Town Board Minutes
August 11, 2026

The monthly town board meeting held on August 11,2026 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 & Linda Downs, Donna Rae Sutherland, Gary McIntee, Frank Busch, Bob Constantine, Alonzo & Pam LaBarr, Patty LaBarr, Don & Pam Osgood, Dave & Vanessa Goff, Tim Dennis, George Dowse, Nancy Sarver, Adam Parker, Mary Joan LeClaire, Larry & Sue Martin, Gwen Chamberlin, Dwight James, Tim Chambers, other attendees.

Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance.

July minutes- Motion by Ms. McGrath 2nd Mr. Petersen to approve the July minutes, carried by all.

Abstract of vouchers – Supervisor presented the abstracts. Motion by Mr. Miller, 2nd Ms. McGrath that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of $ 24,839.25 be paid, carried. Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Miller, that bills for the Highway DA & DB Account in the amount of $135,357.64 be paid, carried. Motion Ms. McGrath 2nd Mr. Henderson, the bill for Water District 1 in the amount of $ 135. Be paid, carried.

Comprehensive Plan- Discussion on updating the Comp Plan, Ms. McGrath will reach out to Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) for guidance.

Supervisor presented the 2026-27 Snow and Ice Contract with Yates County. Motion by Mr. Miller, 2nd Mr. Petersen authorizing the Supervisor to sign 2026/ 2027 contract with Yates County for Snow & Ice, carried by all.

Supervisor Martini introduced following resolution
Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Miller to adopt

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TORREY FINDING THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED TOWN OF TORREY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 ARE TO BE CHANGED AND CALLING A NEW PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDED BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report entitled "Town of Torrey Water District No. 2" dated May 2026 and prepared by CPL in a manner and in such detail as has been determined by the Town Board of the Town of Torrey to be compliant with NYS Town Law and which such map, plan and report has been duly filed with the Town Clerk of said Town in accordance with the requirements of Article 12A of the Town Law; and

WHEREAS, an Order was duly adopted by this Town Board on May 12. 2026, reciting the filing of said map, plan and report, the improvements proposed, the boundaries of the proposed extension, the proposed method of financing, the fact that the map, plan and report describing the same was on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public inspection, and stating all other matters required by law to be stated, and specifying June 4, 2026, as the date, at 7:30 p.m., on said day as the time, at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York as the place where the Town Board would meet and consider said map, plan and report, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, such Order was duly published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a hearing on said matter was duly held by said Town Board on June 4, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., on said day, in the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, at which all interested persons desiring to be heard were heard, including those in favor of, and those opposed to, the creation of said water district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the Implementing Regulations pertaining to Article VIII (State Environmental Quality Review Act), it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of said proposed Local Law would not have a significant effect upon the environment and could be processed by other applicable governmental agencies without further regard to SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the evidence adduced at such public hearing, be it **RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:**

(a) That the Order Calling Public Hearing was duly published in the Town's official newspaper on May 21st & 28th , 2026 and duly posted on the Town's official sign board on May 21st, 2026, all as required by law and is otherwise sufficient;

(b) That it is in the public interest to establish said water district;

(c) That all of the property and property owners within the proposed district are NOT benefited thereby in that the following tax map parcels would not be benefitted by being included in the proposed district:

52.48-1-13.112 52.48-1-15.1 52.48-1-15.2 52.57-1-3.111 52.57-1-5 52.57-1-4.11 52.57-1-4.12 52.58-1-3. 52.58-1-3.2 52.58-1-4.11 52.58-1-4.2 52.58-5.11 52.03-1-11 52.58-1-6 52.58-1-7.1 52.58-1-8 52.58-9.11 52.66-1-1 52.66-1-4 52.66-1-5 52.66-1-6

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the boundaries of the proposed district be changed to remove the following tax map parcels from the proposed district, as described in an amended a map, plan and report, prepared by CPL, entitled "Town of Torrey Water District No. 2" redated August 2026, which the Town Board of the Town of Torrey hereby determines has been prepared in such manner and in such detail to be compliant with NYS Town Law and which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Torrey, New York, and is available for public inspection thereat:

52.48-1-13.112 52.48-1-15.1 52.48-1-15.2 52.57-1-3.111 52.57-1-5 52.57-1-4.11 52.57-1-4.12 52.58-1-3. 52.58-1-3.2 52.58-1-4.11 52.58-1-4.2 52.58-5.11 52.03-1-11 52.58-1-6 52.58-1-7.1 52.58-1-8 52.58-9.11 52.66-1-1 52.66-1-4 52.66-1-5 52.66-1-6

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Amended Order Calling for Public Hearing, attached hereto, shall be signed by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Torrey and published, posted and entered into the minutes in accordance with Section 209-d of the Town Law and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to take any and all further measures necessary to comply with the Town Law in preparation for the final adoption of the aforementioned water district creation.

