

**Town of Eaton, Madison County, NY Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Eaton Town Council Regular Board Meeting Minutes,  
Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 pm  
Town of Eaton Office Building, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, New York, there were  
present:**

Joseph Wicks, Supervisor  
Jeff Golley, Councilmember - Absent  
Dave Verne, Councilmember  
Stephen Dickerson, Councilmember - Absent  
Jean Hilts, Councilmember  
Dean Curtis, Town Clerk  
Larry Phillips, Highway Superintendent

Also present: Amy Will, Secretary to Supervisor, Becky Rochin, Ken Masker

**Call to order & Welcome:** The Meeting opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5 min):**

Ken Masker – presented to the Town Board the Westcott Road Speed Study from May – November 2025 and updated his notes regarding the Town of Eaton Zoning Laws when they are ready to meet.

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:**

**CODES OFFICER REPORT:**

**Town of Eaton**

**Codes Officer Report**

**01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026**

Type	Date	Comment	Name	Fee
Special Permit	01/12/2026	Non Domesticated Animals	Horton, Brian	175.00
Sub Division	01/08/2026	2851 Leach Road	Woodcock, Mike	175.00
Building Permit	01/16/2026	#56-25 3747 Clark RD Cell T	Hurley, William	110.00
Building Permit Per	01/12/2026	#41-24 Cottage Remodel	Monaghan, Larry	50.00
Building Permit Per	01/14/2026	#08-24 24 X 72 Pole Barn Addt	Phillips II, Larry	50.00
Trailer Park Permit	01/02/2026	#01-26 Candy Lane Trail	Benedict, Clyde	100.00

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Trailer Park Permit	01/06/2026	#03-26 Swamp Road Trail	Jones, Steven	100.00
Trailer Park Permit	01/13/2026	#02-26 White Pines Mobile	Kitchen, Pat	100.00
		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$860.00</b>

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT:**

- Total taxes collected \$2,850,078.02, \$2,702,932.15 - 2025 , \$ 2,568,963.88 – 2024, \$2,443,623.82- 2023, 2022 - \$2,331,409.47 – 2022, \$2,381,345.14 – 2021
- Reconciliation of both Town Clerk and Tax Account for January 2026
- Missing Meeting minutes from Work Session 8/11/2025 and Budget Meeting 09/22/2025
- Munibit, Revize, Towpath, Town of Sullivan Jason Tedford, Town of Hamilton’s conversion from Drupal 7 to Drupal 10/11 was unsuccessful so they switched to Central Starter and their annual cost is \$9k per year

Review minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 Regular Town Board/Organizational Meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2026- 30 : Approval of Minutes – 1/13/2026**

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that the minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Organizational and Regular Town Board Meeting were reviewed and adopted as written.

Review minutes of January 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 Special Town Board Meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2026- 31 : Approval of Minutes – 1/27/2026**

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that the minutes for January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Special Town Board Meeting were reviewed and adopted as written.

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**TO THE SUPERVISOR:**

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Pursuant to Section 27, Subd 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the month stated above, excepting only such fees and moneys the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by Law:

A1255	<u>4</u>	MARRIAGE CERTIFIED CPY	<u>40.00</u>	
		TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES		40.00
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A1603	<u>10</u>	DEATH CERTIFIED COPIES	<u>100.00</u>	
		TOTAL A1603		100.00
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A2770	<u>58</u>	COPIES	<u>14.50</u>	
		TOTAL A2770		14.50
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B2110	<u>2</u>	VARIANCE	<u>350.00</u>	
		TOTAL B2110		350.00
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B2115	<u>1</u>	SPECIAL PERMIT	<u>175.00</u>	
		TOTAL B2115		175.00
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B2555	<u>1</u>	BUILDING PERMIT	<u>364.40</u>	
		TOTAL B2555		364.40

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**DISBURSEMENTS**

PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL FUND	<u>154.50</u>
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR PART TOWN FUND	<u>889.40</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,043.90

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**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

Superintendent of Highways Phillips stated that the Highway Department hired two new employees and they are working out very well. Temp position leaving after weather breaks. Steve Kent is the Snow Plow Operator and came from another Town so very little down time and made an immediate impact here at the Town of Eaton. Second Truck from Tracey Roads the Town of Eaton purchased last fall arrived with Cab and Chassis and is backed in our Garage. Next truck that is going to be build is on the build schedule for August of this year. Body put on it in August and received here in November. The one truck that was in the accident on Houghton Lane the rear end was taken into the shop on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Town's insurance company paid for the towing and repairs.

Salt and Sand should last till end of March. There is a salt shortage.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

**RESOLUTION 2026- 32 : Approval Supervisor Report as Submitted:**

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Supervisor Report for the month of February 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 be approved as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 2026 - 7 : Appointments by Supervisor.**

On a motion of Supervisor Wicks, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0,

Resolved that Jean Hilts be appointed as the Town of Eaton Deputy Supervisor for term 1/1/2026-12/31/2026

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 2026- 33 : Hiring of two highway employees :**

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board of the Town of Eaton approve the two new Highway Employees be hired on at the rate of pay \$27.20 per hour.

