opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 P.M.

Attorney Boylan stated that this is a 6-month extension of the existing moratorium. He explained that this is a moratorium against anybody submitting an application for a solar project while the local law is being amended.

The public had questions on various aspects of solar arrays and commented that the extension of the moratorium seems like a good idea. There being no further comment, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Call and carried. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:08 P.M.

Freeman Park Playground Equipment Replacement

Mike Cocquyt, LaBella Associates gave a presentation on the Freeman Park Playground. (Presentation included with the minutes). They are looking for public input on the plan they have put forth and welcome any questions or comments. He mentioned that they have been working with the Freeman Park Committee on the design for the park and playground. The Committee also spoke with various vendors about the needs for the playground equipment and were instrumental in the design and layout.

Supervisor Kirch opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 P.M. regarding the Freeman Park Playground Equipment Replacement.

Maureen Leupold asked if there is any possibility of “in kind” work. She added that this project is an investment in children on the west side of Wheatland.

Adam Brenner commented that as a business owner, resident and Committee Member he felt that it would be hard to see the Town not go forward with the project. The inclusion it would bring to the community in addition to the potential for tourists visiting the Genesee Country Museum to stop by at the park would be a benefit to the community.

Jim Musshafen asked when the grant would be awarded. Mike Cocquyt said that it will not be before August 2026.

Mike Balonek thanked Councilwoman Stevens and Mike Streb for their work on this project. He said that this is a benefit to the community and if the funding comes through, a remarkable investment in the future.

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Call and carried, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 P.M.

Public Before the Board:

Maureen Leupold gave an update on the Trail Town Committee's activities during the last month. She also mentioned that 200 trees were planted along the creek to establish the riparian buffer along the north edge and thanked the Town for their support.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Minutes of April 9, 2026, were approved as written.

Supervisor's Report:

- Water District update: LaBella is working on the map, plan and engineering report. Final will be on June 12th.
- Solar: Jay Coates is working on the code changes which will go to the Planning Board for comment then they will bring it to the Town Board for review and approval.
- Website: a template has been developed by the vendor, Genesee Valley Web Marketing and has been reviewed. It is a 3-4-month process to get it up and running.

Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously):

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

Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk, reported that there is a new agriculture and markets law in which a person may make a voluntary contribution for the town dog shelter. There will be a statement on the dog license renewal forms in which they can check off if they wish to contribute and the dollar amount.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

Councilman Davis reported that he attended both Fire District meetings. He also mentioned that he is still working towards having a sign erected at the Warren Cemetery.

Councilwoman Stevens reported on the Dog Control Officer's activity.

Correspondence:

1. Lauren Kelly, Dir. Govt. Affairs, Charter Communications, re: Changes in Programming.
2. Matthew Oravec, P.E., NYSDOT to Supervisor Kirch, re: Traffic study on Rte. 36 at intersection of George Street and State Street.
3. Chanh Quach, Community Development Manager, Monroe County Dept. of Planning & Development to Supervisor Kirch, re: In-person/Virtual Public Hearing & Steering Committee Meeting Notice.
4. Gene Melendez to Supervisor Kirch, re: Support letter for Freeman Park renovations.
5. Lydia Melendez to Supervisor Kirch re: Support letter for Freeman Park renovations.
6. Lindsay Stone to Supervisor Kirch re: Support letter for Freeman Park renovations.
7. Kevin Hershey, Parade Organizer, re: Participation in Memorial Day Parade.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Call and carried,
Resolution No.73:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to spend \$53,969.36 on repairs and improvements to the Donnelly House subject to Permissive Referendum.

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

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Davis and carried,
Resolution No. 74:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to spend \$56,122.16 on repairs and improvement to the Wheatland Municipal Building subject to Permissive Referendum.

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

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

Resolution No.75:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland upon the request of Councilman Davis, grant approval to purchase town issued cell phones for Town Board Members, at a cost of approximately \$2,100 per year.

Roll Vote: Councilwoman Stevens-aye
Supervisor Kirch-nay
Councilman Call-nay
Councilman Davis- aye
2 Ayes, 2 Nays: Motion failed

There was discussion on the use of personal or business devices and the FOIL law. Attorney Boylan stated that all devices are subject to FOIL if used for Town purposes and creating a record subject to FOIL.

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Call and carried,
Resolution No. 76:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland adopts Local Law No. 3 of 2026-A Local Law Extending the Moratorium on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems.

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

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

Resolution No. 77:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to move Cathy Ripton-Davis to Full-time Court Clerk, at a rate of \$20.10 per hour, effective June 1, 2026.

Roll Vote: Councilwoman Stevens-aye
Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Call- aye
Councilman Davis-abstain due to potential conflict

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

Resolution No. 78:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to spend \$3,948.65 with the Pinpoint Group for a conference room (Conference Room A) video recording solution. (quote #PPGQ5542)

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

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

Resolution No. 79:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the purchase of the Mosaic Mural kit for \$7,647.00 for an 8' X 12' Unity Tree Mural utilizing ARPA funds.

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

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

Resolution No.80:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Amendment B Snow and Ice Agreement for the 2024/2025 Season in the amount of \$34,503.48. (Contract No.: D014832)

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

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

Resolution No.81:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Town of Wheatland to declare its intent to serve as Lead Agency to conduct an environmental review to extend public water service in a designated Water Benefit Area to include parcels on Wheatland Center Road, Quaker Road, River Road, Bowerman Road, and South Road. This is a Type I action as defined under SEQR, with coordinated review.

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

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

Resolution No.82:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a Donnelly House permit for the Scottsville Free Library to hold a Board Meeting on May 18, 2026, from 5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M., fee to be waived.

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

Additional Agenda Item:

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Call and carried, Resolution No.83:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland acknowledges the second reading of the Town of Wheatland policy titled, 'Process for Filling Vacancies on Town Boards and Committees', to include Town Board adoption.

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

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried the Abstracts dated April 21, 2026, with voucher numbers 20260327 through 20260336 in the amount of \$35,534.81, and May 11, 2026, with voucher numbers 20260337 through 20260413 in the amount of \$117,482.06 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	\$19,303.61
B	GENERAL FUND B	\$620.36
DA	HIGHWAY FUND DA	13,363.28
DB	HIGHWAY FUND DB	2,247.56
<u>Grand Total:</u>		<u>\$35,534.81</u>

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$54,522.39
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	423.63
DA	HIGHWAY DA	41,886.44
DB	HIGHWAY DB	2,645.38
	MUMFORD LIGHT	1,091.50
	MUMFORD REFUSE	6,477.05
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,567.40
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	461.00
	NORTHEAST SEWER	7,348.27
T/A	TRUST & AGENCY	1,059.00
<u>Grand Total:</u>		<u>\$117,482.06</u>

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk