

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday March 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM

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PERSONS PRESENT

TOWN BOARD

Supervisor: Merilee Walker

Councilperson: Martha Blair

Councilperson: James Forrester

Councilperson: Michael Hillier

Councilperson: Steve Kibler

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

PERSONNEL

Assessor: Brian Knapp, *absent*

CEO/ZEO: Kevin Margerum, *absent*

Police Chief: Ryan Dale, *absent*

Historian: Valerie Griffing

Hwy Superintendent: John Bennett, *absent*

Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

VISITORS

Tom Burt, Randy Morris, Ivan Beardsley, Scott Amidon, Donald Sullivan, Barry Stenshorn, Luke Faulds, Wilbur Gibson, Duane Gibson, Don McCallum, Lori Wrayhall, Lisa Fussell, Darren Snyder, Tracy English, Sean Backes, Rod & Tina Beardsley, Marlin Hopkins, Phil & Maria Case, Dale & Maria Guy, Calvin Thompson, James Taylor, Louis Curry.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stood as Jim 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 2/10/26

The motion was made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0.

Supervisor Walker opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2026; ATV/LUV law.

PRIVELEGE OF THE FLOOR – The floor was opened for comments on Local Law #1 of 2026. Participants were asked to keep their comments to a couple minutes. The premise of passing the law was presented by Councilperson Hillier. It was mentioned that there were problems in the past with underage drivers of Side-by-sides, especially on Village Streets. The law was modeled after similar laws in Allegany County. The idea of the law is to regulate use of ATVs/LUVs so that all vehicles are insured and driven by licensed/permitted drivers. A sticker would be issued, for a fee, after showing proof of insurance, registration (if required) and proof of ownership.

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Concerns and comments were as follows:

- a. What if you have more than one ATV/LUV? The Police Commissioners will discuss prices for more than one vehicle.
- b. What are you going to do to that 12-year-old driving the machine? There was a discussion about age limits and farm-related activities that are regularly performed by underage drivers.
- c. There were multiple comments on whether this law was necessary. Suggestions were that poor parenting was to blame with underage use of ATVs/UTVs and E-bikes.
- d. There were comments that 25 miles per hour was too slow and that slow moving vehicle signs were ineffective.
- e. The price of \$50.00 per year was discussed, and objected to. This will be discussed at the next Police Commissioners meeting.
- f. It was reiterated that there would only be one fee for both the Town and the Village.
- g. There was a consensus that the Police Commissioners should revisit the law with respect to agricultural vehicle use; for driver's age and for service vehicles in alignment with the NYS law.
- h. There was a recommendation that fees should be lower for Ag vehicles, Senior Citizens and Veterans.
- i. There was a concern that the hours of riding were too short.

The Police Commissioners will be meeting again on April 6, 2026, to review the law and incorporate these suggestions.

Marie Case of 30 Portage St., Nunda, NY 14517 reported that traffic going back and forth in front of her house exceeds the speed limit and requested an increased police presence. Councilperson Hillier commented that the Police Commissioners could have the Police Chief order a traffic watch in her area. A speed trailer with a lighted sign indicating "your speed" could also be requested from the Livingston County Sheriff's Office which will provide speed data. Trustee Darren Snyder also mentioned that the Village was looking at applying for a grant for those same signs.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT-None

CEO/ZEO

Kevin Margerum's written report was discussed. Kevin was attending the annual Finger Lakes Building Officials Conference.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Valerie Griffing reported that she wrote an article for the Historical Society on genealogy for the Historic Nunda newsletter. A federal grant will be used to create a town banner for each town to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the USA.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Hurricane Technology presented a quote for \$717.91 to refresh our firewall. **There was a motion** to accept this quote and proceed with the refresh made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0. Councilperson Kibbler and Forrester are working to resolve email issues. Councilperson Hillier is also having problems with his email.

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PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Alex Pierce spoke about the most recent Planning Board meeting. The reversion to 2 parcels from 3 parcels for Larry Tillack's property has gone for review by the County.

