

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 pm

THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
MEMORY OF SALVATORE IACOBUCCI FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF
ALLIEGIANCE

PRESENT

Councilman Dennis Robinson
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek - excused
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

CEO John Kotlarsz
CEO Tom Dziulko
Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer
DCO Michelle Zak
Springville Journal Editor Max Borsuk
EC Sheriff Deputy Miller
Town Clerk Deborah Jusiak
Approximately 6 residents

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and
unanimously approved the minutes from the Workshop and Town Board Meeting held on May
14, 2026.

SAFETY

Erie County Sherriff's Officer (ESCO) Deputy Miller gave the following report for May:

Calls for service – 32	Community Policing contacts- 22
Vehicle Crashes- 1	Arrests– 0
Premises Checks – 30	Traffic- 5

Miller thanked the Highway Dept for their assistance with the bike to school event. ECSO plan
to attend summer recreation events and the July 3rd fireworks.

OLD BUSINESS

1.Appoint Zoning Board (ZBA) Member and Historian

The Board discussed making appointments to the ZBA and historian positions.

MOTION made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and approved by the Town Board to appoint Bill Harries to the ZBA and Mary LaFlamme to the historian for the remainder of the year. Councilman Hrycik abstained from voting for the historian.

2. Proposed Local Law Entitled Regulation of Short-Term Rentals (STR)

Supervisor DePasquale asked if there were additional questions or comments about the STR local law presented at a public hearing during the May 2026 meeting.

TOWN OF COLDEN LOCAL LAW 2026-01
A Local Law Entitled Regulation of Short-Term Rentals

A LOCAL LAW, TO AMEND LOCAL LAW #1-1984 KNOWN AS “ADOPTION OF CODE”, ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF COLDEN ON DECEMBER 29, 1984, BY THE ENACTMENT OF A CHAPTER ENTITLED “REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COLDEN OF A CHAPTER 104 ENTITLED "REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS" AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This Local Law will amend the Code by the enactment of regulations and provisions for the land use and operation of Short-Term Rentals.

Section 2: CHAPTER 104

Chapter 104 shall be enacted as part of the Code of the Town of Colden entitled “Regulation of Short-Term Rentals”:

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 104-1: Purpose and Intent

- A. Purpose - The purpose of this section is to establish regulations for the operation of lodging Short-Term Rentals to ensure they are compatible with residential, commercial and agricultural neighborhoods and to mitigate potential adverse impacts on surrounding properties.
- B. Intent - This code is intended to allow for the operation of Short-Term Rentals in a manner that balances landowner economic benefits with the need to protect the character of neighborhoods, preserve long-term housing stock, and ensure public safety within the Town.

Section 104-2. FINDINGS:

The Town Board of the Town of Colden has determined that Short-Term, transient rentals can be incompatible with the sense of privacy, community and ambience currently enjoyed in residential neighborhoods in the Town; the Rentals have the potential to create a threat to the public health, safety

and well-being within the Town. The Board also recognizes that Short-Term Rentals can attract visitors to the Town, and can provide an additional source of income to Town residents. Accordingly, the Board wishes to provide regulations to protect against adverse effects of this use while allowing it under appropriate circumstances.

Section 104-3. DEFINITIONS:

The following definitions shall apply to this Chapter:

APPLICANT - The person or entity filing an application and seeking an approval or permits under this Article. Whenever the term "applicant", "owner", or "operator" is used in this Chapter, said term shall include any person acting as an applicant, owner or operator.

RENTAL –Granting use or possession of a Dwelling Unit, in whole or part, to a person or group in exchange for some form of valuable consideration.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL - A "Short-Term Rental" is defined as a dwelling unit, or a portion of a dwelling unit, that is rented to a guest for a period of less than 30 consecutive days. The Short-Term Rental category does NOT include the following: Hotels, Motels, Inns, Campgrounds, Traditional Bed and Breakfast where Host prepares the breakfast meal, etc.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY – The entire area which is under the ownership or control of the Short-Term Rental Owner including, as applicable, the parcel of land on which a Short-Term Rental is located together with the dwelling in which it is located and any other structures on the parcel.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL OWNER – All entities having an ownership interest in a Dwelling Unit which is used as a Short-Term Rental.

