Town Board Minutes
October 13, 2026

The monthly town board meeting held on October 13, 2026, at 56 Geneva St. Dresden, New York, was called to order by Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Martini, Council; Colby Petersen, Kathleen McGrath, Robert Miller 8:00pm Bruce Henderson arrived

Others present: George Thompson, Grant Downs, Lisa Henderson, Laura Bailey, Gary McIntee, Tim Dennis, George Dowse, Gwen Chamberlin, Dwight James, Elizabeth Newbold, Lois Hall, Paula Edelmann, Gwen Chamberlin, Jim McMahon, Tim O'Dell, Terry Button & Richard Willson -District 2 Legislator, Riley Brittingham, other attendees.

Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance.

Elizabeth Newbold of Finger Lakes Land Trust appeared to give an overview of NYS Ag & Markets Farm Protection Program.
Finger Lakes Land Trust purchases development rights to preserve and protect farmland. Bruce Henderson of Henderson Valley Farms has applied for the program. This program is in line with Torrey Comprehensive Plan, which presently states the Town will implement land use policies that protect and enhance its natural resources, safeguard the water quality of Keuka Outlet and Seneca Lake, promote viable agriculture and viniculture, support economic development initiatives and ensure new development is carefully integrated into the Towns rural agrarian landscape, therefore,

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor:
Whereas New York State provides funding for the protection of valuable farmland through the NYS Dept of Agriculture and Markets Round 20 Farmland Protection Implementation Program and,
Whereas five farms in Yates County have been protected through the FPIG program totaling approximately 2,000 acres and,
Whereas the Henderson Valley Farms is partially located in the Town of Torrey and,
Whereas the parcels in the Henderson Valley Farms are contiguous to a block of protected farmland and the land submitted in this application will expand this block to ensure the long-term viability of these farms,
Whereas the Finger Lakes Land Trust has agreed to apply to the state program on behalf of the Henderson Valley Farms and to

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hold, monitor and enforce the conservation easement should the project be funded and,

Whereas the Town of Torrey values the contributions and protection of agriculture in the town and recognizes the important opportunity the NYS Farmland Protection Implementation Program provides for farmers across the state.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Town of Torrey supports the application of Henderson Valley Farms for the NYS Round 20 Farmland Protection Implementation Program.

Motion to send a letter of support by Mr. Petersen was seconded by Mr. Miller

Motion carried by Martini, Petersen, McGrath, Miller.

September minutes- Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Martini to approve the September minutes with minor corrections carried, Petersen, Martini, McGrath, Miller

Abstract of vouchers – Supervisor presented the abstracts.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. McGrath that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of $ 13,054.93 be paid, carried McGrath, Miller, Petersen, Martini.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Miller, that bills for the Highway DA & DB Account in the amount of $17,104.17 be paid, carried McGrath, Miller, Petersen, Martini.

Motion Ms. McGrath seconded by Mr. Henderson, the bill for Water District 1 in the amount of $ 3,924.00 Be paid, carried McGrath, Miller, Petersen, Martini.

Betty Daggett Torrey Town Clerk presented the following certified copy of resolution entitled: **"Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, Yates County, New York, Approving Creation of the Town of Torrey Water District No. 2",**

a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, was adopted by the Town Board of said Town on September 8, 2026, and that a notice setting forth the date of adoption of the Resolution and containing an abstract of said Resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, was duly posted and published as required by law.

That no petition signed and acknowledged by the owners of taxable real property situate in the proposed water district in said Town, as prescribed by Section 209-e of the Town Law, protesting against said Resolution and requesting that said

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Resolution be submitted to the owners of such taxable real property for their approval or disapproval has been filed with the Town Clerk within thirty days after the date of adoption thereof, or at any other time since said adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town this 13th day of October 2026.

Attachment:

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

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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- 9/8/26

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

Supervisor presented the following resolution entitled

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TORREY REGARDING THE TOWN OF TORREY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

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WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Torrey on September 8, 2026, the Town Board approved creation of Water District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board needs to adopt an additional resolution relative to the requirement in 2 NYCRR § 85.3(b)(1) that requires, if the cost of the proposed improvements is to be assessed in whole or in part against a benefited area, which is the case in the proposed Water District No. 2, that all real property to be so assessed will be benefited by the proposed improvements and that no benefited property has been excluded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all real property to be assessed for payment of the proposed improvements in the proposed Water District No. 2 will be benefited by the proposed improvements and that no benefited property has been excluded.
Motion to adopt resolution by Mr. Petersen 2nd Supervisor Martini
Carried- Petersen, Martini, McGrath, Miller 4-0

2027 Town Budget Hearing set for October 27, 2026 at 7:00PM in Town meeting room.
Councilman Henderson arrived at meeting, full board.
Supervisor presented the **2027 Yates County Animal Control Contract.**
Motion by Mr. Miller was seconded by Mr. Petersen authorizing the Supervisor to sign contract with Yates County for 2027 Animal Control carried by all.