POLICE REPORT

Councilperson Hillier discussed the Chief's written report. The local law and the budget were discussed. The Chief is very happy with the new personnel.

HIGHWAY REPORT

John Bennett's written report was reviewed. The agreement to spend Town Highway funds was discussed.

BUDGET REPORT AND SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT

Supervisor Walker discussed the Budget Report and the Supervisor's Statement for February 2026. The taxes for 2026 have been deposited in all funds. The Fire Department payment of \$123,471.00 was included in the March abstract. The Annual Financial Report has been completed.

CLERK AND JUSTICE REPORTS

The February 2026 Clerk and Justice reports were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the Village Justice position will be eliminated as of April 1, 2026. The court is awaiting audio-visual equipment from a JCAP grant for use in virtual court appearances.

ALL REPORTS/ONE MOTION

A motion was made by Councilperson Hillier to accept all reports, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 5-0.

AUDIT BILLS

The original Audited and signed abstracts were as follows:

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 58-88, in the amount of \$137,748.59 as set forth in abstract number G-3, dated 3/10/26.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 33-51, in the amount of \$29,707.45 as set forth in abstract number H-3, dated 3/10/26.
- ❖ Police Fund Vouchers numbered 20-28, in the amount of \$4,305.09 as set forth in abstract number P-3, dated 3/10/26.

There was a motion made to approve the audited abstracts, with concerns noted about the cost of items on the Cintas invoice. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Hillier and carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The Tri-Board meeting with the Village and School is set for 3/16/26 at 6:00PM at the school. There will be a walk-through of all new improvements at 5:00 PM.
- B. Councilperson Blair would like to ask ARCGLOW for their bid on cleaning the Government Center and Hay Road building. She has set up a walk through for 8:00 AM on Friday 3/13/26.

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- C. Snyder Brothers Cemetery Service has increased their rates for 2026. **There was a motion** made to increase the amount the Town charges by \$50.00 over each open/close category of burials. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0.
- D. Government Center chimneys are crumbling. John White will be contacted to see if he can fix them. Darren Snyder will contact the clerk with his number.
- E. The Mayor requested help in cleaning out the Keshequa Creek behind the School. This topic will be mentioned at the Tri-Board meeting on 3/16/26.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. John Bennett will be checking on heated mats for the Handicapped ramp.
- B. Mass Communication will be a shared expense between the Town and Village. Both clerks will be setting up signs in their offices to encourage Town/Village residents to sign up.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #1 of 2026-Annual Justice Court Records Audit
Whereas, The State of New York Unified Court System and the Town of Nunda require the Town of Nunda Justice Court Records be audited annually and,
Whereas, The Town of Nunda Town Board has authorized Merilee Walker, Town Supervisor to perform such audit and the Supervisor has completed this audit, and,
Whereas, The Town of Nunda Town Board has reviewed the findings of the Supervisor, it is therefore;
Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Nunda accepts the findings of the Supervisor's audit of the Justice Court Records of the Town of Nunda.

There was a motion to adopt Resolution #1 of 2026-Annual Justice Court Records Audit made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Hillier and carried 5-0.

- B. Resolution #2 of 2026-Annual Town Clerk Records Audit
Whereas, The Town Board of the Town of Nunda require the Town Clerk's Records be audited annually and,
Whereas, The Town of Nunda Town Board has authorized Merilee Walker, Town Supervisor to perform such audit and the Supervisor has completed this audit and,
Whereas, The Town of Nunda Town Board has reviewed the findings of the Supervisor, it is therefore;
Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Nunda accepts the findings of the Supervisor's audit of the Nunda Town Clerk's records.

There was a motion to adopt Resolution #2 of 2026-Annual Town Clerk Records audit made by Councilperson Hillier, Seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0.

There was a motion to table Resolution #3 of 2026-Adopt local Law #1 of 2026-ATV/LUV Law until further communication with the Police Commissioners Board. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 5-0.

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As there was no further business, **there was a motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara McCallum
Town Clerk