Town Board Minutes
September 8, 2026

The monthly town board meeting held on September 08,2026 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden, New York, was called to order by Supervisor at 7:30PM.

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

Others present: George Thompson, Grant Downs, Gary McIntee, Tim Dennis-Greenidge/Vulcan, George Dowse, Ellen Campbell, Tim O'Dell-Greenidge/Vulcan, Richard Harper-Legislator, Terry Button- Legislator, Dwight James, Tim Chambers.

Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance.

August minutes- Motion by Mr. Miller 2nd Mr. Henderson to approve the August minutes, carried by all.

Abstract of vouchers – Supervisor presented the abstracts.
Motion by Mr. Miller, 2nd Mr. Henderson that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of $ 55,134.45 be paid, carried.
Motion by Mr. Henderson 2nd Mr. Miller, that bills for the Highway DA & DB Account in the amount of $15,108.45 be paid, carried.
Motion Mr. Miller 2nd Mr. Henderson, the bill for Water District 1 in the amount of $ 3,705. be paid, carried.

Mr. Martini presented the State Environmental Quality Review Assessment for Water District # 2, Part 1, 2 and 3.
Motion by Mr. Henderson, 2nd Mr. Martini the following resolution

DETERMINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL NON-SIGNIFICANCE UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT OF THE PROPOSED FORMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF TORREY WATER DISTRICT #2

The Town Board of the Town of Torrey, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:
Pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of section 617.6 (Initial Review of Actions and Establishing Lead Agency) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Regulations (6 NYCRR part 617) the Town Board of the Town of Torrey hereby makes the following determinations and classifications with respect to the proposed construction of Town of Torrey Water District #2 (hereinafter referred to as the "Action").

1. The Town Board of the Town of Torrey (hereinafter referred to as "Town Board") hereby determines that the Action is subject to SEQR.
2. The Town Board hereby determines that the Action does involve a Federal agency, and does involve other agencies.
3. The Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as a Type I Action.
4. The Town Board hereby finds and determines that it is, and will be, the lead agency with respect to the adoption of, and approval of, the above-described Action as no Involved Agencies challenged the intent of the Town Board to act as Lead Agency.
5. The Town Board hereby finds and determines that: (a) it has considered the Action, reviewed the revised long environmental assessment form (reducing the project from 14,500 to 10,500 linear feet in total length), reviewed the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR section 617.7(c), thoroughly analyzed the relevant areas of potential environmental concern, and has duly considered all of the potential project environmental impacts and their magnitude in connection with the proposed Action; (b) the project (to wit, the construction of Town of Torrey Water District #2 will not result in any large and important environmental impacts, and, therefore, is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment; and (c) the reasons supporting this determination are set forth on the attached Notice of Determination of Non-Significance with respect to this project (a copy of which said form is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Torrey).
6. The Town Board, as Lead Agency with reference to the above-described project, hereby:
(a) adopts a negative declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.7 with respect to the project,
(b) authorizes the Supervisor of the Town of Torrey to sign a negative declaration determination of non-significance with respect to the project, and (c) authorizes the Town Clerk of the Town of Torrey to forward a copy of said negative declaration determination of non-significance to the New York State Department of Health, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Transportation, Town of Torrey Planning Board, Town of Torrey Zoning Board of Appeals, Building and Code Inspector of the Town of Torrey, New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Martini-Aye, Miller-Aye, Henderson-Aye
Adopted (3 Ayes 0 Nays)

Supervisor introduced the following resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TORREY APPROVING CREATION OF THE TOWN OF TORREY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

WHEREAS, an amended map, plan and report entitled "Town of Torrey Water District No. 2" redated August 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 August 11, 2026, reciting the filing of said amended map, plan and report, the improvements proposed, the amended boundaries of the proposed district, 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 September 3rd, 2026, as the date, at 7:30 p.m., on said day as the time, at the Torrey Town Highway Garage, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York as the place where the Town Board would meet and consider said amended 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 September 3, 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 August 20th & 27th, 2026 and duly posted on the Town's official sign board on August 20th, 2026, all as required by law and is otherwise sufficient;

