

**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  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.**

Town Supervisor Miscione called the meeting to order at 6:00 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  
Councilman David Tehan  
Supervisor Paul A. Miscione

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:**

Town Clerk, Cheryl A. Jassak-Huther  
Town Attorney, Herbert Cully  
Deputy Town Supervisor, Anthony J. Trevisani  
Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman  
Highway Foreman, Chris Moran  
Codes Officer – George Farley  
Police Chief, Ronald Fontaine  
Assessor Darlene Abbatecola

Absent: Assistant Director of Personnel, Barbara Schwenzfeier

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

**I. BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 192 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve the Board Meeting minutes for the August 13, 2025 Board Meeting.

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**.

## **II. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Anne Duross – thanked those who attend the Ice Cream Social at the New Hartford Public Library; thanked the Police Chief for use of their drone
- b. Cindy Sigbieny (Chapman Road) – concern for Jim – asked him to explain the following from the New Hartford Town Crier – he wrote ‘Our Town Our town deserves leadership free from conflicts of interest, backroom deals and personal agendas – goes on to say Messa’s campaign will focus on ethics, transparency, fiscal responsibilities, and so on’ – Cindy would like to know what backroom deals are you referring to; Councilman Messa – “Um, as you know Public Comments don’t require a response so I am not going to have this Town Board Meeting turn into a political opportunity for campaigning so this is for the residence, for Town matters; Cindy – well I am in your district, you are my Council Person so that is where my concerns stem from. I am just curious because....; Councilman Messa - we can talk about this on the campaign trail; Cindy – well I probably will not get a chance to do that with you on the campaign trail so I mean you quoted it, it was in the New Hartford Town Crier. You know before I started coming here – I learned a lot and since I have been coming the last four or five years -if I didn’t know everyone and what was going on; Christine Martin – I am sorry, is this campaign politics being brought to the Town Board Meeting because it feels like it; Cindy – no it is not – it is my opinion and I would like to continue with my opinion. Now that I know, I see just the opposite. I see the current administration is very transparent and stands for truth. So if someone’s reading this and doesn’t know what I know, they’re going to wonder, ‘Where’s this coming from?’ I just want to know what you have to back that up, it scares me, ‘backroom deals; Christine Martin – Can I answer now; Supervisor Miscione explained Cindy was speaking to Councilman Messa and Christine Martin spoke up and said well I am his campaign manager and Supervisor Miscione said this isn’t a campaign, this is a Town Board Meeting; Christine Martin asked what Cindy was quoting and Supervisor Miscione explained The Town Crier and (everyone speaking over everyone else) Supervisor Miscione explained to everyone that the Town has a Code of Conduct and asked Chief to take care of the situation as no one was listening and Chief asked everyone follow the rules. Everyone went on to say Councilman Messa can speak for himself. Town Attorney Herbert Cully asked Christine Martin if Councilman Messa was speaking or Christine Martin – Town Attorney Herbert Cully – what I am referring to and what the lady is referring to was the statement that was made, “this isn’t about party politics, it is about what is right in New Hartford”, Messa added “Our Town deserves leadership free from conflict of interest, backroom deals and personal agendas” Christine Martin – First of all, where did we say anything about specifically any one person – we deserve it, we just deserve it; Supervisor Miscione and others asked deserve what and prove it; Cindy – why doesn’t Jim answer, he is the one that said it; Chris Viscera – asking for examples of backrooms deals, need to back it up if you are going to say it; Christine Martin said had information about Woods Hwy.; Supervisor Miscione said bring it up, we are all on the Board; Christine Martin told the attendees to follow the campaign to find out, she is the campaign manager; Supervisor Miscione – a resident was asking a question about what was in our Town paper and she wants to know and she is

