

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR NUNDA TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday January 13, 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, *absent*

Councilperson: Steve Kibler

RECORDING CLERK

Tamara McCallum

PERSONNEL

Assessor: Brian Knapp, *absent*

CEO/ZEO: Kevin Margerum

Police Chief: Ryan Dale, *absent*

Historian: Valerie Griffing

Hwy Superintendent: John Bennett

Planning Board Chairman: Alex Pierce

VISITORS

Darren Snyder

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. One Councilperson was absent.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stood as Councilperson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- Regular Board Meeting December 09, 2025

The motion was made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Blair and carried 4-0.

AUDIT BILLS

The original Audited and signed abstracts were as follows:

- ❖ General Fund Vouchers numbered 365-370, in the amount of \$1,695.16 as set forth in abstract number G-13, dated 12/29/25.
- ❖ Highway Fund Vouchers numbered 229-236, in the amount of \$39,377.07 as set forth in abstract number H-13, dated 12/29/25.
- ❖ Police Fund Voucher number 87, in the amount of \$1,124.56 as set forth in abstract number P-13, dated 12/29/25.

A motion was made to approve the audited abstracts by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 4-0.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- Supervisor Walker presented Tim Cassidy a letter of appreciation for his dedication and hard work as outgoing Highway Superintendent.
- Reminder of Organizational meeting to be held on Monday, January 6, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

The UTV local law – still in process

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #12 of 2025

BE IT RESOLVED; that BBS Accounting LLC, acting as Comptroller for the Town of Nunda, be authorized to make necessary budget modifications to individual line items from all funds to reflect budgetary expenditures more accurately for the end of the 2025 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #12 by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Hillier, and carried 4-0.

Resolution #13 of 2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and

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local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nunda Town Board strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nunda Town Board urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #13 of 2025 by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 4-0.

There was a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters at 6:22 PM made by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 4-0.

There was a motion to exit Executive Session at 6:35 PM, with no action taken, made by Councilperson Forrester, seconded by Councilperson Hillier and carried 4-0.

There was a discussion regarding the payment of Mark Mulliken for the month of December 2025. Given that Mark had turned over the Code Enforcement Officer cell phone to Kevin Margerum at the end of November and that no CEO Reports had been given to the Town Board or the Planning Board by Mark for November or December, the Board felt that paying Kevin Margerum as CEO/ZEO for the Month of December was correct. **There was a motion** to approve the appointment of Kevin Margerum as the Town of Nunda Code and Zoning Officer effective 12/1/2025 and proceed with his appointment in January 2026 as the sole Town of Nunda Code and Zoning Officer without hiring Mark Mullikin as a deputy Code and Zoning Officer or building and grounds Superintendent. **The motion was made** by Councilperson Hillier, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 4-0.

As there was no further business, **there was a motion** to adjourn the meeting made by Councilperson Blair, seconded by Councilperson Forrester and carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara McCallum
Town Clerk