

Town Board Minutes

July 14, 2026

The monthly town board meeting held on July 14, 2026 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden, New York, was called to order by Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Martini, Council; Colby Petersen, Bruce Henderson, Kathleen McGrath, Robert Miller

Others present: George Thompson, Grant Downs, Mike Pichichero, Jared Bailey, Lisa Wood, Jim Warner, Gary McIntee, Ellen Campbell, Frank Busch, Bob Constantine, Terry Button, Dwight James, Tim Chambers

Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance.

June minutes- Motion by Mr. Miller 2nd Ms. McGrath to approve the June minutes with minor spelling corrections, carried by all.

Abstract of vouchers - Supervisor presented the abstracts.

Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2nd Mr. Miller that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 45,053.35 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Ms. McGrath, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 20,096.44 be paid, carried by all.

Comprehensive Plan- Discussion on updating the Comp Plan, reviewing previous survey questionnaire for reference to compile new one.

Lake Glaring Lights issues. Residents have brought concern on night fishing for carp. The fishermen are using high intensity LED light which are shining directly into homes windows. Supervisor has spoken with Town Attorney, who advised: the Town can legislate a new nuisance ordinance, but enforcement will be a challenge. The Town will place signage at all Town right of ways access to the lake which references NYS Law regarding use of fishing light on public waterways.

Highway Report: Mowing roadsides. Paving Townline Rd with Town of Benton. Cemeteries are mowed. Working on public beach and repairing the plumbing inside beach house.

Clean up down trees on Hopeton and Roy Road. Two trees at Mt Pleasant cemetery need to be removed by tree company.

Working on Perry Point bypass road for culvert replacement project. Suggested using the Yates County millings for roadway.

The employee with head injury sustained last month while on the job is working and the wound is healing nicely. No other issues reported.

Ordered 120 Tons of ice control salt on years contract saving money. Contacted by railroad who will be repairing Anthony Beach crossing. Mr. Chambers will send out notices to residents.

Company coming in to repair salt building, found addition repair needed with pipes and 6 winches along with normal service work, tightening wires and inspection.

Discussion on painting the building he presented 3 quotes
Williamson Brothers - \$ 24,573.

Robert Barr- Roberts Painting \$ 25,500.

Upstate Builders- \$ 28,410.

Following a brief discussion Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Ms. McGrath to accept the bid of Roberts Painting for pressure washing and painting building \$ 25,500. carried by all.

Frank Bush of Binghamton Boat Club came to highway for golf cart crossing signs needed on Perry Point Rd. Due to speeding vehicles on the road he would like

Code Report: Submitted by Dwight James, 1 CoC issued, 1 special use application, 1 Area variance, 11 building progress inspections, 1 plan under review, 2 fire inspection, 2 short term rental inspection. Traveled 192 miles.

Assessor Report- 6 Sales for April & May. Star report one owner removed due to delinquency.

New Business WD #2 Perry Point= Due to request to be removed from the district the Engineer has run new numbers for the smaller district and found a positive separation Mr. Martini stated this is great news but regrets that there will be a couple property owners unhappy with the separation from water district.

Gary McIntee a resident of Perry Point, stated he and other neighbors are willing to help and advise the property owners opposing the separation with any water system issues they may encounter.

Discussion on Engineering Fees for Water District 2 prior to the separation, this cost/fees must be paid by all the property owners. Engineer and Supervisor will determine amount.

Water District 1: Submitted by Jayson Hoover, BACT. T and Chlorine testing per DOH requirements, flushing to maintain CL.

Updated Fee schedule presented for WD # 1 Motion by Mr. Miller 2nd Ms. McGrath to adopt the new fee schedule as presented, carried. Two new hookups for this district are being arranged by Water Dept.

District 2 Legislator Terry Button reported: Yates County approved a resolution for Purple Heart Week.

Reaffirmed temporary bridge at Flint Creek

Sales Tax sharing discussion in process.

Resolution for August (8/10/26) meeting to be moved to evening 6 PM will allow more interested residents to attend.

Broadband now has 57 customers

John Murphy was recognized as YC employee of the month.

Tax foreclosures being discussed to be online.

Gary McIntee wanted to discuss Data Processing Expansion and effect on our energy supply. He stated that over 500+ businesses signed letters including many local wineries, addressed to Governor Hochul urging her to sign a Moratorium on new Data Center Expansion until effect on grid is determined.

He handed out a comparison and contrast of Bitcoin Mining vs Traditional Data Centers to board members.

Energy needs to be supplied to the Data Centers without interruption as Bitcoin can be shut down if Grid needs supply.

175th Time Capsule- Grant Downs on July 6th went to the Yates County Gov, Ops legislator meeting and presented copy of town proclamation for the time capsule which was approved by the legislators.

August 11th town board meeting he will have the final copy of the proclamation for the board member to sign before placing it in the time capsule August 25th open house at Dresden Church dining room. Mr. Down also discussed the cost of aluminum or bronze plaque to be placed at the burial site. Board members agreed that the bronze plaque would be more appropriate marker for the site.

Jared Bailey introduced himself, he is planning retirement in future and is interested in learning about town government operations.

There being no further business before the board Ms. McGrath made a motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Petersen carried at 9:00PM, carried.

Respectfully submitted

Betty M Daggett