concerned just like the people behind you, they have concerns, you are getting so upset for no reason, "I am not even upset and its about me" Christine Martin – then sue us Herb, get involved if you want – this was planned to gather up the Town; Another Resident – I have lived in I have lived in New Hartford since 1966 and I've never had a problem. Everything has always been open, my town councilperson has always been responsive, the town supervisor has always done a great job, no matter who it is. I think there are a lot of personal attacks going on in this community, and it's shameful. The Town Clerk's race was nothing more than personal attacks and it was just awful. It was rumors; Christine Martin said this meeting is inappropriate; Steve Buck – we deserve honestly and right out of the gate you are lying; Resident – then back up your statements; Christine Martin – I can back up our statements, we don't have to do it right now and I certainly am not going to do it in the presence of the town attorney without representation here for me; Town Attorney Herbert Cully – agree, should not do it without legal representation because this article was put in and there is no disclaimer on it that it was paid for by a political campaign, which is required by law (Marin was it was not an ad) – checked with the crier and they said it was put in by Christine Martin and it was paid for by a political campaign and the election law says if it was paid for by a political campaign it has to note it (Martin asked what do you suggest and the residence spoke up and said Herb does not represent her); Cindy spoke up and said all she did was ask Jim and question and Christine said Jim declined to answer; Town Attorney Herbert Cully – if there are allegations of dishonesty and backroom deals, Herb has an obligation to contact the District Attorney's Office and the Attorney General's Office and ask for an investigation. We need whatever the details are so that they can go forward and investigate it. These are serious allegations that were portrayed as an article, not a political ad, by the Town Crier, and circulated through the whole Town. Paul has his family, his parents, his son who live in this community and they saw the article. What I am saying is, we have to be able to do an investigation if he (Messa) has those items, and he should speak for himself, I realize you (Martin) are his campaign manager but the article said Messa stated those things and I think that is why it was asked but I appreciate your comments and I think you should get an attorney. Jim would probably have to because I (Herb) cannot represent Jim in this because he his comments are beyond the scope of his duties as Councilman; Cindy – commented she comes to most all meetings and she didn't come to waste time – came to just get an answer from Jim who is my councilperson because when read the article it was very disheartening and I don't have that view of the administration and bothers me that someone rights that (was interrupted and Cindy spoke over and said was still talking) – just wanted to hear from Jim, we know each other – all he has to do is say something to me but you (Christine) jumped in and I wasn't directing it towards you, I was directing it to Jim as I would direct it to any of the members up there; Councilman Latini – where you asked to come here tonight or did you come on your own; Cindy – I come everyone month

- c. Lisa – Sedgwick Park – asked about the ditches – been slipping – Councilman Latini spoke to Chris Moran about it – engineer looked at and looked at shortening road up, was talked about last time and we will get to it, have to build a shoulder on the road. Lisa –

been two years – Councilman Tehan – will work on it, short on help, we will take care of it

- d. Christine Martin – question about the FOIL process – sign issue – selective enforcement – sign scandal – used Town resources – and only removed Michele Moran signs, not Cheryl’s (untrue as signs were removed and stolen); looking for the photos, requested through FOIL – it is normal procedure to collect the signs and takes photos (Christine stated Paul said on radio that this is normal procedure, happens all the time, Chris collects the signs, he takes pictures of every sign he takes (Supervisor Miscione stated for this event, not every time) Foiled the photos and would like to see the photos (from private cell phones) Christine stated she did not know they were private phones; Supervisor Miscione – Glad you asked.....I told my kid once, if you tell the truth, you don’t have to ever stumble, I am not prepared and I want to finish the comment – I said on the radio I asked him to take pictures, besides that, after the fact, we found it is his personal cell phone. We made a resolution, Board meetings after, that the Codes Dept. and Chris Moran would get a Town cell phone. After that point, they are going to get Town cell phones but at that time it was a private cell phone that was his; Christine – you asked him to take the photos while he was being paid by the Town; Supervisor Miscione – Correct, yes, on his personal cell phone (Christine – and you knew it was his personal cell phone? Supervisor – I did not know it was his personal cell phone; Christine – so he took the photos on his personal cell phone and then it took 20 days to the day for the email to come back to me to say no town photos exist, why 20 days?; Town Clerk stated that is the law; Christine – I find it interesting that it was on election day; Supervisor Miscione – I appreciate your comments but sometimes when we don’t get to hear what we want that doesn’t mean it is wrong and I think that is what the issue is here. You guys are not hearing what you want to hear and you are making like there are problems (Christine stated it was election interference; Supervisor Miscione that is not election interference); Supervisor Miscione – you think we are running a Governor Race, we are not running a governor race. Throughout the campaign, Chris did pick up the signs and we can get him under oath at some point if you would feel better about that, he has picked up Cheryl’s signs because they were actually in back of the Town garage and in fact, we had a New York Mills Police Officer and one of the employees from New York Mills pick up the signs that were in the back if you want to talk about that. We have that on camera too. Let’s look at the election as a whole, the sign situation, we had a mess of signs we got complaints from, from both parties. I was in the middle of an election, trying to conduct town business everyday while combating the nonsense that was going on – a distraction to Town business every day. I got voted in to run a town – you are a campaign manager, I am not. I don’t care about politics. I care about the Town and the people in our community. We have roads, public safety and things we have to focus on not elections. Ok, I am not focused on my election, you want the truth (residents applauded for Supervisor Miscione), I am not focused on my election, let me tell you something, win or loss, at the end of the day, I will leave here with integrity. I have done nothing but put my time into this town between financial stuff, this building we are sitting in right now use to be down in a garage – for our police dept., an embarrassment in a trailer – we have

