HOPEWELL TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 7:01PM

The regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting for the Town of Hopewell was held on Wednesday evening, September 16, 2026 at 7:01 PM, with Supervisor William Namestnik presiding.

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

Others Present: Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, Jim Kennedy, Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen, Highway Superintendent Matt Curran and Town Clerk Denise Hood.

A motion was made by council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of August 19, 2026.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Privilege of the Floor- Jim Kennedy- Inquired about the status of the Hopewell Grange. Jim Kennedy presented to the Board the idea of the Hopewell Grange being a Community Center. The Town Board discussed the lack of the Hopewell Grange meeting the requirements of a Community Center.

Old Business- Updates from Town Officials

Town Clerk-Denise Hood-Smith Road Speed Limit Change-Petition- Linda Vetter is no longer interested in lowering the speed limit on Smith Road, because of her busy schedule. Ken Crawford, however, has reached out to Town Clerk Denise Hood and would like to continue in lowering the speed limit. He would like to get a petition signed by the residents on the Smith Road. Supervisor Namestnik noted the Town has to receive the petition before pursuing next steps. It will remain on the agenda for a little while.

Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen-Rezoning of 3890 State Route 5 & 20- (Exhibit A) - Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen informed the Town Board that they are at step 5 of the process. The Town Clerk has been given a copy to put on file. The Town Board would like the Town Attorney to look at the zoning and to see what he has to say. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen will forward the information.

Rezoning of HDR to AG and R1 to HDR Rezone- (Exhibit B) - This application is #486.The Town of Hopewell is applying for this application. A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to develop a map of the whole Town of Hopewell by the Town Engineer.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Manufactured Park License- Heron Landing- (Exhibit C) - A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Trickey to reissue the license.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Water Superintendent- Joe Eckam-Surplus Truck Amounts- The 2017 Chevy Silverado sold for $15,100 and the 2017 F350 sold for $24,000. Deputy Water Superintendent Ed Snyder is on a list for a Water Education class in October. A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Ed Snyder to attend the Water Education class in October.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Accounting Software Update- Supervisor Namestnik reported the Accounting Software is still going well.

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2027 Tentative Budget- (Exhibit D) - Set the Date for the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget - The Tentative Budget has been received by Town Clerk Denise Hood. A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Trickey to schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7pm for the Preliminary Budget.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Historical Society Lease/Insurance- Supervisor Namestnik spoke with Town Attorney Jeff Graff. Attorney Jeff Graff explained the parameters required. Hoping to get the lease taken care of by the end of 2026. The current lease doesn't end until 2050.

Town Hall North Parking Lot Lighting Design- The Town Engineer has been contacted and the next step is to get quotes from contractors. The Town of Hopewell justices are completing the paperwork for the grant by the end of September.

New York Association of Towns- Bill of Rights Resolution- This will be discussed at the October Town Board Meeting.

New York Association of Towns- Delegate Resolution- This will be discussed at the October Town Board Meeting.

Cannabis-Two to three months ago the Town Board agreed to gather more information and assess the situation. Supervisor Namestnik currently received information from a couple municipalities. He had read some of the information aloud. The Hopewell Town Board agreed to request for more information, since there isn't any rush.

HR Works-Employee Handbook Development Update- HR Works is the company that was hired to update the Employee Handbook. The 1st draft is complete and Supervisor Namestnik has asked for the Town Board's input. Following receipt of this input Supervisor Namestnik noted it is important to have employees have the opportunity to provide input. Following that input a 2nd draft will be made. The goal is to have the Handbook done by the end of the year.

New Business

Town Officials Monthly Reports

Highway Superintendent- Matt Curran-Highway Superintendent Matt Curran reported All roads are striped. Algerine Street is near completion being paved. Then, the Highway Department will be mowing, ditches and tree trimming. Highway Superintendent Matt Curran is looking to price a new 10 wheeler, which would be coming out of next year's budget, to continue with the truck rotation. Supervisor Namestnik complimented Highway Superintendent Matt Curran and the Highway crew for the nice driving conditions on the newly paved roads.

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

Water Superintendent-Joe Eckam- Zero Turn Mower Repairs- Complete.

Supervisor-William Namestnik- Resolution #22-2026-Abstract #9-(Exhibit F) -A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve and pay the audited vouchers.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Town of Hopewell Comprehensive Plan-Obtaining Quotes- Supervisor Namestnik reported he will have 2 potential quotes by the next Town Board Meeting. An approximate figure has been put in the 2027 Tentative Budget. It may take up to 18 to 24 months to complete.

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Route 488 and Freshour Road- Supervisor Namestnik had a conversation with the Department of Transportation (DOT). The DOT has been reviewing the intersection since last year. Supervisor Namestnik has contacted the Sherriff's Department requesting a copy of the accident report. Hopewell Fire Chief Skip Critcher, confirmed there have been surveyors in that intersection.

NYS Mandatory Training- A Training Session was done on Tuesday, September 15th by the Ontario County's Director of Safety.

Approval of the Town Officials Monthly Reports-A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Water Superintendent, Code Enforcement and Supervisor for the Month of September.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Other- Code Enforcement Officer-Justin Bruen- Storm Water Training- A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to approve Code Enforcement Officer Justin Bruen to attend the Storm Water Training in November.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

Executive Session- A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Potential Liability at 7:59pm.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

General Session- A motion was made by Council Member Trickey, seconded by Council Member Faust to go into general session at 8:17PM.

Adopted: Vote Ayes 3 Nays 0

A motion was made by Council Member Faust, seconded by Council Member Trickey to adjourn the meeting at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Denise L Hood ~ Town Clerk September 22, 2026*

Next Meeting: October 21, 2026 at 7:00PM Opening with a Public Hearing.