Town building - Dwight James presented a draft of building expansion to add new courtroom/meeting room as the town departments are growing and in need of more space. The Board authorized Mr. James to seek architect for this project.

Comprehensive Plan- A proposal from Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) was presented by Ms. McGrath. She explained the three phases of the project which will take about 16 months to complete. The Comp Plan is a blueprint for community growth. Plan begins in 2027.
Motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Ms. McGrath authorizing the Supervisor to sign contract for Comprehensive Plan Update with Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council in the amount of 39,250. spreading the cost over three years, carried by McGrath, Miller, Petersen, Martini.

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Highway- The new dump truck will be delivered Thursday. Supt. On vacation, no report.

Code Report – Dwight James issued 7 building progress inspections, 1 violation, had 8 meetings, 1 Special Use application, 2 Area Variances, 1 Subdivision, 2 site visits, 1 short term rental inspection, 1 plan under review, issued 6 building permits, attended Septic Training at YCSW. Traveled 127 miles.

Assessor Report submitted
Water District 1 Report submitted
Dresden FD Report- submitted

Grant Downs- Reported the time capsule was buried on September 26th now has been seeded and the plaque is in place identifying site. He presented a photo collage of the burial ceremony for the meeting room.
He announced the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at the Torrey Veterans Memorial on Cornelia Street starting at 10:45AM. There will be a short program to honor local Veterans
At 11:11AM bells will toll across Yates County 11 times followed by a small reception to be held at the Dresden Methodist Church.

Dale Irwin of Vulcan/Greenidge appeared to answer any questions of attendees may have about plant operation.
He referred to NYS DEC 316A New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) regarding thermal wastewater discharges/ state contract compliance, a two-year temperature study of impact on fish/aquatics and the thermal plume.
Brief discussion of thermal plume. A study in 1975 showed the thermal plume much higher numbers in the lake.
Riley Brittingham questioned the amount of power Greenidge is using on data center.
Mr. Irwin stated presently using 60mw on the crypto/data center but are permitted to use 104mw energy.
The company is putting together a list of data facts to quell the misinformation being spread about Vulcan and a data center. Have fully enforced Title 5 permits.
Crypto is a data center; the equipment can be different.
Question- Can the data center be shut down if the grid needs power?? Mr. Irwin stated yes, if the Grid needs more power.

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Mr. Irwin spoke of all the time, energy and money spent cleaning up old Greenidge operation.
Employment- Greenidge/Vulcan is a union plant employing 39.
Presently updating economic impact by 2027.

Planning Board - George Dowse-Chairman now has a committee that is researching Data Center regulations law for the Town and will report on progress next month.

City Hill Cemetery- Mr. Petersen reported the newly elected Board for City Hill Cemetery:
Tom Eskildsen President, Kevin Mattison VP, Toby Bond Tres/Sec.
Kristine Mattison is researching liability concerns of transferring the ownership of private cemetery to town. She will get back to Mr. Petersen with a report.

Yates County Report- Legislator Richard Willson spoke on Ad hoc committee for a new public safety building. Noting Civil Law dictates the sheriff's office must be located within the county seat. Discussion on prelim cost of building.
Legislator Terry Button reported on resolution supporting Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes Program.
Animal Abuse Registry was adopted
Hired new DMV clerk
Brief discussion on jail.

Ms. McGrath presented letter from NYS DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton, a response from her letter inquiring if any new application has been received from Greenidge Generation regarding change of use of the facility from crypto mining to data center operations.
Ms. Lefton replied in her letter that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has not received any new applications related to change of use of the facility from crypto mining to data center operations. She went on to write Greenidge Generations initial permit applications for crypto mining has not yet been determined to be complete and then went on to emphasis NYS commitment to the protection of air and water quality, habitat and wildlife in the Seneca Lake watershed. DEC will continue to require the facility to comply with all permit requirements while it operates to ensure protection of public health and its environment.

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No further business before the board, Supervisor Martini adjourned the meeting at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Daggett
Torrey Town Clerk

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