

DRAFT MINUTES

HOPEWELL SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MARCH 5, 2026 AT 7:02PM

The Town of Hopewell Special Town Board Meeting was held at the Hopewell Town Hall on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 7:02PM, with Supervisor William Namestnik presiding.

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

Others Present: Brenda Lehman, Bob Lehman, Greg Bouchard, and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

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

Communications and Reports

A. Report on the State Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget from New York State Comptroller-Thomas P DiNapoli

Hopewell Fire Department-Resolution #7-2026-Approving Issuance of Tax Exempt Note for the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department Inc. - (Exhibit A)- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve Resolution #7-2026- Approving Issuance of Tax Exempt Note for the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Monthly Court Audit- A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve the Monthly Court Audit for January 2026.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Town Clerk Convention Approval- Town Clerk Denise Hood would like permission from the Town Board to attend the New York State Town Clerks' Association from April 19th through April 22nd. A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve Denise Hood to attend the NYSTCA Conference in Albany.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Water Infrastructure Exploration- Supervisor Namestnik noted he held a meeting on March 5th with the Towns of Seneca, Gorham, Manchester, and Phelps along with the Village of Clifton Springs representatives to discuss applying for a grant for Water Infrastructure. With the combination of Towns, the probability of being awarded Federal and State grants increases. The total projected amount need was approximately \$45 million. They have set another meeting for May 18th to discuss which projects to tie together and what equipment will be needed. Everyone is quite excited about it.

Comprehensive Plan-It has been quite some time, since the Comprehensive Plan has been updated. Supervisor Namestnik has reached out to the County, who has services we are able to utilize. Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Commission has also been contacted. The goal is to have a revised Comprehensive Plan by the end of 2027.

Proclamation for March as Agricultural Month-(Exhibit B)-A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Curran to approve the Proclamation for March as Agricultural Month in the Town of Hopewell.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

2020 Records to be Destroyed- Deleted/Sold or Denied Exemption Applications by the Town Assessor- (Exhibit C) - A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to approve destroying the 2020 records of deleted/sold or denied exemption applications.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

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Emergency Preparedness Plan-The Plan needs to be updated and tied in with the Emergency Management Services Plan of Ontario County. Supervisor Namestnik and Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen attended a State sponsored tier 1 Emergency Preparedness Plan Meeting. The goal is to have the plan done by the end of 2026.

Information Technology Assessment by Ontario County- Supervisor Namestnik has contacted the Director of IT at Ontario County. The County is able to provide an assessment of the Towns' IT infrastructure. The County will not be able to provide the service until the mid-summer/early fall, due to their staffing. Supervisor Namestnik will be contacted when time becomes available.

Supervisor Namestnik Appointed to the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Board of Directors- This is a nine County Planning Council.

Other- Supervisor has been working on the 2027 Budget and will be coming to the Board with proposals. The Town of Hopewell is in good fiscal shape.

A motion was made by Council Member Curran, seconded by Council Member Trickey to adjourn at 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood Hopewell Town Clerk - March 11, 2026. Next meeting is on March 18, 2026 at 7:00PM.*