HOST - A "Host" is the local owner, or the local authorized operator or entity, of a short-term rental unit that can respond to issues 24/7/365 within 60 minutes of issue notification(s).

GUEST - A "Guest" is any person renting or occupying a short-term rental unit.

DWELLING UNIT - A "Dwelling Unit" refers to a single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more person's habitation, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation. This definition shall not be deemed to include a motel, hotel, rooming house, or other accommodations used for transient occupancy of less than 30 days.

RESIDENTIAL ZONE: Areas designated for (R1, R2, RRB) residential use under the municipal zoning map.

COMMERCIAL ZONE: Areas designated for commercial (C) use under the municipal zoning map.

AGRICULTURAL ZONE: Areas designated for agricultural (Ag) use under the municipal zoning map.

Section 104-4. USE DISTRICTS AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL CATEGORIES AUTHORITY:

For the Town of Colden, the following categories of use and general permitting characteristics are tabulated in the Town of Colden Zoning Chapter 108, which defines Permitted Principal Uses for each Zoning District. For each Zoning District the Zoning Chapter 108 the land use for Short-Term Rental

operations is tabulated. Chapter 108 should be consulted for that information and the relevant sections for Residential, Commercial, or Agricultural Zoning Districts in the Town.

Section 104-5. GENERAL CRITERIA:

- A. All Short-Term Rental structures and related dwelling units shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State, County and Town of Colden laws, regulations, and building, plumbing, electrical, and fire codes, as may be applicable to the application.
- B. Any Short-Term Rental Dwelling Unit shall be accessible for all emergency service vehicles and personnel. The Unit shall also comply with the requirements of all Town of Colden local laws and also both the NYS Building Code and the NYS Fire Code.
- C. The site development, placement, and use of a Short-Term Dwelling Unit in any Zoning District shall not have a significant adverse impact on fish, wildlife, or plant species or their critical habitats, or other significant habitats identified by the Town of Colden or other federal or state regulatory agencies.
- D. Artificial lighting at or near the Short-Term Dwelling Unit shall be limited to lighting required for safety and operational purposes and shall be shielded from all neighboring properties and all public roads in accordance with modern “dark skies” designs.
- E. This article shall take precedence over any inconsistent provisions of the Zoning Law of the Town of Colden or other Code chapters which purport to allow activities inconsistent with this Chapter.
- F. This article shall not apply to any lot owned by a municipality.

ARTICLE II
PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Section 104-6. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants for Short-Term Rental will be required to proceed via the Colden Permit procedures in order for the unit to be considered for approval. All Short-Term Rental shall be consistent with the applicable Zoning regulations for property boundary line setbacks and other conditions for each Zoning District. Existing dwelling units are presumed to be in compliance.

In all cases the Short-Term Rental is considered a Principal Use on the parcel. The structure containing the Dwelling Unit is considered a Principal Structure supporting that Principal use.

Applicants should coordinate with the Colden Code Enforcement Department to determine if a Change of Use application is required; if so then a Change of Use submission should be submitted to the Town Clerk’s Office along with the Short-Term Rental permit and license application.

The Code Enforcement Officer’s determination determines if the application requires a Change of Use and/or an extraordinary examination via a site plan review. If a site plan review is required, the Code Enforcement Department will refer the application to the Colden Planning Board, or a professional engineer or consultant, for examination. Ultimately, for a Site Plan Review, the Planning Board will review and issue an advisory recommendation to the Code Enforcement Department, or to Code Enforcement and to the Town Board for the case of a Change of Use. The Planning Board may make such additional referrals to experts, consultants, or applicable engineering professionals as it deems appropriate. The Planning Board may also request additional information or design

information from the applicant. For all applications which require a Site Plan Review, the applicant must also submit the appropriate NYS DEC forms consistent with the type of NYS SEQRA Action the proposed application requires. This is typically a NYS SEQR/EAF Part 1 Short Form submission.

