

January 13, 2026

Supervisor Horr called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was taken, and found Councilperson Colella, Bacon, and Luce were present. Also present was Town Supervisor Gregory Horr, and Highway Superintendent Scott Mitchell. Absent: Councilperson Infantino.

Guests Include: Yvonne Smallwood, Ann Lafford, Rick Lafford, Aimee Zimmer, Brian Woodhams, Dan Folts (LCN), Kim Coleman, Charlie Perkins

Pledge to the Flag followed, led by Councilperson Colella

Privilege of the Floor: None

The Town Clerk's report for the month of December 2025 was presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$3,464.00 Money distributed as follows:

- Livingston County Dog Control \$87.50
- NYS Comptroller (Bell Jar) \$45.00
- NYS Agriculture & Markets Dog Sales \$36.00
- NYS Department of Health Marriage Lic. \$67.50
- NYS DEC Sales \$1657.97
- Remainder to Supervisor Horr \$1570.03

A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Bacon to approve the Town Clerk's report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning/Code Report: Report presented for the month of December 2025. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the Code Report. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Code Enforcement Officer Danny Everett states that it was a quiet month. He let the board know he was going to meet with the Village Code Officer this week to compare permit fees and check surrounding town fees to see where ours compare.

Justice reports from Justice Weidman for the month of December 2025 was presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were \$2603.00. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town /Village Planning Board: Minutes submitted for the December 23, 2025, meeting. No meeting was held. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella accepting the non-meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town/Village Zoning Board of Appeals: December 18, 2025. No meeting was held. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the non-meeting minutes. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Comprehensive Plan Work Group: Minutes submitted for December 15, 2025, for information only.

Chamber of Commerce: Minutes submitted for December 1, 2025, for information only. Supervisor Horr congratulated Councilperson Bacon for being nominated and duly elected to President of the Chamber.

Executive Summary report for the month of December 2025 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to accept the summary as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CEMETERY: Highway Superintendent Mitchell stated a tree fell on a headstone near the tear drop. There was no damage to the headstone, but he did follow up with the owner as some of the decorations were damaged by the tree. They are having an issue with people not cleaning up after their dogs on the cemetery grounds. They would like to put the garbage cans back out. They

were taken down last summer as animals kept knocking them over. They will put a few cans in the busier areas. He would also like to move the cemetery rules and regulations out to the main entrance of the house so people can see the rules before they go into the cemetery.

Superintendent Mitchell will be working on quotes for the cemetery house for next month's meeting.

CEMETERY: SEXTONS REPORT: Report for December 2025 was submitted. A motion was made by Councilperson Bacon, seconded by Luce. All were in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Mitchell presented two quotes for a new one-ton truck. Quote #1 Chevy from Simmons Rockwell Dansville \$94,786.04, Quote #2 Ford from Bob Johnson Avon \$98,700.00. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to accept the lowest bid from Simmons Rockwell for \$94,786.04. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Horr added that \$100,000 was budgeted for the new truck, and this amount is under budget. Estimated time frame for the truck is 11-16 weeks.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to treat the old one-ton truck as surplus when the new truck arrives and send it to auction. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Mitchell states that the Town is already at 115% of its salt usage for the season.

Superintendent Mitchell stated that he had JJM roofing come out to look at the Town Barn roof as there was some leaking. They believe it is leaking from condensation due to poor insulation. He feels we may need to put better insulation. He will check it out more thoroughly when the snow subsides.

The 10-ton weight limit signs have been posted on Eades and Geiger Roads. The Town of Sparta is going to post signs on Vista Hill as we share some of that Road. Scott will keep in contact with them on this.

The project manager for the NYSEG Station on Frontage Road was in contact with Superintendent Mitchell regarding some ruts they caused by parking their trucks in the lot on Frontage Road. He stated they will re-do the parking lot this Spring with CR-1.

Superintendent Mitchell asked the board's permission for his crew to work four ten hour days all year round. He states it will work better working until 5pm daily instead of 3:30. They will be able to get more done. It could also cut down on overtime in the winter. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to allow the Highway Crew to work four ten hour days for the remainder of the year, on a trial basis to be reviewed in December of 2026. All in favor. MOTON CARRIED.

AIRPORT: Councilperson Bacon stated there is an airport committee meeting on Wednesday January 21, at 7:00pm. They will be reviewing the inspection report and reviewing a spread sheet that Rick put together with thoughts and ideas. Fuel sales for the month of December were about \$400.00. Not great but the weather has not cooperated.

Supervisor Horr has sent letters out to two pilots that are delinquent on hangar rent. They are only 1 month behind.

Airport Manager Rick Lafford asked if the board was going to raise hangar rent rates. He suggests a 6% increase, which we should approve in February. That will give us enough time to notify renters and have it take effect in May.

Rick Lafford stated that most of the feedback from the airport meeting on 1/5/26 was positive. He stated that most people he spoke with left not knowing what the Town's intentions were. He asked the board if the airport was going to continue to be financed. Is the board waiting for grant assurances to expire then decide? The only definite answer the board can give at this point is they cannot close the airport at this time. Rick stated that there are people willing to help but are

not willing without knowing the future of the airport. The town is still working with LMC to come to a resolution on crane usage that works for everyone.

