

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK,
HELD AT TOWN HALL, 8635 CLINTON STREET, NEW HARTFORD, NY
ON THURSDAY, MAY 14 2026 at 12:00 P.M.**

Town Supervisor Messa called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. and the roll was taken with the following Town Officials and Department Heads being present during the progress of the meeting. Supervisor Messa then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilman Vincent Pristera
Councilman John Latini
Councilman David M. Reynolds
Councilman / Deputy Town Supervisor David Tehan
Supervisor James Messa

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Attorney, Herb Cully
Deputy Town Clerk, Susan Keller
Finance Dept., Christina Lacy
Supervisor's Confidential Secretary, Christine Martin

ABSENT: Assessor Darlene Abbatecola
 Codes Officer George Farley
 Chief Ronald Fontaine
 Town Clerk, Michele Moran

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

HIGHWAY SUMMER (SEASONAL) HIRES

Town Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman sought approval to hire 5 Summer/Seasonal employees. Each are Full time Seasonal and will be paid at a rate of \$19.80.

(RESOLUTION NO. 180 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the appointment of Aiden Martin, Summer employee for Highway Department. Start date of May 18. Rate of pay \$19.80.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

(RESOLUTION NO. 181 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the appointment of Santino Viola, Summer employee for Highway Department. Start date of May 18. Rate of pay \$19.80.

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

Councilman Pristera	-Aye
Councilman Latini	-Aye

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Councilman Reynolds	-Aye
Councilman Tehan	-Aye
Supervisor Messa	-Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

(RESOLUTION NO. 182 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the appointment of Will Piccola, Summer employee for Highway Department. Start date 3rd week of June. Rate of pay \$19.80.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

(RESOLUTION NO. 183 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the appointment of Evan Saxton, Summer employee for Highway Department. Start date 3rd week of June. Rate of pay \$19.80.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

(RESOLUTION NO. 184 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the appointment of Owen Jassak, Summer employee for Highway Department. Start date 3rd week of June. Rate of pay \$19.80.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

(RESOLUTION NO. 185 OF 2026)

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

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RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the sale of a 1987 Zamboni put up for auction, with a sale price of \$1,575.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

2013 MACK SNOWPLOW WITH SPREADER AND DUMP BOX

Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman reports that the bid came back for a 2013 Mack snowplow with spreader and dump box at \$16,600. Superintendent Sherman recommends not accepting bid and relisting the truck.

(RESOLUTION NO. 186 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the sale of a 2005 International Brush Dump Truck, with a sale price of \$10,300.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

(RESOLUTION NO. 187 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the sale of Miscellaneous Sweeper parts, with a sale price of \$85.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

(RESOLUTION NO. 188 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the sale of damaged aluminum wheels, with a sale price of \$460.

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

(RESOLUTION NO. 189 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby accept and approve the sale of an unused Tire Machine, with a sale price of \$910.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

PAVING – NO STATE BUDGET YET

Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman advised the Board that the New York State budget for paving had not been announced as of yet. His paving budget is tight as blacktop is \$100/ton this year vs. \$65/ton last year, so project scope will be limited to Neals Gulf road and lower Grange Hill Road improvements.

4647 MIDDLESETTLEMENT ROAD

Town Attorney Herb Cully advises that the Zone Change Amendment for 4647 Middlesettlement Road project has been granted preliminary approval by the Planning Board and is requesting a motion to schedule a public hearing.

(RESOLUTION NO. 190 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve for the Town Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing for a Zone Change on 4647 Middlesettlement Road project. The date of the public hearing will be June 3, 2026 at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

PRO-HOUSING RESOLUTION

Supervisor Messa introduced the Pro-Housing Resolution for Board review and consideration. There was some discussion around the word “streamlining”. After Discussions, Attorney Cully recommended revising the resolution as regards to the word streamlining. He will have his proposed revisions made for a subsequent Board discussion.

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EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION – NORTHLAND COMMUNICATIONS – PHONE SYSTEM

Supervisor Messa noted that the phone system is outdated and in need of replacement. A representative from Northland Communications was at the meeting to answer questions from Board members. It was further noted that there have been repeated outages recently and the public is not able to get ahold of key departments.

(RESOLUTION NO. 191 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve to have Northland Communications put together a contract for new phones to upgrade the Town's system.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

FIREWORKS CONTRACT

Supervisor Messa stated that the Town wishes to enter into a contract with American Fireworks Display, LLC for a July 5, 2026 display at the Town Park.

(RESOLUTION NO. 192 OF 2026)

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

RESOLVED, that the New Hartford Town Board does hereby approve Supervisor Messa sign a contract with American Fireworks Display, LLC for fireworks display on July 5, 2026.

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

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

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion duly made by Councilman Latini seconded Councilman Reynolds, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 P.M.

(RESOLUTION NO. 193 OF 2026)

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

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

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The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly ***ADOPTED***.

Next Meeting: Regularly Scheduled June 3, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Moran

Town Clerk

June 19, 2026

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