

**TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2026**

Members Present: Supervisor – Richard Lewis; Councilmembers – Glenn Bleiler, Ronald Hoffman, Brett Reynolds.

Absent: Code Enforcement / Building Inspector – Anthony Nevone; Highway Superintendent – Martin Vondracek; Councilmember – C. Michael Learn.

Public in attendance: Chris Conolly, Molly Dunton, Kyle Edele, Luis Almeida

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Molly Dunton, Kyle Edele, and Luis Almeida came to the board meeting to talk about a windfarm project that Bedrock Renewables LLC is working on in the Town of Hector. There is nothing planned for the Town of Catharine currently. The plan is to install approximately 14 – 16 turbines in the Town of Hector. The project is in the very early stages, and construction is planned to begin in 2029 or 2030.

RESOLUTION 14-2026

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine Planning Board should investigate potential wind farm legislation.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 15-2026

RESOLVE that the minutes of the February board meeting be accepted.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Brett Reynolds.

VOTE: 3 ayes-Brett Reynolds, Ronald Hoffman, Richard Lewis, 0 noes, 1 abstained – (Glenn Bleiler).

RESOLUTION 16-2026

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Brett Reynolds.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Justice Report – No Report available currently.

Zoning Report: Supervisor Lewis read the report provided by Tony Nevone. Tony reported he conducted 15 inspections. Tony was called out for a carbon monoxide leak at a residence on County Road 11. He identified and acted upon 9 violations, including residences on State Route 228, County Road 11, and County Road 10. He attended two formal meetings with homeowners/contractors.

RESOLUTION 17-2026

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Supervisor Lewis read the report provided by Marty stating that they have done nine plow and sand runs, and the equipment has been serviced for spring and summer work. They have been hauling sand in, and there might be a price increase starting April 1st. The shop has been cleaned, and they have been trimming low hanging brush from the winter snow.

RESOLUTION 18-2026

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 46 – G 62 in the total sum of \$13,928.98 and H 18 – H 25 in the total sum of \$8,848.53.

RESOLUTION by Brett Reynolds, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Short-Term Rentals – Supervisor Lewis stated that the next Council of Governments meeting will be the fourth Thursday of this month. They will be discussing Short-Term Rentals and shared services for Code Enforcement at the next meeting.

New Business: Town Hall Fire Safety Inspection Report – The Town Clerk shared the results of the Fire Safety Inspection with the Town Board members. Several issues were discussed, including the need for an additional fire extinguisher, carbon monoxide detectors, additional strobe lights, and repairs to the latch on the fire safety door. Necessary modifications to the vents in the basement will be addressed as well.

Standard Workday – As required by the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS), the Town of Catharine will determine the standard work day for the position of Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, and Building Inspector.

RESOLUTION 19-2026

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles: Anthony Nevone, Building Inspector; Becki Wheeler, Bookkeeper, as part-time appointed officials at 6 hours per day and will report the information to the State of New York and Local Retirement system based on their record of activities.

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Motion to Adjourn by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting April 21, 2026 at 7:00pm