September 8, 2026

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

Present from the Town was Highway Superintendent Scott Mitchell, Code Enforcement Officer Danny Everett, and Airport Manager Rick Lafford.

Guests include: Charlie Perkins, Aimee Zimmer, Brian Woodhams, May Robson, Candy Frazer, Roy Graham, Nicole Graham, Suzy Boor, Denny Boor, Gerald Welch, Jr., Ann Lafford, Adam Joy, Kathy Joy, Christine Mark, Terese Hoyt.

Pledge to the Flag followed, led by Councilperson Bacon.

Supervisor Horr opened the Public Hearing on Loval Law#2 of 2026 entitled "A Local Law to Override the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law § 3-c."

The Town Clerk read the advertisement aloud that was published in the Evening Tribune dated 8/25/2026. The advertisement was also placed on the Town website, the Town Facebook page, and posted on the Town bulletin board outside of the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Horr stated to the public that there is not a guarantee right now that out tax cap will be over the 2% allowed. This Local Law is put in place in case it is needed. It is not uncommon for towns to pass this Local Law yearly. This is the first time in 26 years that Supervisor Horr has been part of this board, and we have never passed this. The budget process is still in the preliminary stages. When the preliminary budget comes in, the board will have a better idea if we need to use this law or not.

Last year Supervisor Horr stated that the Town of North Dansville collected just over $600,000 if property taxes. If we stay at the 2% tax cap, we only gain $12,090.00. That is not even enough to cover benefit increases for employees. The cost of medical insurance to employees goes up 8-15% annually. Currently, our Highway Department crew is paid already $4.00-$5.00 less per hour than the surrounding communities. All regular yearly expenses, utilities, fuel, insurance, products, supplies, are continuing to increase at a rate far greater than 2%. In the past, the town used savings to make up the difference and not raise taxes. We are at a point where we cannot continue this. Last year the town tax rate was $1.76 per $1,000 of assessed value for people who live in the village. If you live outside the village your tax rate was $2.44 which includes a fire tax of 44 cents. The Town of North Dansville is the lowest in Livingston County for tax rates for people who live in the Village, and one of the lowest for people who live outside the village boundaries. We are also well below the New York State average for tax rate. If we do have to go over the 2% increase, the board will take every precaution to make the increase as minimal as possible. There are no major purchases or projects planned at this time. The increase would be for routine and operating costs only. Over the last 10 years, Town taxes have only increased by $46,000. We have not raised our tax rate anymore that 2% over the last several years. At this time Supervisor Horr asked if there were any questions from the public.

1. With the raised assessed values on homes, how much does that increase without adding past the 2%?
   Supervisor Horr answered that the assessments do not have anything to do with it. The assessment is how they allocate the taxes to the property owners. He feels with using the new assessments, the tax rate should drop for people who live in the Town.

2. Are there other ways the Town makes money other than property tax revenue?
   Supervisor Horr answered that property taxes account for about 40% of our revenues. The rest comes from cell tower rent, airport hangar rent, building rent, sales tax, cannabis tax, and some revenue we get from helping Livingston County with work when needed.

3. How long is the law in place for?

   Supervisor Horr answered that this law has to be passed annually. As stated, before Livingston County and some surrounding towns will pass this law every year.

Councilperson Colella added that the taxes being discussed here are only the Town portion of the Town and County tax. The Town portion is the smallest portion of that tax bill.

4. How much of the proposed solar field as well as the new build at Robert Hart Drive is going to affect this tax cap. Will it be added as income?

Supervisor Horr answered that he has not seen any estimates on PILOT projects for either project. When there is a PILOT tax agreement, the Town will retain the smallest portion of that. Supervisor Horr let everyone know that the proposed solar field area and the new build on Robert Hart Drive are Village Property.

Councilperson Collea added that when a PILOT program (Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes), is agreed upon, the PILOT program is divided into School, County, Village, and Town. The Town will receive the smallest share of the amount.

Councilperson Colella let the public know that the board is not going to be spending anything out of the extra ordinary. If the Town goes over the tax cap it is a result of regular everyday needs. The board has no projects planned that would increase the tax cap further. General expenses are increasing and we cannot keep using fund balance to offset the tax cap.

Supervisor Horr will leave the public hearing open until the end of the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor: NONE

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to approve the regular meeting minutes from the August 11, 2026, meeting. In favor 4. 1 abstain Councilperson Colella absent. MOTION CARRIED.

