

PUBLIC HEARINGS FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT 7:00PM

A Public Hearing was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding. This Public Hearing was in regard to **A Local Law #1-2026-A Local Law Amending Local Law 1 of 1997, Local Law 1 of 2010 and Local Law 1 of 2025 Regarding Wartime Veterans, Combat Veterans and Disabled Veterans’ Exemptions.**

Present:	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Andy Faust
	Council Member	Mark Curran
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Adam Sanford
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Jeff Trickey

Others Present: Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

Supervisor Namestnik opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Hopewell for a Local Law #1-2026. He asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on Local Law #1-2026.

No one spoke.

Supervisor Namestnik closed the Public Hearing at 7:01PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Denise L. Hood, Hopewell Town Clerk*

A Public Hearing was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:01PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding. This Public Hearing was in regard to **Local Law #2-2026- Which a Local Law Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopewell to Establish a Prohibition on the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Commercial Sewage Sludge Composting Facilities.**

Present:	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Andy Faust
	Council Member	Mark Curran
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Adam Sanford
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Jeff Trickey

Others Present: Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran, Water Superintendent Joe Eckam and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

Supervisor Namestnik opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Hopewell for Local Law #2-2026. He asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on Local Law #2-2026.

No one spoke.

Supervisor Namestnik closed the Public Hearing at 7:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Denise L. Hood, Hopewell Town Clerk*

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026 7:02PM

The regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:02PM, with Supervisor Namestnik presiding.

Present:	Supervisor	William Namestnik
	Council Member	Andy Faust
	Council Member	Mark Curran
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Adam Sanford
Necessarily Absent	Council Member	Jeff Trickey

Others Present: Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, 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 Faust to approve the Town Board minutes from Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the Special Town Board Meeting minutes from Monday, February 9, 2026.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026 II

Privilege of the Floor- Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher reported there have been 61 fire calls this year. Ladder Truck #581 has been towed to Syracuse for repairs for a month or two. Both of Canandaigua's aerial trucks are out of service as well. The Town of Hopewell is utilizing Clifton Springs, Manchester or Cheshire's. Chief Critcher is leaving tomorrow to go and train on the new truck the Fire Department has purchased. On May 2nd and 3rd the Fire Department will be holding a fund raiser training class for the surrounding Fire Departments at Finger Lakes Community College Campus.

Communications and Reports

- A. Rural Futures-NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources-Winter 2026 Issue
- B. NYS Association of Counties-Executive Budget County Impact Report

Old Business-Town Officials-

Town Clerk-Denise Hood-CNB Credit Card Update-Unfortunately, no update at this time. I will contact Andrea O'Sullivan tomorrow.

Highway Superintendent-Matt Curran-Town of Hopewell Back Stairs- Highway Superintendent Matt Curran noted the steps are great the way they are, since they were repaired. Has asked the item be taken off the agenda.

Pre-Advocacy Day Rally in the City of Canandaigua- This will help when the Highway Superintendents go to Albany in March to speak on the budget and advocate to get more money for the region. March is when they will be going to Albany.

Water Superintendent- Joe Eckam- The 247 Meter Pit project will be completed soon, weather permitting.

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Ontario County Firing Range Concerns Update- Supervisor Namestnik noted will be taking this topic off the agenda until he receives more reports from the residents.

Garbage Compactor Update- Supervisor Namestnik reported the new compactor will be installed on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Human Sewer Sludge Update-Resolution #4-2026-Authorizing Adoption of Local Law #2-2026 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopewell to Establish a Prohibition on the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Commercial Sewage Sludge Composting Facilities.

(Exhibit A) A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Resolution #4-2026-Authorizing Adoption of Local Law #2-2026 Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopewell to Establish a Prohibition on the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Commercial Sewage Sludge Composting Facilities.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Resolution #5-2026-Authorizing Adoption of Local Law #3-2026 Prohibiting the Disposal of Sewage Sludge. (Exhibit B)- A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve Resolution #5-2026-Authorizing Adoption of Local Law #3-2026-Prohibiting the Disposal of Sewage Sludge.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Veterans' Exemptions-Resolution #3-2026-Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell of Local Law #1-2026 Entitled "A Local Law Amending Local Law #1-1997, Local Law #1-2010 and Local Law #1-2025 Regarding Wartime Veterans, Combat Veterans and Disabled Veterans' Exemptions"- (Exhibit C)- A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve Resolution #3-2026-Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell of Local Law #1-2026 Entitled "A Local Law Amending Local Law #1-1997, Local Law #1-2010 and Local Law #1-2025 Regarding Wartime Veterans, Combat Veterans and Disabled Veterans' Exemptions".

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Town Clerk Denise Hood will overnight Local Law #1 to the State tomorrow.

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026 III

Accounting Software Update- The Summary Reports for the end of the month are more compact and following the budget lines. Department specific reports are available, such as General, Highway and Water.

New Business

Town Officials' Monthly Reports

Town Clerk-Denise Hood-Property Tax Collection Status- The taxes are at 90% collected at this time. The Town of Hopewell was paid \$1,081,713.24 in January. In February the Ontario County Treasurer was paid \$500,000.00.

Town of Hopewell 2026 Fee Schedule Combined- (Exhibit D) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the combined 2026 Fee Schedule.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Code Enforcement Officer- Justin Bruen- (Exhibit E) - Attached Report.

Water Superintendent- Joe Eckam- (Exhibit F) – A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the replacement of the 2017 Chevy Silverado.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve the replacement of the 2017 F350 Service Truck.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to surplus the 2017 Chevy Silverado.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Curran to surplus the 2017 F350 Service Truck.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Resolution #6-2026- Abstract #2 (Exhibit G) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Resolution #6-2026- Abstract #2.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Hopewell Fire Department Membership Application- Michael J. Joyce- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the Hopewell Fire Department Membership application for Michael J. Joyce.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Supervisor Namestnik elected Co-Chair of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council for 2026.

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

Adopted: Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0

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

HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2026 IV

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Faust to adjourn the meeting at 7:22PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Respectfully submitted, Denise L. Hood - Hopewell Town Clerk-February 25,
2026. Next Meeting: Town Board Meeting-Wednesday, March 18, 2026
at 7:00 P.M.