changed all that. We have done more roads that we have every done in this administration and let me tell you something I consider Jim my friend until all this nonsense occurred. You guys are turning him evil for no reason. Run a nice campaign, a professional campaign. I am compassionate about what I do I don't care about an election and everyone knows that about me. I put my time in when I come in, whether it is at the park, fixing something at the park or doing something right. Never said one bad thing about Michele, like Michele; Christine – you are surrounded by people who are out there saying quite the contrary; Supervisor Miscione – you are hearing it now no one is running my campaign, I don't have a campaign manager. I am my own campaign. Everything I put out is 100% positive. When I ran against Pat Tysinski, never said one bad thing about him. When I was on the radio – in fact said I respect Pat – I just wanted to do more for our Town and I had a vision; Christine – can you be specific – you said we said backroom deals, that is so vague and so broad – is it an allegation?; Town Attorney Herbert Cully – look it up in the dictionary, it implies...Christine – this is campaign rhetoric - none of this applies; Town Attorney Herbert Cully – I agree with you –you have a campaign with a gentlemen who has been seated on this Town Board for 10 years and he is making an allegation of backroom deals. The Supervisor can't make deals it has to be approved by the Board so you have a Board member who is making an assertion of impropriety, dishonesty - that reflects directly on every member of this Board, reflects on the Town. I have an affirmative obligation as Town Attorney – if there is dishonesty it has to be investigated – it is as simple as that. A normal campaign where Joe Smith who works for National Grid is running against Paul and says 'oh Paul is crooked – that's different – this is a guy who sat on the Board where the decisions are made. No decisions made absent Board approval – he is saying he is dishonest; Christine Martin – sounds like this is a technicality – when I have proper representation – we shouldn't be wasting (Herb -I agree whole heartly)

- e. Linda Iannone (resident) – I am honestly appalled that the fact that you talk over people constantly and women are pinning each other up against each other and it is horrible. These council people, the supervisor have done a wonderful job. They are sitting in a beautiful building that we never had before. Our Town Supervisor has done a wonderful job. I am not saying not one of these people up here have done a bad job. I am here because I read the Town Crier and when I read about backroom deals, it was an allegation – a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically one made without proof. So when you put something in writing be careful what you say because people are going to read it (Christine Marting spoke, Linda - please don't talk over me – Christine – keep talking – Linda, I have the floor) I want to thank you all for doing a fantastic job and please keep doing what you are doing.
- f. Town Assessor Darlene Abbatecola – read a statement in regards to Councilman Messa article in the Town Crier about backdoor deals: I am upset over what Jim's comments were in the Town Crier about the backdoor deals. I am a proud employee of the Town of New Hartford and I wanted to express my opinion as to your comments in the Town Crier. I don't know if you know this but these large certioraris have to be approved so if you felt that this was a backdoor deal why did you agree to it. So, I am offended by your