After the applicant's coordination with the Code Enforcement Department the applicant for a Short-Term Rental Permit should consult with the Town Clerk's Office to obtain the correct applications, and any associated applications which may apply to the situation. The Applicant shall submit three (3) sets of the following information to the Town Clerk's Office for processing and review by the Code Enforcement Department.

- (1) Proof of property ownership or a signed affidavit from the owner authorizing the short-term rental permit application, the license application, and the Change of Use application (if required), and any documents related to the parcel's site plan.
- (2) Application submissions as defined in this chapter.
- (3) Contact information for the host/landowner, or local property manager employed by the landowner, who can be reached 24/7 and respond in person to incidents in a timely and efficient manner from a nearby local origin.
- (4) Proof of compliance with health and safety regulations.
- (5) Proof of compliance with the Erie County and NYS regulations and law. Proof of valid applicant registration in the Erie County Comptroller's Office Hotel Occupancy Tax of Erie County, as may be updated, from time to time, by the Comptroller's Office and/or the Erie County Legislature. The applicant should submit the Certificate of Registration, issued by Erie County, for such Occupancy Tax registration. Submission of valid Certificate of Authority issued by the County and also by NY State which authorizes the collection of the required County and State room occupancy tax. Any additional proof of applicant registration with present or future mandates of the Erie County Comptroller's Office that relate to Short Term Rental Operators. The Applicant's documents as summarized above must be included in the submission package to the Town of Colden under this Chapter.

The submitted site plan should be in accordance with the Town of Colden's site plan requirements defined in Chapter 108 {Zoning} at Article XXI {Site Plan Review}. The submissions should be drawn in sufficient detail showing the items required in Chapter 108 Article XXI and for the Short-Term Rental Chapter. This includes, at least, the following items:

- (1) Application should include a marked-up copy of a NYS Professional Land Surveyor sealed survey showing the proposed site where the Short-Term Rental facility will be operated, as well as facilities on the site which are made available to the renter while occupying the site. The survey should be annotated to show:
 - (a) Property lot lines and the location and dimensions of all existing structures and uses within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed Short-Term Rental dwelling unit. For the case of multiple dwelling units operated as Short-Term Rentals, each should be shown and identified.
 - (b) Proposed on-site parking and traffic pattern, including entry and egress vehicle paths
 - (c) Proposed fencing and/or screening for site, if any.
- (2) The applicant should supply any additional information as may be requested during processing or a site plan review, by the Town's Planning Board, a Town Professional Engineer or Consultant, the Colden Town Board, the Town Attorney, the Town Code Enforcement Officer, or other Town entity or agency.

No such application shall be deemed filed until any required application fee has been paid by the Applicant in accordance with the currently adopted Fees and Fines Schedule. The fee schedule is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.

After an applicant's Short-Term Rental permit is administratively approved, an approval for a Short-Term

Rental License will then be processed by the Town. All Short-Term Rentals units must be registered and approved in accordance with NYS Real Property Law and Tax Law as enacted by the State within New York Real Property Law Article 12-D or successor laws. The applicant's status must be confirmed to be approved by the New York Department of State. The Erie County and State documentation for the applicant will be verified by the Town of Colden during processing. The Erie County requirements must be renewed periodically by the applicant. The applicant must stay in compliance with County and State regulations in effect for the period involved. The applicant must obtain their valid approved compliance submissions prior to any Town of Colden permit application(s), and related license(s), prior to any operation of the Applicant's Short Term Rental property within the Town.

Colden Short-Term Rental licenses must be renewed annually, subject to review and approval by the Town of Colden Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Board, and reflect continued compliant and approved status in the Erie County Comptroller's Office Short Term Rental requirements and all NY State requirements related to Short Term Rental regulations and laws, including valid certificates of authority to collect and pay the Applicant's New York State and Erie County Occupancy Tax.

