

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 15, 2026 7:01PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday evening April 15, 2026 at 7:01PM, with Supervisor William Namestnik presiding.

Present:	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Mark Curran
	Council Member	Jeff Trickey
	Council Member	Adam Sanford
	Council Member	Andrew Faust

Others Present: Mickie Kelly, Adam Stahl, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen and Town Clerk Denise Hood

Approval of Minutes-March 18, 2026-A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve the minutes of March 15, 2026 Town Board Meeting.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

April 7, 2026- A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026 Special Town Board Meeting.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor- Adam Stahl-Came in to propose the idea to amend the current Local Law to allow cannabis dispensaries in the Town of Hopewell. A decision was made in 2021 to opt out of cannabis selling within the Town of Hopewell. He stated that since there have been so many advances in the industry and Legislation with the legalization of cannabis sales. He stated the following discussion points:

- **Public Safety and Regulated Access-**Better than black market.
- **Local Development and Job Creation-** Ag-tourism is gaining popularity (naturally grown product).
- **Tax Revenue-** For the Town.
- **Giving back to the Community-** He and his family will give back to the community through education and donations as to what the community needs.
- **Existing Agriculture-** Craft market to help preserve.
- **Education Workforce Development and Partnership Program-** Would like to work with FLCC students in the Cannabis and Cultivating Program and to partner with them.
- **Doing things the right way-** To serve the best interest of the community.

Communications and Reports-

-US Aging- Policy Priorities 2026- Promote the Health, Security and Well Being of Older Adults.

Old Business- Town Officials

Town Clerk- Denise Hood-CNB Positive Pay- Currently on hold.

Property Tax Collection Update- The Town of Hopewell was 96% collected for 2026. The Ontario County Treasurer has been paid. I am happy to report there is a total of \$7777.78 in the Tax savings account from the interest collected from taxes and the CD I invested.

Local Law#1-2026-Veterans Tax Exemptions- Filed with State and State Indexed on February 23, 2026- **(Exhibit A)** Supervisor Namestnik added the Town of Hopewell has the highest Veterans Tax Exemption in Ontario County. Hoping other Towns in the County will do the same.

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran-Lincoln Hill Road Update- The Highway Department began the work this Monday, April 13, 2026 and should be completing the project by the end of the month (April).

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Water Superintendent-Joe Eckam-Water Infrastructure Update- Water Superintendent Joe Eckam reported the Water Superintendents met on Tuesday, April 7th. They discussed the needs, but the largest is to connect on Route 21 with the Town of Farmington. Supervisor Namestnik is getting together with the supervisors on Monday, April 20th to discuss potential grants.

Water System Automation Control Emergency Replacement Update- The project began today and should be completed by the end of next week.

Town Supervisor-William Namestnik-Garbage Compactor Update- The funds from the County should be received within the next couple weeks.

Accounting Software Update- There are learning curves happening and it is coming along. At the beginning of July the Town will be migrating in the payroll.

Ontario County Firing Range- Supervisor Namestnik noted he received comments from employees of the Town Hall, because they could hear the shooting with the windows closed. A resident on Freshour Road indicated a couple weeks ago, it sounded like cannons are going off. Collecting this information in an attempt in getting the Firing Range redesigned to help with the sound. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen noted the Firing Range is exempt from the Town's Sound Ordinance.

New Business-Town Officials

Town Clerk- Denise Hood- NYSTCA Conference- Going to Albany on Monday thru Wednesday next week to attend the NYSTCA Conference. Looking forward to learning more about Gaming (Bingo/Raffles/etc.)

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran-Ontario County Mowing Contract- (Exhibit B)-A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the mowing contract with Ontario County.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Resolution #9-2026-Authorizing Scheduling of Public Hearing for a Proposed Local Law Entitled "A Local Law Requiring Written Notification of Defective or Dangerous Conditions"- (Exhibit C)-A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Resolution #9-2026- Authorizing Scheduling of Public Hearing for a Proposed Local Law Entitled "A Local Law Requiring Written Notification of Defective or Dangerous Conditions" for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen- Monthly Report- (Exhibit D)

Uniform Code and Energy Code Administration and Enforcement Report 2025 was submitted by the end of March 2026.

Water Superintendent-Joe Eckam- Resolution #11-2026-Water Districts Transfer of Funds from SW232 Repair and Replacement to SW1-8340.2 Transmission and Distribution- (Exhibit E) - A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve Resolution #11-2026-Water Districts Transfer of Funds from SW232 Repair and Replacement to SW1-8340.2 Transmission and Distribution.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Supervisor-William Namestnik-Resolution #10-2026- Abstract 4- (Exhibit F)-A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Curran to Resolution #10-2026-Abstract #4.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0

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Resolution #12-2026- Approval of Petty Cash for the Purpose of Making Change for the Court- (Exhibit G)- A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve resolution #12-2026-Approval of Petty Cash for the Purpose of Making Change for the Court.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Senior Clerk Position- Supervisor Namestnik has been working with the County HR department on developing the Senior Clerk Position. The position will be posted on the County website by the end of the week. Ontario County screens the applications and will inform the Town of Hopewell of the approved applicants.

Hopewell Fire Department Volunteer Applications-Wendle W. Mosher, Hailey M. Reigle and Michael G. Morton -A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Curran to block and approve the applications for Wendle W. Mosher, Hailey M. Reigle and Michael G. Morton as a volunteers for the Hopewell Fire Department.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

NYAOT Finance and Personnel Attendance Approval- There is a class being held at Hotel Canandaigua on April 27th and 28th. Supervisor Namestnik will be attending. A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by council Member Faust to approve Supervisor Namestnik to attend the Finance and Personnel class for a \$250.00 attendance fee.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

*Supervisor Namestnik stated he will bring back the paperwork from the meeting to share the information.

Memorial Day Service Ceremony- Supervisor Namestnik noted that since there is so much activity on Memorial Day and to get better attendance, he suggested having a ceremony on the Saturday or Sunday prior to Memorial Day. The Town Board will work on the date.

250th Independence Day Celebration- Supervisor Namestnik noted he would like to get something together to celebrate the 250th Independence Day. He noted the Town of Hopewell has an interesting history in regard to the Revolutionary War.

Approve Monthly Reports-A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer and the Supervisor.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor- No one spoke for Privilege of the Floor.

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to adjourn at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk April 28, 2026*
Next Meeting. Opening with a Public Hearing May 20, 2026 at
7:00 P.M.