statement. I am sure your campaign manager helped you to write this and I would like to see the proof after all I am involved in this. My office does not make these deals and I am very much upset over that statement. One, if you felt it was wrong, why didn't you speak up before it was approved by the Board. I never heard from you (Messa) on any of these cases. You never step one foot in my office as to why this was done. First of all, if you had communicated your discontentment of the changes, you never told me, the Town Attorney or for that matter the Town Supervisor that you were unhappy about the change. So, shame on you Jim. Did you realize these cases cost the Town a lot of money to continue like past certs. – Sangertown Square – how much money do you think it cost us to settle the Sangertown Square – thousands. Between the court costs, legal fees, the filings, it's a lot of money and the judges usually end up making the decisions for us. Sometimes you have to cut your losses and you learn from them. You have the audacity to say things are done behind closed doors, which is furthest from the truth. Only a few members of the board come into the town, but they never stop by to say hello. You have a right to criticize us employees, OK? But you don't realize how hard we work. And sometimes you may not know it, but we represent you, all of you. We represent the town board. For one, I go above and beyond for the town of New Hartford residents, but first you say these terrible things about us. We are a family here. We spend a lot of time together. We care about each other. We give each other birthday cakes - we have Christmas parties – I can honestly say I have never seen you at one of these functions. You claim to treat us with dignity and respect. I have not witness any of these actions – whom do you recognize and whom do you respect – not any of us here. I can't tell you how many people have gone out of their way for me in my situation at my home with now my husband passing. Many of the Town Board Members and Town Supervisor have reached out to me where their compassion and there was so much respect for my family. So, in closing, I just want to thank you all for letting me take my place to talk which I am very upset over this development. The nonsense has to stop and stop such opposition here in this building with us. There are other Board members with whom are new and they want to make New Hartford a great place to work. If you continue to listen to him, you are falling into his ploy as you will be as mean as him. This tells me he has no respect for his employees or maybe his family. So stop the nonsense. I am not sorry for the above statement but if you put this out to the public and I want you to understand, you are not the person I want in charge (residents applauded)

- g.** Donna Owens – Deputy Clerk – you have never said HI to me, nothing in the four years I have been here Jim. Never. You have never come in my office, even when Cheryl was there so I can attest to that in four years. Don't speak on my behalf, Michele either on Facebook that he treats us with respect and dignity. No, he does not. (Michele spoke up and said she was an employee under Jim Messa and he was the only one that treated her with respect). He has never treated me (Donna) with that so don't speak on my behalf.
- h.** Steve Buck – these are my public comments as a resident of the Town of New Hartford - I want to put all rhinos on notice – by January 1<sup>st</sup> democrat party will cease to exist and I would like the Town Board to revisit my comments on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> as an agenda item. Those are my comments as a resident.

- i. Gregory Reese – I don't know who is running against whom, I don't know any of the players but I am very curious about the backroom deals and I don't mean to raise that concern again but that is what I came to see what that is all about; Supervisor Miscione – the Board can answer your question – we are all here to get along – we have great employees here and I care about them. Michele will come in and be treated with respect – done that to everyone – work together for the best of the Town. I can work with anyone and forgive anyone. Got to stop the nonsense just run a good campaign. I stuck up for Cheryl because she is a friend and an employee – does a good job – I don't regret it. We don't have issues here; we help the community. Runs campaign like humans
- j. Councilman Messa – Darlene I don't know how you interpreted that it wasn't anything about certs. It was a statement that was made. It wasn't pin pointed towards Supervisor Miscione; it was a general statement. Everyone took it the way they interpreted it. I can't control how people interpret things. So, when I wrote it, When I wrote it, it wasn't directed towards Darlene, and Darlene, I'm sorry that you took it that way, it's not.....But it was just a statement of what I believe. You mentioned it, political reference, let's run the campaigns, at the end of the day, we're going to congratulate each other, whoever wins and move on; Supervisor Miscione – but we believe in the same thing because you have been on the Board with me for 10 years so I don't believe in backdoor deals. I have never had a backdoor deal. I have never had a time where there has been a conflict of interest that I have never told the Board about and I don't think you have either so if we both didn't do that lets talk about what we are going to do for our residents, our communities and the future of our children Jim. That is what it is all about. Nobody else cares about it, the rest is worthless talk because if you have a fact and you have something that is bothering you then let's talk about it in front of the public and lets just get it through but if you don't have a backdoor deal it doesn't become political rhetoric it shows that there is an issue going on and you have said that before when Mr. Tehan has made comments about the audit previously last year, when you said well when we bring stuff up in front of residents, it makes it look like there is an issue and its right. When you do stuff like that you show there is an intent or an issue or dishonesty. You have been on the Board with me, we have had conversations every day after the Board -I know we don't agree on everything and I don't want us to agree but there has never been anything dishonest and if there is you need to speak up and you need to tell the residents what the dishonesty is and you need to sit there and tell everybody what the problem is. You put an open-ended question in there and makes everyone thinks there is an issue. I got more phone calls on your Ad this weekend then I have on any major project that we have done in this Town. It is unfair to you, me and this Board because you know better than anyone everything that gets approved on this Board goes through this Board and we all have one equal vote. So, if Paul Miscione is doing something dishonest Jim has to too. I cannot approve anything without your guy's support. Again, if you think there is an issue then we had to rectify is back then not wait until a political year to say there are issues (Jim – I didn't say there was – Christine Martin interrupted and Supervisor Miscione said I am sorry it is just me and Jim talking as Board members I don't care anymore; Christine went on to say I have answers to everyone's questions if you care to