ARTICLE III

PERMIT CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

Short Term Rental Permits and Licenses issued shall meet the following conditions and restrictions:

Section 104-7. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Local Contact - Hosts must provide the name and contact information of a local representative who can respond to issues within 60 minutes. Any changes made to the assigned host(s) or entity must be updated on all documents, and copies supplied to the Town of Colden within 24 hours of any such change(s). Failure to comply could be cause for termination of the Applicant's Colden STR permit(s) and associated STR license(s).
- B. Notice to Adjacent Property Owners - The Short-Term Rental Host must provide all owners of property adjacent to the Short-Term Rental with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all local contact persons or entities. Such local contact persons, or local entities, must be able to address any complaint received regarding the Short-Term Rental site within one hour of receiving the complaint. The contact persons, or entity, must document all complaints and responses and submit them to the Town of Colden within 24 hours. A copy of the contact persons or entity names, addresses and phone numbers shall be maintained on the property and made immediately available upon request from law enforcement officers, any and all Emergency Response and First Responder personnel, and any Town Code Enforcement Department personnel.
- C. Notices & Information to Guests - Hosts must provide guests with a copy of local rules, including noise ordinances, parking restrictions, and trash collection schedules.
- D. Guest Written Rules - Short-Term Rental Owners shall establish written rules and regulations for the Short-Term Rental. The rules and regulations are expected to be activated when rentals are active. The content and intent of these rules and regulations is to assure public health, safety and general welfare by promoting a clean, wholesome and attractive environment for the owner's property, adjacent property owners and the neighborhood. This document shall also list the penalties for violation of such rules or regulations. The rules will specifically address the penalties contained in Colden's local law. The renter must sign acknowledgment of these rules and regulations. A copy of the signed acknowledgment statement shall be maintained on the property and made immediately available upon request from law enforcement officers or the Town Code Enforcement Officers. The rules and regulations shall be enforced by the Short-Term Rental Owner/Host. As a minimum, the rules and regulations shall address prohibition of the following behaviors: fighting, violence, tumultuous or threatening behavior, unreasonable noise,

abusive or obscene language or gestures in public. Quiet hours for the purpose of this Law shall mean between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM and shall be maintained by all rental occupants and visitors at the rental property.

- E. Insurance - Hosts must maintain liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage with a minimum coverage amount of \$1,000,000. Proof of insurance should be submitted to the Town of Colden, along with the initial and/or annual renewal license application. Additionally, the Town of Colden should be listed with the insurance carrier such that Town of Colden is notified in writing if the policy is cancelled for any reason, including but not limited to, policy annual renewal, cancelation by the insurance carrier for any reason, policy cancelation due to non-payment of premiums, and similar fiscal and administrative reasons of any type.

Section 104-8. SHORT-TERM RENTAL STANDARDS

Short-Term Rentals shall comply with all NYS Building and Fire Code, and the following standards and requirements; in the case of requirements defined in multiple codes and not stated below, the most restrictive and stringent standard must be in compliance:

- A. There shall be one functioning smoke detector in each sleeping room, one functioning smoke detector and a carbon monoxide detector in another centrally-located room and one functioning and inspected fire extinguisher in the kitchen placed in a visible and accessible location. Detectors must be in compliance with NYS Property Maintenance Code as amended.
- B. All exterior doors shall be operational and passageways to such doors shall be freely accessible and unobstructed.
- C. Electrical systems shall be serviceable with no visible defects or unsafe conditions.
- D. All fireplaces, fireplace inserts or other fuel-burning heaters and furnaces shall be vented and properly installed. If installed, all fireplace, fireplace inserts or other types of fuel burning heaters (excluding furnaces) shall have proper written safe operating instructions provided by the host to any party renting the Short-Term Rental dwelling.
- E. Each sleeping room shall have an exterior exit that opens directly to the outside, or an emergency escape or rescue window, which meets the current State and Town Building Code requirements for an escape/egress window.
- F. A house number visible from the street or road shall be maintained. The position should be designed so as to be easily obvious from the roadway, so as to eliminate problems with neighboring parcels due to tenant confusion and a renting party possibly entering the wrong driveway, or laneway, when initially arriving at the Short-Term Rental's parcel for their stay.
- G. The number of vehicles permitted overnight at the Short-Term Rental Property is limited to 1.5 vehicles per bedroom (rounded to the next whole number) and the vehicles must be parked in an approved parking stall/space on the property. The number of bedrooms set forth in the Town of Colden's assessment records shall be used for the purposes of this section. Overnight on-street parking is not allowed. The available parking spaces (one space per car) shall be the limiting vehicle count to such number of spaces. On-street day parking shall not impede local residents or the public's free entrance and exit to the neighborhood. The Town's Zoning for an outdoor parking "automotive use area" applies to this use in all Zoning Districts.
- H. The maximum occupancy for each Short-Term Rental shall be two (2) people per bedroom plus two (2). For example, a Short-Term Rental with three (3) bedrooms is allowed eight (8) occupants. The number of bedrooms is determined by the NYS RPS database maintained by the Town Assessor's Office and Erie County.
- I. Short-Term Rentals shall comply with all Local, State and Federal Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE IV MAINTENANCE, PROCEDURES AND FEES

Section 104-9. FEES

A non-refundable application fee and annual renewal fee, as determined by the Town of Colden's fee schedule, as updated from time to time by the Town Board, shall be paid by the host. The Code Enforcement Department and/or the Town Clerk's office should be consulted by the applicant to inspect the current Fines and Fees schedule which has been adopted by the Town Board.

ARTICLE V
ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES

Section 104-10. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES.

- A. Any individual, partnership, corporation or other firm owning, operating, occupying or maintaining Short-Term Rental Property or a Short-Term Rental shall comply with all the provisions of this Chapter and all orders, notices, rules, regulations or determinations issued.
- B. The Code Enforcement Officer(s) or designee shall be granted access upon reasonable request to the Short-Term Rental Property for the purpose of inspection and/or enforcement of compliance with Short-Term Rental regulations and/or Colden or State Building Codes.
- C. Whenever it is found that there has been a violation of this Chapter, or any superior rule or regulation adopted pursuant to Colden's local laws, a violation notice, and/or appearance ticket or summons, and complaint may be issued to the person, individual, partnership or corporation owning, operating or maintaining the Short-Term Rental or Short-Term Rental Property in which such violation has been noted.
- D. The Code Enforcement Officer or designee shall have the authority, pursuant to the Criminal and Civil Procedure Law, to issue an appearance ticket or summons and complaint, subscribed by him or her, directing a designated person to appear in court at a designated time in connection with the commission of a violation of this Chapter.
- E. This chapter may also be enforced by civil action or by proceedings by the Town of Colden.
- F. Each week that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.
- G. Penalties - Any person who shall violate any provision of this Chapter, any order made hereunder, or any rules or regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter in addition to other penalties provided for in this Chapter shall be guilty of an offense punishable in the following manner: A fine of not more than \$950, or per any applicable judicially authorized amount in effect on the date of the violation, for each offense.
- H. Suspension and Revocation - The Town of Colden may suspend or revoke a Short-Term Rental License for the following reasons:
 - 1) Applicant has falsified or failed to provide information required for permit renewal.
 - 2) Applicant has not obtained and/or renewed annually their respective status in any Erie County Comptroller's Office Short Term Rental Room Tax and any other registration regulations, as well as having a valid Erie County Certificate of Registration for payment of required occupancy taxes to the County. All aspects of relevant New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) provisions shall be confirmed.
 - 3) Applicant failed to meet or comply with any of the Health and Safety requirements
 - 4) Any conduct on the premises, which disturbs the health, safety, peace or comfort of the neighborhood or which otherwise creates a public nuisance.
 - 5) Applicant failed to submit a license renewal application, including any fee due, within the time period allowed for such renewal application.
- I. Appeals - Hosts may appeal a decision to deny, suspend, or revoke a license to the Colden Town Board within 30 days of notification. The appeal must be in writing.

