

**TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

January 20, 2026

Members Present: Supervisor – Richard Lewis; Councilmembers – Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn, Brett Reynolds, Glenn Bleiler; Highway Superintendent – Martin Vondracek.

Absent: Code Enforcement / Building Inspector – Anthony Nevone.

Public in attendance: Kristi Allen, Rob Halpin, Larry Reynolds, Guy Krogh.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: None.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 1-2026

RESOLVE that the minutes of the December 2025 year-end board meeting be accepted.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 2-2026

RESOLVE that the December 2025 Clerk's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by C. Michael Learn.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 3-2026

RESOLVE that the December 2025 Justice Report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Supervisor.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: Supervisor Lewis read the report provided by Tony Nevone. Tony reported he no new permits were issued and he conducted 23 inspections. Tony identified and acted upon 5 violations and attended one formal meeting.

Supervisor's Report: Glenn Bleiler thanked the town's bookkeeper, Becki Wheeler, for all her help with keeping things running smoothly.

RESOLUTION 4-2026

RESOLVE that the December 2025 Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty stated they have done a lot of plow and sand runs. On December 23rd, the radiator on the Pete went out. The International slid on the ice and took out the NYSEG pole and the electric service to the highway garage. The fire department was called to take care of the wires on the truck. NYSEG was notified, and Mills Electric was called for emergency electrical repairs. Service was restored the same day. NYSEG stated that the pole was rotten. They've been doing shop work, and salt has been ordered for this year.

RESOLUTION 5-2026

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 1 – G 22 in the total sum of \$76,187.77 and H 1 – H 9 in the total sum of \$35,831.06.

RESOLUTION by Brett Reynolds, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Short-Term Rentals – Supervisor Lewis stated that they will be discussing short-term rentals at the next council of governments meeting. He will advise the board of the results at the next meeting.

New Business: Budget Adjustments for 2025 – Glenn Bleiler discussed the proposed budget adjustments that were provided by the Town's Bookkeeper, Becki Wheeler.

RESOLUTION 6-2026

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine approve the proposed budget adjustments as provided by the Town's Bookkeeper.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

See exhibit A at the end of the minutes for the full text of the Budget Adjustments for 2025.

Summer Recreation Program – It is time to renew the yearly contract for this program.

RESOLUTION 7-2026

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine approve the renewal of the Multi-Municipal Youth Group for Program Year 2026.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

General Account Balance Status – The Town Clerk discussed the amount of funds in the General Account, and stated they were insufficient for this month's bills. With the tax payments currently available, a check will be written to the Town for the General Fund A and B accounts.

Correspondence – Supervisor Lewis shared a letter he received regarding NYSEG's FLAIR (Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability) project.

Motion by Glenn Bleiler to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Ronald Hoffman. All in favor, 0 opposed. Entered executive session at 7:32 pm.

Motion by Ronald Hoffman to exit executive session, seconded by Glenn Bleiler. All in favor, 0 opposed. Exited executive session at 8:46 pm. No resolution.

At future year-end meetings, the table for employee salaries will be clarified to state yearly salary information, and not "appointments."

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting February 17, 2026 at 7:00pm