Councilperson Colella stated that the pilots are all in on protecting the airport, and if the crane issue cannot be solved to the FAA, and LMC's satisfaction, it can drastically affect LMC's business. He does not want to see that happen, as LMC is needed here. He feels the pilots do not care about LMC and how this could affect them. Rick Lafford does not feel that is a true statement. Lafford is trying to work with LMC to figure out a solution so that LMC does not infringe on the airspace. He is trying to make it work for both sides.

Rick Lafford asked if anybody has approached the village to help with funding the airport as the majority of aircraft that land here do business in the village. Carlie Perkins stated that after his community meeting on the village budget, there is no room for financing in the village.

Councilperson Colella stated that he noticed a lot of people at that meeting who spoke were not from this area. They are not residents and are not paying. He wanted to know if there was any way to charge for touchdown fees. A lot of the individuals who use the airport and want to see the airport stay do not contribute financially to the airport. Local pilot Brian Woodhams stated if you charge those fees, the pilots will not land here. It would close the airport. Rick Lafford stated the taxpayers pay for Town Roads to be paved, and many people use those roads that are not from here, it is the same as a runway.

RECREATIONAL AREA: Ann Lafford states she is working with Travis Clark on submitting a grant that is due February 9th. It would be for a pickle ball court at Frontage Road Park, similar to the grant submitted last year. Supervisor Horr requested permission to sign the grant. Most Local share would be paid for by work from the County and our Highway Department. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to sign the Recreational NYS Grant. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Review of monthly payroll summary/registers and bank statements: E-mails were sent to all board members Reconciliation Summary of Banking Accounts and Bank Statements (General, Highway, Airport, Water District and Trust & Agency) for the period ending December 31, 2025, for their review. The Town Clerk presented a hard copy of these materials for board review. Board members had no concerns with the information contained in the financial material.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to approve the following budget transfers:

General Fund	
Transfer From:	Transfer To:
AA.1620.200.000 Buildings Equipment	AA.1620.400.000 Buildings Contractual
4,060.00	
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<u>4,060.00</u>	

BB Fund	
Transfer From:	Transfer To:
BB.8010.100 Zoning Contractual	BB.8010.100.000 Zoning , Pers Service
1,370.00	
BB. 3620.400.000 Safety Inspector Contr	BB.8020.100.000 Planning , Pers Service
1,275.00	
BB.8710.400.000 Conservation, Contract	BB.9901.900.000 Transfer , Other Funds
16,000.00	
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<u>1,850.00</u>	

DA Fund

DA.5142.100.000 Snow removal , Pers Service	1,270.00	DA.5130.400.000 Machinery, Contractual
	<u>1,270.00</u>	

DB Fund	
DB.5031.000.000 Interfund Transfer	15,560.00
DB.3501.000.000 St Aid Consolidated Highway	25,045.01
DB.5110.400.000 Maint of Streets , Contr	6,150.00
DB.5110.400.000 Maint of Streets , Contr	1,120.00
	<u>47,875.01</u>

Interfund Transfer	
BB.9901.900.000 Transfer , Other Funds	16,000.00
DB.5031.000.000 Interfund Transfer	

Supervisor Horr requested permission from the board to transfer excess funds from savings into higher earning CDs. Currently the rates are 3.25% for 7 months. The General Fund will be approximately \$1,000,000.00, and the Highway Fund will be approximately \$600,000.00. A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Bacon to allow Supervisor to purchase higher earning CDs. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to donate \$500.00 to Summer Concerts in the Park. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Tyler let the board know there will be changes to dog control. As of January 1, 2026, the Livingston County Sherrif's Department will take over dog control and complaints. Details are still being worked on, but it should not have an impact on payments that are paid monthly. \$3.50 for each dog will still be given to Livingston County, and \$1.00 for spayed/neutered dogs, and \$3.00 for unspayed/unneutered dogs will still be paid to NYS Agriculture & Markets for the spay/neuter program. The Town retains the remainder of the dog fee. Currently the fee for unspayed/unneutered dogs is \$19.00 (Town would retain \$12.50), and spayed/neutered dogs \$12.00 (Town would retain \$7.50). The County is working with the Village Police Department for transport of dogs after hours.

Supervisor Horr presented the board with a list of Senior Citizen of the Year award winners. He is looking for recommendations for nominations. He would like to decide this at the next meeting.

Supervisor Horr stated the Town received its first cannabis sales tax check for approximately \$8,200.00 from the County. Kim Coleman, owner of Highway Cigar and Smoke Shop was present at the meeting and let the board know since opening in June 2025 they have made \$706,000.00 in revenue.

Supervisor Horr stated he is going to meet with MRB to discuss Milton Cat extending the water line to their property. Milton Cat will cover the expenses but may need a letter of permission from the Town to do so.

Charlie Perkins stated to the board that he is not on the Village Board but still has an excellent understanding of the finances so he felt comfortable speaking about it. He is not speaking on behalf of the Village Board. He gave his thoughts on the airport and stated he is not partial one way or the other and appreciated the history of the airport and also appreciates the business LMC brings to the community. He stated that if LMC was not there, the airport would still be facing the same financial issues.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to pay all bills as audited, General Account Vouchers for 2025 #291- #300 incl., totaling \$27,051.26, General account for 2026 #1- #8 incl., totaling \$36,953.58, and Highway Account Vouchers for 2025 #95- #100 incl., totaling \$3,109.49, and Highway Account for 2026 #1- #3 incl., totaling \$11,039.04, and Water District Account Voucher for 2025 #2 incl., totaling \$508.75 All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Tyler
Town Clerk