ARTICLE VI
SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 104-11. SEVERABILITY and EFFECTIVE DATE

If any section, subsection, phrase, sentence, or other portion of this article is for any reason held invalid, void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of New York.

Further, all existing short-term rental operators at the time of the effective date of this Town of Colden Local Law, must comply with all provisions within 60 days of such filing, including securing a valid approved entries in all Erie County Comptroller's Office Short Term Rental registrations, including having a valid Erie County Occupancy Tax Certificate of Registration. Short Term Rental operations existing prior to this Local Law's filing date must also comply with this Chapter and submit the required Town of Colden license applications and supply the required insurance proof to the Town of Colden as well as all supplemental information required in accordance with this code chapter. This must be completed within the 60-day grace period stated above.

MOTION made to approve the STR law made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Hrycik and approved by the following vote:

Councilman Robinson - yes
Councilman Hrycik - yes
Councilwoman Zurbrick -yes

Councilman Pietraszek - excused
Supervisor DePasquale – yes

3.Park Rules Update

The Board discussed the purchase of 3 signs with the new park rules. The rules were reviewed at the May 2026 Town Board workshop.

MOTION to adopt the Kummer Park rules made by Councilman Hrycik, seconded by Councilman Robinson and approved by the following vote:

Councilman Robinson - yes
Councilman Hrycik - yes
Councilwoman Zurbrick -yes

Councilman Pietraszek - excused
Supervisor DePasquale – yes

NEW BUSINESS

State of Emergency – Mill St Bridge

Supervisor DePasquale declared a State of Emergency for the Mill St Bridge. The bridge rating is 11-tons, it cannot accommodate emergency or maintenance vehicles, and a red flag rating is imminent. The parties responsible for the bridge, Erie County Rails to Trails and G&W Railroad, have not provided any acceptable plans for bridge rehabilitation or replacement.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BUILDINGS

No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Report for the month of May 2026 – CEO Dziulko read the following report:

19 Building Permits Issued	1 First Notice of Violations
1 Certificate of Occupancy Issued	1 Fire Inspection
8 Certificates of Compliance Issued	2 Phone Complaints

The Board discussed a resident's request for a **Children at Play** sign for Supervisor Ave and Fairview Terrace. Supervisor DePasquale will check with legal, and Deputy Miller said the ECSO would patrol the area.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that The Bread of Life Outreach submitted a letter of thanks for the Town's continued support, the Feed More Market truck will visit twice a month on Fridays from 10 – 11, the concerts at the gazebo will begin on June 24, the Independence Day concert and fireworks at Kummer Park on July 3rd, two of the Colden Seniors trips still have openings, and the Colden Fire Dept car show on August 22nd.

Feed More Mobile Food Truck

The Feed More Food Truck Giveaway will be held on the 4th Thursday each month at the Colden Fire Hall.

Bread of Life Outreach and Gabe's on the Hill Hours:

Tuesday, 10am – 4pm
Wednesday, 10am – 4pm
Thursday, 2pm – 5pm
Friday, 10am – 4pm
Saturday, 9am – 2pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Thursday, 3pm – 5pm
Saturday, 9am – 11am

DOG CONTROL

Councilman Robinson read the following report:

5/10/26- DCO Zak received a call from the Concord DCO about rehoming a dog that was formerly involved in an incident. Zak spoke with the rescue that had initially adopted him out and they will be taking the dog back and rehabilitating him after an evaluation.

5/26/26- A resident dropped off a dog that she found wandering. The dog's owner picked up the dog within a couple hours.

ENVIRONMENT

No Report

HIGHWAY AND PARKS

Highway Superintendent Wohlhueter reported the following:

June Highway Report

- Increase in Chips funding from \$122,464.00 to \$129,725.09 an increase of \$7,261.09
- We are continuing to address flood damage and shoulder washouts
- Road grass cutting has begun
- Price of Road Oil has gone up substantially to almost \$4.50 a gallon. This is affecting the cost of blacktop and sealing oil for all municipalities including us. We most likely will be limiting the amount of oil and stonework planned to stay within budget.
- The new utility/equipment trailer that was ordered and budget approved has been built and we should be taking delivery of that soon.
- Crump Rd at Center St will become a 4-way stop per Erie County effective June 29, 2026. An electronic sign board will be erected for notification.