The Town Clerk's report for the month of August 2026 was presented, copy on file. The report shows monies taken in for the month were $15,262.45 Money distributed as follows:

- Livingston County Dog Control $178.50
- NYS Agriculture & Markets Dog Sales $61.00
- NYS Department of Health Marriage Lic. $180.00
- NYS DEC Sales $10,710.88
- Remainder to Supervisor Horr $4,132.07
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A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to approve the Town Clerk report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning/Code Officer's report for the month of August 2026 was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to accept the report as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Justice Reports: none-submitted for August.

Town /Village Planning Board: meeting minutes submitted for the date August 25, 2026. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella accepting minutes as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town/Village Zoning Board of Appeals: August 20, 2026, meeting minutes on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce accepting the minutes as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Summary report for the month of August 2026, was presented, copy on file. A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Luce to approve the summary as presented. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CEMETERY: SEXTONS REPORT: Report for August 2026 was submitted. A motion was made by Councilperson Bacon, and a second by Colella. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent Mitchell presented quotes obtained for replacing the window in the cemetery house. 16 installed windows including disposal of old windows and labor.

1. Pine Ridge Contracting $7,300.00
2. Sanderson Builders $8,800.00
3. Shay Construction $12,960.00

A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Bacon to accept the lowest bid from Pine Ridge Contracting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The electrical repairs and upgrades have been made to the cemetery house.

Kidd Road Cemetery was mowed before Labor Day.

HIGHWAY: The crew mowed and ditched on Cemetery Road. Superintendent Mitchell is working on quotes for road work on Zerfass and Meter Roads. The crew replaced a driveway culvert on Sandy Hill Road. The black top for Pleasant Valley Road that was previously approved will be this Thursday. There will be a remaining balance in the Maintenance of Streets account of $7,879.00. Superintendent Mitchell would like to use that to start on the second part of Vista Hill Road, and any remaining to use in Cumminsville.

The highway crew will be getting ready to haul sand over the next few weeks.

AIRPORT: Councilperson Bacon reported fuel sales and tie downs were approximately $7,800. We have a notice of change from McFarland Johnson (airport engineer) The terms of the change need to be clarified. This will be tabled until next month's meeting.

Councilperson Bacon stated that we have a proposal with a map for tree removal at 28 Maple Street. This will be presented to the homeowner. Councilperson Bacon will reach out to the homeowner to schedule a time to meet.

Airport Manager Rick Lafford stated that fuel prices are continuing to rise. He will reach out to other area airports to see if the load could be split to save on the cost.

RECREATIONAL AREA: Superintendent Mitchell stated that the crew installed a small parking area in Cumminsville and relocated the book library to that area. The crew also started moving the dirt pile at Frontage Road Park to prepare for any future projects.

The crew also took care of a big tree that fell at the park in Cumminsville during the recent storm. The cost for removal of the tree was $1,800.00. Because the tree was in danger of falling the rest of the way, and because of the close proximity to the playground, the Town decided to take the tree down and not wait to see if it was the homeowner's responsibility. It was not able to be determined at the time of the incident.

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 August 31, 2026, 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.

OTHER BUSINESS: Supervisor Horr reached out to MRB for a Proposal for Professional Services to do an assessment of our building needs as far as space, mechanical, electrical, HVAC. They would provide a high-level MEP assessment of the Town Hall. This would include a Building assessment and report for MEP, and architectural. The cost of the service would be $24,500. We do not have to decide today, but at some point, the building issues need to be addressed.

Town Clerk provided the board a copy of the 2026 NYMIR Insurance Renewal for the town. Total cost is $32,361.03.

Supervisor Horr asked the public if there were any more comments on Local Law #2 of 2026. A question was asked When was the last time that the town raised taxes? The taxes are raised every year, but have not gone over the 2% tax cap.

A motion by Councilperson Colella and a second by Bacon to close the public hearing on Local law #2 of 2026. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026
RESOLUTION 09.01.26

MOTION BY: COUNCILPERSON COLELLA
SECOND BY: COUNCILPERSON LUCE

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of North Dansville, Livingston County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to permit the Town of North Dansville to adopt a budget for the 2027 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit established by Section 3-c of the New York State General Municipal Law.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Subdivision 5 of Section 3-c of the New York State General Municipal Law and the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. Tax Levy Override

The Town Board of the Town of North Dansville is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the 2027 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit otherwise prescribed by Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: COUNCOLPERSON INFANTINO, COLELLA, BACON, LUCE, AND SUPERVISOR HORR

NOES: NONE
MOTION CARRED 5 to 0

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Infantino to pay all bills as audited, General Account Vouchers for August 2026 #193- #215 incl., totaling $52,034.16, Highway Account Vouchers for August 2026 #90- #99 incl., totaling $10,096.67. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion by Councilperson Bacon and a second by Colella to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted

Lori Tyler
Town Clerk