(b) That all of the property and property owners within the proposed district are benefited thereby;

(c) That all of the property and property owners benefited from are included within the limits of the proposed district;

(d) That it is in the public interest to establish said water district; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

1. That the proposed expenses for on-going maintenance and capital improvements, as set forth in the Map, Plan and Report referred to herein, be and are hereby approved;

2. That the establishment of the proposed water district as set forth in said amended map, plan and report, be, and hereby is, approved; that the improvements therein mentioned be constructed; and such district shall be bounded and described as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and that the costs and expenses of the proposed on-going construction, on-going maintenance and improvements associated with said water district be assessed from the several lots and parcels of land within said water district in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefit which each lot or parcel will derive therefrom; and that said water district shall be designated and known as the Town of Torrey Water District No. 2; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

That this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided in Section 209-e of the Town Law and that a notice of such be published and posted as required by law.

Roll Call Vote-
Martini- Aye, Henderson- Aye, Miller-Aye (3 Ayes 0 Nays)

Appointment Motion by Supervisor, 2nd Mr. Miller reappointing George Dowse to the Zoning Board of Appeal for term to 2031, carried by all.

A letter was received from Elizabeth Newbold of Finger Lakes Land Trust requesting a letter of support for Henderson Valley Farms, Farmland Protection in Town of Torrey.
No action was taken, tabled to October meeting.

Supervisor presented a insurance proposal from Stork Insurance for 2026-2027 in the amount of $ 28,853.74 (declining Terrorism Coverage.)
Motion by M. Henderson, 2nd Mr. Miller to accept the proposal of $ 28,853.74 carried by all.

Discussion on 2027 Town Budget workshops- date set September 23rd and is needed 30th, at 1:00PM in meeting room.

Highway- 2 employees went for the day to Valley Fab to inspect the new dump truck and controls.
Hauled 20 loads of millings from Yates County to be shared with the Village of Dresden.
Mowing roadsides, patched Carlsen, built up shoulders on Townline road.
Arrowhead Beach Road property owner would like to relocate culvert pipe on his property. Highway will work with Soil & water on this.
Superintendent will be out for vacation October 3rd.

Code Report- Dwight James reported 1 special use application received, 3 area variances, 1 sub division, 1 site visit, 7 building progress inspections, 6 meetings, 1 plan under review. Traveled 118 miles.

WD #1 report submitted by Jayson Hoover
Assessor report submitted by Stephanie Hultz Submitted the Special Assessment for review.

Time Capsule - Grant Downs stated the date to bury the time capsule is September 26 at 3:00 PM at the Village Park (site of past train station) Dresden DPW Superintendent Brian Ellis will be on hand to offer his help.

Ellen Campbell Arrowhead Beach Road presented handouts on Large industrial complexes such as Data Centers like Greenidge/Vulcan.
Data she has collected from newspapers, internet and others concerned with the impact that data centers have on the environment.
She asked how Data Center will be cooled, addressing the air pollution that may be caused, losing power to the Grid, local wildlife and fish, tourism may be impacted. Referring to data processing, any support at the State and County level, the town should not depend on it.

Discussion on water use, electricity, noise, power behind the meter, Closed loop Water cooling system.
Question- How can the Town regulate the districts for Data Centers.
Dwight James stated in the law it can state in Ag, Ag/Res, and Commercial Districts, Data centers will be listed NP (not permitted)

Brief discussion on Lockwood site, possibility of selling flyash for adding into concrete.

Brief discussion on offstreet parking and short-term rentals.
There has been an ongoing issue for Perry Point, of rentals parking on roadside.
Mr. James stated it is hard to police. Suggest calling the Sheriff. Per short term rental law, all parking is to be off street.

Correspondence- Beth Cain of Arrowhead Beach wrote to the board with her support of a Moratorium on Data Centers so a regulations law can be in place.

There being no further business before the board
Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn; 2nd Mr. Henderson carried at 8:57PM

Respectfully submitted,