

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2026

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

Absent: Code Enforcement / Building Inspector – Anthony Nevone; Highway Superintendent – Marty Vondracek.

Public in attendance: Chris Conolly, Nate Kemmerer, Kyle Edel.

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

Public Heard: Kyle Edel, representing the Azalea wind project in Hector, stopped in to talk about an open house the project is hosting. It will take place at the Mecklenburg Fire Department on August 27th from 3 pm to 7 pm. He invited the board members to attend. They will have experts and a team on hand to answer questions and do a presentation, and they will have a table at the Odessa Community Days event this weekend as well.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 41-2026

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

RESOLUTION by Ronald Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 42-2026

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Brett Reynolds.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 43-2026

RESOLVE that the June Justice Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.

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

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: Supervisor Lewis read the report provided by Tony stating that he conducted 1 inspection and issued 4 permits. He identified and acted upon 10 violations, and attended 2 hours of training.

RESOLUTION 44-2026

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

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Supervisor Lewis read the report provided by Marty stating that they have been mowing the roadsides, and they did oil and stone on the roads on Monday,

June 15th. They have been hauling sand, as well as 8 loads of 1 A's for winter. The 2014 Peterbilt is at FleetPride for new rear springs. They have also been doing shop work – the brake pads were replaced on the Ram 5500 and the 2023 Chevy Pickup. They did some shared services work for Hector and Cayuta.

RESOLUTION 45-2026

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid: G 130 – G 150 in the total sum of \$27,378.65 and H 51 – H 58 in the total sum of \$28,958.14.

RESOLUTION by Brett Reynolds, seconded by Glenn Bleiler.

VOTE 5 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Short-Term Rentals – Supervisor Lewis stated that the next Council of Governments meeting is this Thursday, and the 1st of August is the response deadline for registration. He will share the short-term rental discussion at the next town board meeting.

Proposed wind farm legislation – We are currently waiting on the planning board to come back with an amended draft for the town board. Mike Burns is working on adding the section on benefits for the town that the town board members requested at the last meeting. Members of the town board and Kyle Edel asked and answered many questions regarding the current project in Hector. A proposed moratorium was also discussed, and this will be discussed again at the next board meeting.

New Business: Dumpster Day Report – The Town Clerk shared the report with all the members of the Town Board.

Odessa Village Court Costs – The board discussed the costs of hosting the village of Odessa Court. The board will ask the Village of Odessa about paying rent for the next year at a rate of \$500 per month.

Correspondence was received from Jennifer Owlett regarding the speed and weight limits on County Road 10. The letter is a copy of what was also sent to the County.

A check was received from PERMA for dividends being shared with their customers. The board decided to put the funds in the B side of the budget.

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kretchmer
Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting August 18, 2026 at 7:00pm