By Roll call vote- Martini Aye, Petersen Aye, Henderson Aye
McGrath Aye, Miller Aye. **5 Ayes 0 Nayes**

Supervisor introduce the following Resolution "**ORDER CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER DISTRICT 2 ON AMENDED MAP PLAN REPORT REDATED AUGUST 2026 PRESENTED BY CPL**"

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution adopted on August 11, 2026, determined, regarding the proposed Town of Torrey Water District No. 2, described in a map, plan and report entitled "Town of Torrey Water District No. 2" dated May 2026 and prepared by CPL, that all of the property and property owners within the proposed district are NOT benefited thereby in that the following tax map parcels would not be benefitted by being included in the proposed district:

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and

WHEREAS, CPL has prepared an amended map, plan and report, entitled "Town of Torrey Water District No. 2", redated August 2026, which the Town Board of the Town of Torrey determined has been prepared in such manner and in such detail to be compliant with NYS Town Law and which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Torrey, New York, and is available for public inspection thereat, which such amended map, plan and report shows boundaries for the proposed Town of Torrey Water District No. 2 with the following tax map parcels removed from the original description, along with the changes to the proposed improvements, changes to the maximum cost and changes to the estimated costs to the benefitted property owners within the amended boundaries of the proposed Town of Torrey Water District No. 2 necessitated from the removal of these properties:

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and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by the same Resolution adopted on August 11, 2026, resolved that the boundaries of the proposed Town of Torrey Water District No. 2 be changed to remove the following tax map parcels from the proposed district:

52.48-1-13.112 52.48-1-15.1 52.48-1-15.2 52.57-1-3.111 52.57-1-5 52.57-1-4.11 52.57-1-4.12 52.58-1-3. 52.58-1-3.2 52.58-1-4.11 52.58-1-4.2 52.58-5.11 52.03-1-11 52.58-1-6 52.58-1-7.1 52.58-1-8 52.58-9.11 52.66-1-1 52.66-1-4 52.66-1-5 52.66-1-6

and

WHEREAS, the amended boundaries of the proposed water district are set forth in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed consist of the following:

- the installation of approximately 10.500 linear feet of 8 and 12-inch water mains, including a transmission main along Kings Hill Road to provide potable water and fire service to Kings Hill Road and part of Perry Point Road.
- Related appurtenances to serve said District.

All of such improvements in accordance with the aforementioned, amended map, plan and report now on file in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the improvements necessary for distribution to the customers in the District referenced herein, is $ 2.809,000, with no more than $2,050,000.00 of this amount being paid for from a Congressionally Directed Spending Grant, leaving approximately $ 759,000. to be financed through a USDA Rural Development loan at an estimated 5.000% interest rate for a 38-year term, approved by a bond resolution, and repaid by the owners of property within the district; and

WHEREAS, the estimated first year costs of the district to the typical property or the typical one-family or two-family home is $ 1098. for debt service and $950.00 for water supply and operation and maintenance for a total cost of $ 2048. The cost of constructing the improvements shall be assessed, levied and collected from the several lots and parcels of land within the district pursuant to a benefit basis calculation. There will be no hook-up fee charged for connections made by the contractor during water main installation. Other one-time estimated costs include:

Water Meter and Touch Pad Purchase Fee $ 240.00
Water Pressure Regulator $ 100.00
Service Line Installation, ROW to House (est. 50ft@ est. $20/LF Average) $ 1,000.00
Well Separation/ Plumbing Modifications $ 200.00;

and

WHEREAS, each owner will be required to pay for installation of the water service from the right-of-way to the structure using the water. This will need to be purchased by the affected property owner from a private contractor. The homeowner is responsible for all inside plumbing.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDERED**, that a public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Torrey will be held at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, on September 3, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. on said day, to consider creation of said District, with such amended boundaries, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and for such other and further action on the part of said Town Board, with relation to the premises; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order Calling for a Public Hearing

Order adoption by Signatures
Supervisor Martini- Council: Petersen, Henderson, McGrath, Miller.

Mr. Dale Irwin President of Greenidge Generations/VIP was asked to appear to address questions the Town Board may have on the recent rebranding of his company.
Due to debt riddled holding stock, the company rebranded in July.
A Strategic shift from Bit Coin mining to Data Processing for company.
Greenidge and Lockwood Site remain the same, no change.
Have 2 inner connect applications with NYSO for 60MW and 200MW.
This process will be timely.

Asked what their intentions are?

Mr. Irwin stated VIP has no plans or applications submitted at this time to the Town.
Mr. Irwin spoke of supply and demand.

Greenidge has worked with DEC and DOH along with regulatory commission to upgrade the plant. 4 coal burners have been replaced by one gas burner.

Questioned on air permits violations in the past years,
Mr. Irwin explained DEC denied, then State Supreme Court ruled final DEC decision was annulled, State settled with to lower CO2 Emissions.

Greenidge has PILOT to 2031, pays millions in taxes to the County, School and Towns, also keeping along with good neighbor policy, donating to local charities, organizations and Village.
Question- How many employees? 25 at Greenidge/VIP, are part of IBEW workforce.
Kathleen McGrath stated with all the rumors about data centers passing around, Greenidge definitely needs clearer communication with the community.