**RESOLUTION 2026- 34 : Advertise/Post Legal Notice for Weight Limits on Town of Eaton Roads**

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Superintendent have authorization from the Town Board to advertise and post Legal Notice for Weight Limits on Town Roads within the Town of Eaton. Posted on Town Bulletin Board, Town website and Oneida Daily Dispatch. NY0168526 Affidavit 2793262

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**RESOLUTION 2026- 35 : Acceptance of the conveyance of the Pine Woods Cemetery premises and the transfer of all cemetery assets**

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 35  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF EATON**

**February 10, 2026**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PINE WOODS CEMETERY PREMISES AND THE TRANSFER OF ALL CEMETERY ASSETS

**WHEREAS**, there has been established in the Town of Eaton (the “Town”) the Pine Woods Cemetery Association (the “Cemetery Association”), which maintains the Pine Woods Cemetery (the “Cemetery”), a private cemetery located on Route 46 in the Town identified as Tax Map ID #125.-1-65; and

**WHEREAS**, said Cemetery Association has under its care certain funds in a general fund, with an Account Number ending in 0794, and an investment fund, with an Account Number ending in 2396, deposited in NBT Bank, NA, for the perpetual care and permanent maintenance of the Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cemetery Association has notified the Town of its intention to dissolve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cemetery has requested that the Town, pursuant to Section 162 of the New York State General Municipal Law, accept the conveyance of the Cemetery premises and transfer of all of its assets, including, but not limited to the aforementioned funds deposited with NBT Bank, NA.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED**, that the Town does hereby agree to accept the conveyance of all Cemetery and assets, including real property, and shall assume responsibility for same effective upon the recording of a deed with the Madison County Clerk’s Office and the conveyance of assets; be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor, upon receipt of a resolution duly passed by the Cemetery Association approving the transfer of clear title for the Cemetery and its assets to the Town, is authorized, directed and empowered to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Cemetery property and assets, including real property.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<b>David Verne</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jean Hilts</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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<b>Stephen Dickerson</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jeff Golley</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Joseph Wicks</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**DATED:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**RESOLUTION 2026 - 36 : Introduction to Local Law 1 – 2026 (“A Local Law Opting Out of the Real Property Tax Law Exemption for Solar and Wind Energy Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487”)**

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town of Eaton Town Board introduce Local Law 5-2025 (“A Local Law Opting Out of the Real Property Tax Law Exemption for Solar and Wind Energy Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487”) and advertise Public Hearing March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:05 pm. NY01685280 Affidavit 2793264

**TOWN OF EATON**

**TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 2026 - 36**

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**TOWN OF EATON LOCAL LAW 1-2026**

(“A Local Law Opting Out of the Real Property Tax Law Exemption for Solar and Wind Energy Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487”)

Councilmember Hilts introduced proposed Local Law 1-2026, a Local Law Opting Out of the Real Property Tax Law Exemption for Solar and Wind Energy Systems Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §487, and made the following motion which was seconded by Councilmember Verne:

**WHEREAS**, Proposed Local Law 1-2026 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law §10; and

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**WHEREAS**, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the enactment of a local law in the Town of Eaton, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) with respect to the proposed enactment of said Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of said Local Law is an Unlisted Action for purposes of environmental review under SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

**WHEREAS**, said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has considered the adoption of said Local Law, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Local Law against said criteria.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the Town Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQRA; and it is further

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of Proposed Local Law 1-2026 at the Eaton Town Hall located at 35 Cedar Street in the Town of Eaton on March 10, 2026, at 6:05 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

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The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<b>David Verne</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jean Hilts</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Stephen Dickerson</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jeff Golley</b>	<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Joseph Wicks</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2026- 37 : Resignation of Town of Eaton Building Safety Inspector**

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Resolved that Town of Eaton Town Board accept the resignation of Building Safety Inspector David Smith effective February 8<sup>th</sup> 2026.

- **Budget Transfers**

**RESOLUTION 2026- 38 : February 2026 Budget Transfers :**

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0  
Resolved that the Board grant authority to Supervisor Wicks to move monies within 2026 Budget to keep all lines in balance

**Budget Transfers for January 2026**

<b><u>Appropriation Over Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Transfer from</u></b>
A1330.4 (Tax Collector Contractual)	\$584.84	A1990.4 (Contingency)

**Audit and approval of Bills:**

**RESOLUTION 2026- 39 : Audit of Claims for Abstract 2 for 2026 dates.**

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #2 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

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**Abstract 2 – 2026**

General A Fund	No.	11	through	25	\$ 10,075.65
General B Fund Part Town	No.	5	through	10	\$ 2,604.66
Street Lighting SL	No.	2	through	2	\$ 635.90
Highway Fund Townwide DA	No.	6	through	14	\$ 12,100.65
Highway Fund Part Town DB	No.	4	Through	4	\$188,945.76
			<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 214,362.62</b>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 2026- 40 : Executive Session**

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that this Board move into an Executive Session for **1. F.** employment at 6:22 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 2026- 41 : Return to Regular Session**

On a motion of Councilmember Hilts, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board return to regular session at 6:33 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Curtis, Town Clerk/Tax Collector