Parks Report

- Work continues on site preparations for the new playground equipment
- Daily grounds maintenance continues both in the park and on the frisbee golf course

Deputy Miller asked if the Town still has removable speed bumps for use on Park St this summer. No, but will they will check on the cost of new ones.

INSURANCE

Councilman Robinson spoke about alternate employee health insurance options.

LIBRARY

Councilman Hrycik reported:

Boston Free Library: Received a grant to build an outdoor garden and outdoor educational space

West Falls Colden Community Library: Hosting a dot painting class on June 17th for \$25.00,

Both libraries have their regular children's programming.

PERSONNEL

Councilwoman Zurbrick requested the Comp Alliance training be moved to 10:30 on June 26th to accommodate Feed More Market truck shoppers.

PLANNING

Councilman Hrycik reported on the Planning Board's continued work on improvements at Kummer Park, short-term rental law changes, and battery energy storage system regulation.

WATER

Supervisor DePasquale read the following report:

- **Usage update:** At present time consumption billed by ECWA 1,875,000 gal. cost \$ 8,193.75 + \$434.87 = \$ 8,628.62 expenditure for March water usage.
 - ECWA water cost \$4.36 / K
 - Water usage – 42 G/M/31D
- Hydrant #8 (last in BC Rd lay), received from vender, will schedule placement
- Meter replacement scheduled for CES as soon as closed for summer break
- Neptune 360 upgrade done, tablet functioning, but slow
- Continue working on nonreading meters & registers
- AWQR distributed and cert filled with DOH / ECWA

Water Billing:

- Open Accounts as of 05/01/2026 billing:

Water Charge (223 units)	\$22,375.58 (2,640,977 gal)
Infras + Capital Surchg	\$4,905.60
Arrears	\$7,756.09
Total Billed Sent	\$35,037.27
Current Receipts to date	\$24,152.47
Arrears to date	\$10,745.42

RECREATION

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported the following:

Summer program registration deadline is June 22nd. The soccer season ends on June 9th, followed by a pizza party for the Midget league kids on June 11th. A summer Yoga session will run from July 9 to August 13.

We would like to approve the following employees at minimum wage:

Lauren Smith	Jack Sobkowiak	Madison Cain
Lilly Smith	Ashlyn Sellers	Eric Szyfranski
Jillian Levakoff	Maeve Annunziata	Michael Holy
Ty Ruhland	Hailey Emerling	Grace Wrotniak

Also, McKayla Ruhland as Senior Summer Staff at \$20/hr and John Georger as Tennis Instructor at \$19.94/hr

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale, seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved to appoint the recreation staff as stated.

A resident has requested the use of the Senior Center for an Art Club open to area children. Recreation staff will follow up with the resident.

RESOLUTIONS

None

BUDGET TRANSFERS

None

CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Jusiak reported that June 29 – 30 are free fishing days in NY. The Clerk's office will be getting rid of Town electronics and shredding documents.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

DePasquale explained a State of Emergency for the Mill St bridge is necessary because the GWRR and ECRT have not proposed any solutions that would bring the bridge to acceptable safety standards.

PAY BILLS

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Robinson and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:

General Fund	2026 Vouchers #185 - 238	\$37,767.69
Highway Fund	2026 Vouchers #57-71	\$37,094.69
Water District	2026 Vouchers #21-23	\$13,476.15
Lighting District	2026 Vouchers #7-8	\$2,046.86
Refuse District	2026 Voucher #5	\$36,303.28

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A resident spoke about feedback regarding his personal Facebook posts but expressed support for the Town Board's work. A resident asked who owns the Senior Center? The Town does.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Jusiak
Town Clerk