

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday August 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM

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PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor: Merilee Walker

Councilperson: Martha Blair

Councilperson: James Forrester, *absent*

Councilperson: Michael Hillier, *absent*

Councilperson: David Page

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

PERSONNEL

Assessor: Brian Knapp, *absent*

CEO/ZEO: Mark Mullikin

Police Chief: Ryan Dale, *absent*

Historian: Valerie Griffing

Hwy Superintendent: Tim Cassidy

Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

VISITORS

Lesley Powers, Beverly Sackett

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was made with two Councilmembers absent.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stood as Councilperson Forrester led the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the following meeting:

- Regular Board Meeting of July 08, 2025

The motion was made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Page and carried 3-0.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR

Lesley Powers, the Superintendent of Schools for the Keshequa School District, spoke on strengthening partnerships and the goals to achieve mutual collaboration between the School, the Town, the Village and the Community as a whole. The School is working with their attorney to create a contract for the Town and Village to use their mass communication system.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT-None

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CEO/ZEO

Mark Mullikin discussed his written report. Projects are continuing. He is still having trouble accessing Office 365 and his new email address. Mark announced that he wanted to start training a new Code Enforcement officer before things get too busy for his schedule. He told the board that he had been speaking with Kevin Margerum who covers Allegany County as a code enforcement officer. He is very experienced and interested in taking the job. Mark believes that this should be a seamless transition.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Historian Valerie Griffing discussed her written report. The "History on the Corner" talks at the Americana Day celebration on July 12, 2025, were a great success. She continues to compile information on Nunda area veterans.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY-None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board Meeting scheduled for 8/5/25 was cancelled. Chairperson Pierce reported that the Comprehensive Plan will soon be available in digital form. He is also collaborating with Ossian and West Sparta who are updating their Comprehensive Plans. Chairperson Pierce relayed that Greg O'Connell has passed away and the future plans for the properties he owns in the Town and Village is unknown. There was a brief discussion on the Letchworth Gateway Villages. Supervisor Walker mentioned that Angela Ellis, formerly of Livingston County Planning, is working with a group in economic planning and development at the Department of Social Services on housing needs in the County. She would like to start with Nunda and would like to tentatively hold a meeting at the Government Center on August 20, 2025, at 11:00 AM.

POLICE REPORT

Councilperson Page spoke about the Chief's written report. **There was a motion** to approve hiring Zachary Laffin, as a successful background check has been completed. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Page, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 3-0. For the first time, the Chief was able to gather the statistics for calls for service from other agencies for inclusion in his report. The Police Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, to discuss UTV licensing law.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Cassidy discussed his written report. The NYSDOT CHIPS reimbursement was received. NYMIR had Highway Dept. recommendations that they suggest the Town follow. Tim requested that the Union Cemetery map he has needs to be updated. The Highway Department has been awarded a grant from PERMA for \$2,500.00 worth of safety equipment. Estimates to fix the John Deere tractor were presented, more information is needed. Tom Rook will receive a .50 cent raise per hour as he has completed three months of employment. The DEC did a creek inspection in the Town and pointed out some areas where gravel needs to be removed.

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BUDGET REPORT AND SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT

Supervisor Walker discussed the Budget Report and the Supervisor's Statement for July 2025. The department heads need to make sure that they submit their budget recommendations. She is still waiting for the Teamsters Union rep to send their new contract negotiations for wages and benefits. Supervisor Walker instructed the Clerk to send an invoice to the Village for their portion of the Police department.

CLERK AND JUSTICE REPORTS

The June 2025 Town Clerk and Justice Reports were presented and discussed. The Court needs to be updated so that all court appearances can be made virtually. The equipment and modifications to do this can be financed by a JCAP grant. **There was a motion** made to accept Resolution #9 of 2025 made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Page and carried unanimously.

Resolution #9 of 2025 is as follows:

Whereas the Nunda Town Court has been notified that there have been updates to CPL Article 182 governing "electronic appearances" and,

Whereas the Nunda Town Court does not currently possess the equipment necessary to facilitate "electronic appearances" and,

Whereas the present Nunda Town Court Courtroom needs to be physically customized to allow the equipment to be installed for "electronic appearances", now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED;

That the Board of the Town of Nunda authorizes the Town of Nunda Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Walker	Aye
Councilperson Forrester	_____
Councilperson Blair	Aye
Councilperson Hillier	_____
Councilperson Page	Aye

ALL REPORTS/ONE MOTION

A motion was made by Councilperson Page to accept all reports, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 3-0.

AUDIT BILLS

The original Audited and signed abstracts were as follows:

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 228-255, in the amount of \$9,915.14 as set forth in abstract number G-8, dated 8/12/25.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 130-146, in the amount of \$23,088.83 as set forth in abstract number H-8, dated 8/12/25.
- ❖ Police Fund Vouchers numbered 52-59, in the amount of \$2,305.12 as set forth in abstract number P-8, dated 8/12/25.

A motion was made to approve the audited abstracts by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Page and carried 3-0.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- The Board recommended that Jeff Essler be nominated for NYS Senator Helming's Veterans Recognition award for Nunda.
- Senator Helming also provided applications for Firefighter and EMS grants.
- Supervisor Walker discussed a Mount Morris resident, Charles Cottone, who mentioned to her that he had a portion of his land taken by NYSDOT via eminent domain.
- Casa Trinity has provided Emergency Overdose kits to the Government Center.
- Larry Walsworth, former DPW Superintendent for the Village, has passed away. His celebration of life will be held at the Garwoods United Methodist church on 8/23/25.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The UTV local law. The Police Commissioners will meet at the Government Center on August 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM to discuss this document.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. NYMIR distributed a Crime and Fidelity questionnaire that needs to be completed.

As there was no further business, **a motion was made** to adjourn the meeting by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Forrester, and carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara McCallum
Nunda Town Clerk