hear them if not); Supervisor Miscione – I want to hear from Jim, our councilman, our seating councilman, Jim running for Town Supervisor, Jim the guy I have known for 10 years – if you know everything then you should have run for Town Supervisor instead of being a campaign manager since you have all the answers. I want Jim to speak; he is our guy. I am going to end it at that. Hope can all get along and better this community. Budget coming up – need to focus and not focused – spent half this meeting on nonsense. Jim has just confirmed that there are no problems so if Jim has confirmed there are no problems and there is nothing here that has been an issue then let's just move on from the nonsense; Councilman Messa – again it is a statement and what people took into it like Darlene, it was about the certs. I didn't say that so you guys are twisting things and spinning things; Steve Buck – spoke up that it is just democratic slim \$\$\$\$ and we are use to it so lets call what it is and move on with the meeting; Cindy – I think that is what happens Jim, when you make those statements and people don't know how to interpret; Resident spoke - Issue a retraction; Supervisor Miscione – I think that is the professional thing to do – a retraction – and put on the bottom that these are things I want to do for my community and then people feel better about themselves (residents agreed); Cindy – I love this Town I came from Utica – dealt with politics – moved when got the chance – I was proud and from day one, Chris has helped me, Darlene has helped me, Cheryl has helped me, so many people have helped me and overwhelmed because you don't get that in other cities. That is what makes you guys unique, that is what makes this Town great – it comes from the leadership of you Paul and I don't mean any disregard to you Jim we have been friends until all this happened so I think we are all here for the interest in making New Hartford great. Thank you (Supervisor Miscione – thank you for coming, we are here to help everyone, that is what makes me feel good, move on together – the employees here are like family – we are a giving community – to help people – no one wants to hear this they want to hear what we can do to help people).

### **III. REPORTS OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

#### **a. POLICE DEPARTMENT – CHIEF RONALD FONTAINE**

##### **i. SSO/PD OFFICER VACANCY**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Tehan.

#### **(RESOLUTION NO. 193 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve to hire David Armstong, SSO/Police Officer, part-time, starting 9/4/2025

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***.

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 194 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve to hire Peter Caruso, SSO/Police Officer, part-time, starting 9/4/2025.

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***.

**ii. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Reynolds and duly seconded by Councilman Latini.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 195 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby for Supervisor Miscione to sign the Supplemental Police Services Agreement for Services.

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***.

**iii. Municipal Shelter Cat Adoption Form**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 196 OF 2025)**

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**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve the municipal shelter cat adoption form.

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**.

**iv. Municipal Shelter Dog Adoption Form**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 197 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve the municipal shelter dog adoption form.

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**.

**v. New Hartford Municipal Animal Shelter Bylaws**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Reynolds and duly seconded by Councilman Latini.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 198 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve to formally open the shelter and operated under the New Hartford Municipal Animal Shelter Bylaws.

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

Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Councilman Latini	-	Aye

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Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Tehan	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye

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

**vi. Oneida Cty. Stop DWI Selective Enforcement Patrols Agreement**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Tehan.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 199 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for Town Supervisor to sign the Oneida County Stop DWI Program Selective Enforcement Patrols Agreement.

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***.

**vii. Oneida Cty. Stop DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaigns Agreement**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Reynolds and duly seconded by Councilman Latini.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 200 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for Town Supervisor to sign the Oneida County Stop DWI Program High Visibility Engagement Campaigns Agreement.

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***.

**viii. Traffic Safety Grant Award**

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The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Tehan.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 201 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for Town Supervisor to sign the Traffic Safety Grant (total \$11,740.00).

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***.

**b. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD SHERMAN**

**i. New Employee/Upgrade**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 202 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve to upgrade Jeff Koleck to HEO, \$25.60 per hour, starting 9/4/2025.

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***.