Exhibit A

2025 Budget Modifications General Fund (A)				
Appropriation Code	2025 Budget as modified	Increase	Decrease	New 2025 Budget as modified
A1110.1 TOWN JUSTICES--PERSONAL SERV	\$4,400.00	\$0.04		\$4,400.04
A1220.11 SUPERVISOR--BOOKKEEPER	\$7,140.00	\$7,973.75		\$15,113.75
A1620.4 BUILDINGS---CONTRACTUAL	\$12,000.00	\$3,439.52		\$15,439.52
A1620.41 BUILDINGS---RENOVATIONS	\$1,500.00	\$17,386.96		\$18,886.96
A1680.4 CENTRAL DATA PROC--CONTRACT	\$7,000.00	\$1,288.57		\$8,288.57
A1910.4 UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	\$31,075.00	\$1,175.74		\$32,250.74
A5132.4 GARAGE--CONTRACTUAL	\$12,000.00	\$5,375.85		\$17,375.85
A9010.8 STATE RETIREMENT	\$15,248.64	\$148.04		\$15,396.68
A9030.8 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$7,492.63	\$229.84		\$7,722.47
A9060.8 HOSP & MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$38,561.82	\$123.45		\$38,685.27
A1110.4 TOWN JUSTICES--CONTRACTUAL	\$2,000.00		\$732.38	\$1,267.62
A1220.4 SUPERVISOR--CONTRACTUAL	\$500.00		\$154.20	\$345.80
A1340.4 BUDGET--CONTRACTUAL	\$100.00		\$56.79	\$43.21
A1355.4 ASSESSMENT--CONTRACTUAL	\$450.00		\$150.00	\$300.00
A1355.41 ASSESSMENT--COOP ASSESS UNIT	\$14,459.00		\$430.00	\$14,029.00
A1410.11 TOWN CLERK--DEPUTY PERS SERV	\$17,171.48		\$4,517.85	\$12,653.63
A1410.4 TOWN CLERK--CONTRACTUAL	\$1,700.00		\$1,088.16	\$611.84
A1420.4 ATTORNEY--CONTRACTUAL	\$3,000.00		\$1,228.00	\$1,772.00
A1670.4 CENTRAL PRINTING & MAILING-CONT.	\$1,800.00		\$655.08	\$1,144.92
A1680.2 CENTRAL DATA PROCESS-EQUIPT	\$3,000.00		\$2,271.03	\$728.97
A3310.4 TRAFFIC CONTROL--CONTRACTUAL	\$500.00		\$221.32	\$278.68
A3510.4 CONTROL OF DOGS--CONTRACTUAL	\$1,750.00		\$525.00	\$1,225.00
A5010.4 SUP'T OF HWY--CONTRACTUAL	\$700.00		\$298.87	\$401.13
A5010.41 SUP'T OF HWY--D&A TESTING	\$1,000.00		\$317.00	\$683.00
A5132.41 BLDG MAINTENANCE	\$2,000.00		\$1,524.50	\$475.50
A7110.4 PARKS--CONTRACTUAL	\$10,000.00		\$1,546.16	\$8,453.84
A7510.41 HISTORIAN---HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$150.00		\$25.00	\$125.00
A7550.4 CELEBRATIONS--CONTRACTUAL	\$200.00		\$96.28	\$103.72
A8810.4 CEMETARIES--CONTRACTUAL	\$1,400.00		\$175.00	\$1,225.00
A9040.8 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$10,780.00		\$5,502.13	\$5,277.87
A9055.8 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$154.00		\$83.80	\$70.20
A599 FUND BALANCE			\$15,543.21	-\$15,543.21
TOTALS	\$209,232.57	\$37,141.76	\$37,141.76	\$209,232.57

2025 Budget Amendments General-Outside Town(B)				
Appropriation Code	2025 Budget as modified	Increase	Decrease	New 2025 Budget as modified
B8160.41 REFUSE&GARBAGE--RECYC/WASTE	\$15,000.00	\$1,498.88		\$16,498.88
B3620.1 SAFETY INSP--PERSONAL SERVICES	\$35,000.00		\$1,498.88	\$33,501.12
TOTALS	\$50,000.00	\$1,498.88	\$1,498.88	\$50,000.00

2025 Budget Amendments Highway Townwide (DA)				
Appropriation Code	2025 Budget as modified	Increase	Decrease	New 2025 Budget as modified
DA5130.2 MACHINERY--EQUIPMENT	\$0.00	\$46,518.00		\$46,518.00
DA9060.8 HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$14,673.97	\$10,604.61		\$25,278.58
DA9950.9 TRANS TO CAP HWY EQUIP RES	\$75,000.00		\$57,122.61	\$17,877.39
TOTALS	\$89,673.97	\$57,122.61	\$57,122.61	\$89,673.97

2025 Budget Amendments Highway Townwide (DB)				
Appropriation Code	2025 Budget as modified	Increase	Decrease	New 2025 Budget as modified
DB5110.4 GENERAL REPAIRS--CONTRACTUAL	\$40,000.00	\$6,050.99		\$46,050.99
DB5110.48 GENERAL REPAIRS--DUST CONTROL	\$15,000.00	\$782.71		\$15,782.71
DB5112.2 PERM IMPROV--CHIPS PROJECTS	\$200,000.00	\$28,644.39		\$228,644.39
DB9060.8 HOSPITAL & MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$15,015.22	\$491.66		\$15,506.88
DB5110.1 GENERAL REPAIRS--PERS SERVICES	\$40,556.38		\$12,115.60	\$28,440.78
DB9010.8 STATE RETIREMENT	\$5,714.54		\$88.83	\$5,625.71
DB9030.8 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$3,102.56		\$926.79	\$2,175.77
DB9040.8 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$8,064.00		\$4,274.76	\$3,789.24
DB9055.8 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$115.20		\$64.80	\$50.40
DB599 FUND BALANCE			\$18,498.97	-\$18,498.97
TOTALS	\$255,000.00	\$35,969.75	\$35,969.75	\$290,478.09

2025 Budget Amendments Highway Townwide (SL)				
Appropriation Code	2025 Budget as modified	Increase	Decrease	New 2025 Budget as modified
SL5182.4 STREET LIGHTING--CONTRACTUAL	\$750.00	\$483.48		\$1,233.48
B3620.1 SAFETY INSP--PERSONAL SERVICES	\$33,501.12		\$483.48	\$33,017.64
TOTALS	\$34,251.12	\$483.48	\$483.48	\$34,251.12