

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING AUGUST 19, 2026 AT 7:01PM

The regular scheduled Town Board Meeting was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, August 19, 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
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Andy Faust

Others Present: Bill Skellett, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam, and Town Clerk Denise Hood

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the Town Board Minutes of July 29, 2026.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

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

Communications and Reports

- a. Report on the Enacted Budget and Financial Plan- State Fiscal Year 2027 from NYS Comptroller

Old Business-Updates by Town Officials

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen- Rezoning of 3890 State Route 5 & 20- Application 394 Update- This application has gone to the Planning Board who are meeting on August 24th. The decision will be discussed and the September 16th Town Board meeting.

Rezoning of HDR to AG and R1 to HDR- Update/Discussion- (Exhibit A) - Code Enforcement Officer stated that there are roughly 542 acres in total. He explained to the Town Board if they would like to move this forward with this rezoning, the next step would be to get a proposal from the Town Engineer. Most of this property is currently used for agriculture. Council Member Sanford commented this would fit the Town of Hopewell’s Comprehensive Plan to promote agriculture. Council Member Trickey loves the idea.

Water Superintendent-Joe Eckam-Water and Utility Easement- (Exhibit B) - The Water Easement has been signed and Town Clerk Denise Hood will pass on the document to Ontario County.

Supervisor-William Namestnik-Accounting Software Update- Learning a bit more each day. Supervisor Namestnik thanked Town Clerk Denise Hood for her assistance with the “clicks”.

2027 Budget Planning Timeline- The Budget Workshop date has been changed to September 9th at 6pm. Supervisor Namestnik has reported the budget worksheets are due back by August 28th. He noted he has received a couple completed worksheets already.

Historical Society Lease/Insurance- This will be put on the September agenda, as Supervisor Namestnik has a few more things to add to the lease. Supervisor Namestnik stated that he and the Code Enforcement Officer walked the Historical House and took pictures of some of the issues. The Town Board will take a look at the pictures and do an analysis on how they will handle the issues. Bill Skellett commented that the Historical Society was going to ask the Town Board for money to get the house painted and they have received a couple estimates, but knows the Town Board may be going a different direction. Supervisor Namestnik asked if Bill Skellett would give him the estimates he received for the painting. Bill Skellett indicated he would get the estimates to Supervisor Namestnik.

Town Hall North Parking Lot Lighting-Design Authorization- Supervisor Namestnik explained to the Town Board that Judge Smithling and Judge Wiepert want to put in for a grant to have lighting installed in the North parking lot. The first step to the process is to get a design from the Town Engineer. Marks Engineering have given a proposal of \$3196 for the

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design, but they are about 3 to 4 weeks back logged. Supervisor Namestnik is going to contact Marks Engineering to ask if this project could be expedited. The grant application is due back to the State by September 30th. A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve design work and to pay the retainer fee of \$1598 to Marks Engineering.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

New Business-Town Officials Monthly Reports-

Highway Superintendent- Matt Curran- Algerine Street-Resurfacing is almost complete.

Spangle Street- Triple pipes are being installed and the road will be recycled next year.

Smith Road Speed Limit Change-Petition-Linda Vetter of Straw Road will be attending the next town Board meeting to submit a petition to the Town Board for a speed limit reduction on Smith Road.

County Snow and Ice Control Services Agreement for October 1, 2026-September 30, 2029- (Exhibit C) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Sanford to approve the County Snow and Ice Control Services Agreement for October 1, 2026- September 30, 2029.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

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

Manufactured Park License- Heron Landing- Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen noted he is hoping to have the license taken care of by the next Town Board meeting in September.

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Resolution #21-2026- Abstract #8-(Exhibit E) -A motion was made by Council Member Trickey , seconded by Council Member Curran to approve to pay abstract #8 Audited Vouchers.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

New York Association of Towns-Bill of Rights Resolution/Delegate Resolution- The Town Board decided to table this until the September Town Board Meeting, so they could understand it a bit more.

Town of Hopewell Planning Board Resignation- Phil Bassage- (Exhibit F) - A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve the resignation of Town of Hopewell Planning Board Member Phil Bassage.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

Hopewell Fire Department Application for Membership-Zackary Dorn- A motion was made by Council Member Sanford, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve the Hopewell Fire Department Application for Zackary Dorn.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

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

Adopted: Vote Ayes 4 Nays 0

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

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A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 734PM.

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood - Town Clerk August 26, 2026*
Next Meeting September 16, 2026 at 7:00PM