**IV. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEN**

**a. Councilman Reynolds**

- i.** Total number of fire inspections completed in August – 10 (\$3,018.00); total fees collected to date - \$65,321.38 (151 inspections – January to date) – money collected in the Clerk’s Office
- ii.** Number of inspections that we have to do – Darlene is working on the list

- b. **Councilman Latini** – stop sign on Arlington Terrace – set up Public Hearing for October 8, 2025

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Messa.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 203 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve to set up a Public Hearing for October 8, 2025 for Arlington Terrace stop sign (Local Law).

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***.

c. **Councilman Messa**

- i. **Discuss rip rap for Bradley Rd. watershed near 41 Bradley Rd. creek was has erosion and heading to corner of garage** – will have John Dunkle look into it; Supervisor Miscione has looked at it – has to be redesigned; Rick Sherman – has been cleaned, should be reangled; Supervisor Miscione – we have money left over from capital bond from that project – have Dunkle look at it and use some of the funding to have it fixed
- ii. **Discuss sidewalks, drainage and water mains for Oneida Street Chadwicks corridor** - Supervisor Miscione – went down and has measurements for all the sidewalks only issues are the drainage and infrastructure that goes underneath the sidewalks – called National Grid to get a planner to come down and Spectrum and Rick and Chris will walk it with Paul for drainage – TAP grant it is up to \$5 million – Oneida County will help with it

d. **COUNCILMAN TEHAN**

- i. Asked Rick - Stop signs that were approved last month – they are ordered, once get them they will be installed (3-4 weeks)
- ii. Hartford Luxury Apartments – approval documents cannot be located – 2020 Heather was part of the approval; Town Attorney Herbert Cully – there would be a filed map which would have been signed off by Heather after the Planning Board approval and then filed in the County Clerk's Office (Tehan – makes great sense just haven't been able to find); Herb - is there something specific you are looking for; Councilman Tehan – I think they are three different structures right now is that correct Steve?; Steve Buck – the initial approval, we had approval to put in 129 units (Herb – way back when) – Steve – 2017, and then we had to

amend the site plan and revised down to 99 units and we did an amendment that was submitted and approved in 2020 – Steve has a copy of the drawings electronically that can provide; Heather Mowat – to clarify – there was something that needed to come back to the Town Board and accompanied him to the Town Board where he had a map and I remember that is what you voted on – to Herb’s point, if there was something that came before the Planning Board I would have signed it and filed it with Oneida County; Steve Buck – Heather to refresh your memory – we were going to submit for final approval but we had intentions of putting on a Community Center and we are in the process of doing drawings for an amendment that we will be submitting within the next 30-60 days to add a community center. The drawings were presented to the Planning Board back in 2020 and that was what was presented to the Town Board for initial approval; Councilman Tehan asked if we have that and Heather responded we should and even if for some reason it was misplaced, John Dunkle should have it because the Town engages with him in a separate contract to protect us and he goes through those drawings; Supervisor Miscione – there is a copy because when George issued the permit, I seen it in the Codes Office (we have that file – could be on Lary’s old desk). Steve if you have the copy can you just send it to George – yes. It is filed with the County if Dory doesn’t have it but it is in the Codes Office.

## V. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY TOWN SUPERVISOR

### a. Vouchers

RECORD OF CLAIMS #1	
A	\$26,021.30
B	\$12.30
BP	\$74,872.88
DB	
F	
SF	
SL	\$1,182.72
SS	
TA	\$10,975.97
HEP	
HMA	
HTA	
TOTAL	\$113,065.17

RECORD OF CLAIMS #2	
25-01314 - 25-01333	
A	\$246,001.36
B	
BP	
DB	\$2,876.30
F	
SF	
SL	
SS	\$552.52
TA	
HEP	
HMA	
HTA	\$1,365.93
TOTAL	\$249,430.18

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RECORD OF CLAIMS #3	
A	\$24,047.25
B	\$4,224.04
BP	\$6,402.45
DB	
F	
SF	
SL	
SS	
TA	\$5,649.37
HEP	
HMA	
HTA	
TOTAL	\$40,323.11

RECORD OF CLAIMS #4	
25-01345 - 25-01428	
A	\$40,830.66
B	\$3,050.29
BP	\$15,217.86
DA	
DB	\$26,027.59
F	
SF	
SL	
SS	\$1,757.28
TA	\$1,105.00
HEP	
HMA	\$179,922.97
HTA	\$570.48
TOTAL	\$268,482.13

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Tehan.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 204 OF 2025)

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve the vouchers.