Mr. Irwin stated he promises to provide more information to public and being more transparent on projects moving forward. But at this time there is no project or plan. When it is feasible to move ahead a plan will be presented to Planning Board.

Clerk commented on postcard of misinformation sent out by unidentified source caused many telephone calls seeking information on data centers or Greenidge plans that she did not have.

Attendees questioned environment of the declining lake
Lake temperature rising from water outfall from plant.

Mr. Irwin stated 99% of water is returned to lake with minimal temp change.

Attendee commented the recently enacted Moratorium on Data Centers has gaps in it. If the Town Board pursued a Moratorium, it could be drafted to fill those gaps, protecting the lake and community.

Mary O'Connell stated everyone here wants to protect the lake.
She asks if the NYS DEC regulations were all met.

Mr. Irwin explained in the Supreme Court ruling that the DEC final denial was annulled and mitigations resolved the issue.

Gary McIntee spoke on the interconnect cost rates setting supply cost down.

Marcia Gunkler asked why the Town does not set a moratorium on new or expanding data centers.

Mr. Miller explained the moratorium process.

Attendee- What are the plans for the Plant/Bitcoin?

Mr. Irwin stated it is intended to maximize the plants' future.

Attendee- If the feasibility study is positive what is the plan, pulling more power from the grid?

Mr. Irwin replied Grid demands 24,000MW Greenidge pulls 60MW. If a plan is feasible, it will be very detailed meeting all codes before it goes to the Town.

Ms. O'Connell asked what the plan is and how will it be different? What about informing the public about the project?

Mr. Irwin stated "he promises 1. More public outreach and information 2. NO change to lake."

Ellen Stone stated she lives nearby and her concern is protecting the lake.

Discussion on statement "no impact on lake", how will the computers' temperature be controlled,

Mr. Irwin stated the use of close Loop System, like the workings of a radiator will cool the system and discharge the steam.

Dr. Tim Dennis spoke of the HABS environmental issue in the surrounding lakes, he noted Seneca with a power plant on it has no HABS. He also stated about the rebranding, conversion to Vulcan (VIP) saved Greenidge.

Gwen Chamberlin spoke on behalf of Greenidge. She stated how the plant with all the upgrades to operations over the years has produced a better quality of life and environment for the area.

Ms. McCain asked that more information be provided to public by Greenidge/Vulcan to address fears of environmental affects to public health.

Bruce Henderson lifelong farmer in Torrey, applauded Greenidge for the efforts to bring Greenidge forward with improvements.

Tim Chambers, lifelong Torrey resident, stated he was fishing in this area over 40 years ago when the plant had 4 coal fired units running and catching fish. Now the plant has 1 gas fired unit running and he is still catching fish.

Discussion on Peaker Plants. When the grid has demand for more power during hot or very cold days, a peaker plant will fire up and provide electricity in a short time.
Colby Petersen stated peaker plants run 15% or less a year.

Ms. McCain questioned if" Data Center is processing will Greenidge be able to provide energy to the grid when needed??"

Mr. Irwin stated when grid demand needs more electricity Greenidge must supply.

Brief discussion on use of batteries, and clean air permits
Mr. Irwin stated under Title 5, Clean Air Act, Greenidge has been re-permitted by DEC.

Attendee- There is a need for Question-and-Answer Forum on Data Processing.

Mr. Chambers gave highway report. New hire Brian Murphy starts August 17th, Next week will be Working on paving Townline shoulders. Cut two trees leaning towards roadway on Perry Pt.
Sent one truck for shared services with Milo, Jerusalem and Benton. Railroad crossing at Anthony Beach will be rebuilt August 12 and 13 by Norfolk Southern. Plan to change culvert on Perry Pt while R/R shut down. Placed crusher run on Hansen Pt Rd,
Storage shed for public beach should arrive next week.

Dwight James gave Code report. 6 permits issued for July. 1 STR, 2 C of Occupancy, 2 special use applications, 1 area variance application, 1 site visit, 8 building inspections, 58 miles.

Assessor report submitted by Stephanie Holtz. 7 sales for June, STAR report 7 final roll changes. School files turned in August 6th. The Board of Assessment Review reconvened for 4 exemption corrections on the Final Roll.

Water District 1 report submitted by Jayson Hoover.

Dresden Fire Dept report submitted by Jeremey Henries.

Appointment-Motion by Supervisor 2nd Mr. Petersen appointing Desiree Dawley to the Planning Board to fill vacant seat unexpired term to May 2027, carried by all.

Correspondence Abi Buddington requests the Town Board to protect residents/property owners by passing a one-year moratorium on crypto mining and data centers. Data Centers are popping up all over the country and are trying to take over farmland. We do not want this and we do not want increased air pollution, noise, thermal water pollution and water pollution either.

No further business before the board, Ms. McGrath made a motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Henderson carried at 9:20

Respectfully submitted,