

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK,
HELD AT TOWN HALL, 8635 CLINTON STREET, NEW HARTFORD, NY ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 at 12:30 P.M.**

Town Supervisor Miscione called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The roll was then taken with the following Town Officials and Department Heads being present during the progress of the meeting.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilman James J. Messa
Councilman John Latini
Councilman David M. Reynolds
Supervisor Paul A. Miscione

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk, Cheryl Jassak-Huther
Town Attorney, Herbert Cully
Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman
Highway Foreman, Chris Moran

Absent: Councilman David Tehan

Thereafter a quorum was declared present for the transaction of business.

I. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY TOWN SUPERVISOR PAUL MISCIONE

- a.** Town Clerk distributed the 2026 Tentative Budget to those Councilmen in attendance; key highlights – increase in library support (Councilman Reynolds asked for an increase of \$75,000), very tight budget, was able to come up with an increase of \$62,000, changing the Supervisor’s salary that has not been used, also decreasing the Supervisor’s salary by \$13,500; also including senior services, transportation for the 50 Forward which provides New Hartford better access for senior center; public safety – 3% increase across the Board for fire protection districts; Financial strength – we have used less fund balances than last year to keep our fund balances strong in our funds across the board; cost savings in labor contracts – personally negotiated two of the three contracts, last one will be finished up by the next meeting on Oct. 8th; General whole-town budget is at a 0% tax increase and all the funds, including sewer and everything is still under the 2% tax cap; this budget makes us financial responsible and enhances services for our Town and puts us in the right direction for moving ahead; hopefully everyone can review and on the October 8th meeting we can go over the budget and see if we can pass it this year for 2026.
- b. Councilman Latini** – asked how the additional three police officers affect the budget; Supervisor Miscione – I made it to work, we have the police in whole Town, we added the three guys last year. We did loose about \$600,000 in revenue in police fund because we lost our federal funds and mitigation fees since we haven’t been building much lately. The mitigation fees did go down. They’re still at whole and if I have the last pieces to the contract that’s also included in there if they agree on it by Wednesday.

- c. **Supervisor Miscione** – everyone is at a good spot, the fund balances are at a good spot and again we added some to the library and we added some for senior services and we saved negotiation money for the Union by negotiating them in house so that is a \$20,000 savings that we (the Town) would have had to spend. Overall, we are in a good financial place. Again, we haven't cut anything.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilman Reynolds and seconded Councilman Latini, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

(RESOLUTION NO. 221 OF 2025)

The Town Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Councilman Latini	-	Aye
Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Tehan	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye

The Resolutions were unanimously carried and duly ***ADOPTED***.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Jassak-Huther
Town Clerk, RMC
10/6/2025