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

*Councilman Tehan abstains from all Adirondack Bank vouchers.*

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

- b. **Red Hill Road Speed Study** – Chief will look into it and get back to Supervisor Miscione; a lot of people calling and speeding – complaints (will get Chief address)
- c. **First Extension of Traffic Diversion Program Agreement**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Reynolds and duly seconded by Councilman Latini.

## (RESOLUTION NO. 205 OF 2025)

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for Supervisor Miscione to sign the First Extension of Traffic Diversion Program Agreement.

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

Councilman Messa	-	Aye
Councilman Latini	-	Aye

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Councilman Reynolds	-	Aye
Councilman Tehan	-	Aye
Supervisor Miscione	-	Aye

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

- d. **Complaints from Residents on Chapman Road** – paying Willowvale fire tax and New Hartford FD is responding to their homes through 911; Assessors office got all the addresses that are paying Willowvale Fire tax but NHFD is going to – asked if can go to Oneida Cty. Planning to discuss with them so can get the properties set up correctly with 911 so Willowvale can respond to them instead of NHFD; Thanked Tom Smith and Gary Edwards for helping worked on it

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Messa.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 206 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for Supervisor Miscione present to Oneida County (911) for the properties that are paying Willowvale Fire Tax and set them up correctly so that Willowvale FD responds to their homes.

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***.

- e. **Stop Sign Medford/Merritt Place**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Tehan.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 207 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve to set a Public Hearing for October 8, 2025 (Local Law) stop sign at Medford/Merritt Place.

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***.

**f. TAP GRANT**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Messa.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 208 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for Supervisor Miscione to apply for the 2025 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant.

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***.

- g. Church Street** – residents really want to see their road get done, above and beyond paving agreement, would like approval – have Highway take care of Church Street and the drainage – in budget; working on budget – waiting on the bills for paving; will have to measure it – if you do one will have to do others – small roads, not very long; one street over by National Grid need to look at; price per foot – how much will it be – Rick said about \$70 a ton (Chris thinks about \$50,000 – if do all the streets – all 3, not just Church Street); we have the money (if need sales tax is over and we will have additional money left over); Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman sked Councilman Tehan if doing Stanhope – was waiting for numbers Rick already gave (Chris said Stanhope would be another \$50,000 - \$70,000); Supervisor Miscione – procurement is fine, we are ok – Church Street, streets that connect and Stanhope can be done – Rick has the numbers but waiting on the last bill in order to give exact. Supervisor Miscione do roads on affordability and say yes, get list of accounts where money is coming from if we don't have the money we stop the project; Councilman Tehan – set a limit?; Supervisor Miscione – limit is what we can afford and where we have the money – Rick and Paul will sit down and go over the numbers (Chris Moran said time is of the essence right now) – everyone is ok with it
- h. Ross Court (Sitrin area)** – Supervisor Miscione and Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman met with the developer and the residents – all signed a petition to dedicate the roads back to the town and the residents asked if the Town of New Hartford would accept

their road into the Town maintenance system (have a list of all the residents/signed);  
EDIT: Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman will check on the road condition –  
believe road is in excellent condition

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Latini and duly seconded by Councilman Reynolds.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 209 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for the dedication of Ross Court to the Town of New Hartford.

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**.

- i. **Sedgewick Park Drainage Improvement** – BID packet was put together and the Town Clerk sent it out and the BID will be Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm
- j. **Intermunicipal Agreement**

The following Resolution was then introduced for adoption by Councilman Reynolds and duly seconded by Councilman Latini.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 210 OF 2025)**

**RESOLVED**, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for Supervisor Miscione to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement.

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**.

**VI. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY TOWN ATTORNEY**

- a. **Solar Moratorium** - committee met about a week or so ago – Councilman Messa, John Kalil and Town Attorney Herbert Cully – reviewed the solar moratorium that the Town

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of Frankfort has in place – suggestion that the Town consider going forward with a 6-month moratorium on solar development – provided Jim with a marked up proposed moratorium document (Town Clerk will re type it and circulate it to everyone prior to the next meeting to see if want to go forward with it)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilman Latini and seconded Councilman Tehan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

**(RESOLUTION NO. 211 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  
9/13/2025

**UPDATED 9/15/2025**