

**Town of Eaton, Madison County, NY Regular Monthly Meeting
May 12th, 2026**

**Eaton Town Council Regular Board Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Town of Eaton Office Building, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, New York, there were
present:**

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

Also present: Joyce Norris, Carol Dewey, Don Bigelow, Ken Masker, Denise Lodor-Morris, Paul & Bette Holliday, Carol Borg, Becky Rochin, Jamie and Clyde Benedict

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 min):

Joyce Norris – Daughters of the American Revolution, has a Patriot Burial Marker for Josh Leland and needs to be placed at the Pinewoods Cemetery. Superintendent Phillips and Deputy Supervisor Hilts will review and will follow up with Joyce.

Carol Dewey – has a sister in the Pinewoods Cemetery. Working with Madison Granit Company to clean headstone and needs to gain access.

Paul and Better Holliday – have several open plots in the Pinewoods Cemetery and also inquired on gaining access to the cemetery, inquired who was maintaining the cemetery and where the records were for current plots within the cemetery. The board explained that this is relatively new transition and would like to meet in a work session and circle back in regards to any questions they had.

Ken Masker – would like to receive the data downloaded regarding the speed study on Westcott Road. Superintendent Phillips stated Ken could meet with Supervisor Wicks and himself and further discuss. Inquired about Speed to limit and Road Counters. Stated that Hatch lake is currently obtaining water sampling, and Bradley Brook would start water sampling May 13th 2026.

Don Bigelow – working with DEC on training for dissolved oxygen meter readings for Hatch Lake, Lake Moriane and Bradley Brook.

Carol Borg – attended the NYSFLOA - New York State Federations of Lake Associations, Inc conference last weekend with Celeste and Becky in Lake George. New funding for research grants and more information can be found at: <https://nysfola.org/current-and-ongoing-grant-opportunities/>

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Becky Rochin – discussed septic systems to help curb phosphorus and nitrogen loads within the lakes

Denise Lodor – Morris – asked for update on Flags for Memorial day and speed study on Route 26, Superintendent Phillips replied that she would need to contact NY State.

Jamie Broedel Benedict & Clyde Benedict are asking the Town of Eaton to waive the demolition permit fee. Their plan is to purchase the Storrer property combine with property they own and put a double wide on it. Currently they submitted applications to the Town for subdivision/special use/variance fees with additional fees for building permits once the subdivision is approved.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

CODES OFFICER REPORT:

Town of Eaton
Codes Officer Report
04/01/2026 - 04/30/2026

Type	Date	Comment	Name	Fee
Variance	04/13/2026	2751 River Road	Benedict, Clyde	175.00
Variance	04/28/2026	6450 Paino Road	Alcott, Elizabeth	175.00
Special Permit	04/02/2025	2751 River Road	Benedict, Clyde	175.00
Special Permit	04/23/2026	Non Domesticated Animals	Sgroi, Heather	175.00
Sub Division	04/13/2026	2751 River Rd – 3 lot SubDiv	Benedict, Clyde	275.00
Building Permit	04/01/2026	#04-26 12x24 Pavilion	Smith, Douglas	213.20
Building Permit	04/14/2026	#07-26 37x40 Garage	Woodcock, Mike	392.00
Building Permit Ren	04/08/2026	#11-22 Enclosed Entry	Hall, Bradley	50.00
Building Permit Ren	04/24/2026	#22-23 06/16/2023-06/16/2026	Wicks, Joseph	150.00
DEMO	04/08/2026	#05-26 Paddleford Rd	McNamara, Rich	110.00
Fence Permit	04/21/2026	#08-26 2756 English Ave	Putnam, Autumn	50.00
Fence Permit	04/23/2026	#10-26 4136 Pratts Road	Panzone, Margaret & Robert	50.00

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Fence Permit	04/24/2026	#11-26 4905 Old State Road	Merritt, Dean	50.00
Septic Permit	04/24/2026	#06-26 3080 Camp Road	Warner, Judd & Evan	110.00
		Total		\$2,150.20

TOWN CLERKS REPORT:

- 2026 Taxes Collected, Reconciled with County, Williamson and Bank
- 2026 Dog License Renewals sent out
- Website Compliance – Mandate by April 2027, Currently Civic Plus has locked us out of maintaining our current Website.
- Digital Towpath - \$1632.00 per year
- Flags for Eaton Cemetery purchased and will contact Dennis Lodor-Morris on arrival [1Z97V9F40349619444](#), ETA Thursday May 14, 2026
- Flags for Eaton Streets honoring our Vets will be displayed by Howard Montanye
- Annual 2025 Financial Report Audit was filed with Comptroller Office and Copies were provided to the Governing Board and on file with Town Clerk NY01762470
- Town of Eaton Tentative Roll Legal Notice and Grievance Day NY01765820

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF EATON, NEW YORK

APRIL, 2026

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:

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A1255

14	DECALS	38.32
1	MARRIAGE LICENSES NO. 26002 TO 26002	17.50

TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES 55.82

A1603

23	DEATH CERTIFIED COPIES	230.00
2	VITAL COPIES/GENEALOGY	44.00

TOTAL A1603 274.00

A2544

14	DOG LICENSES	138.00
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TOTAL A2544 138.00

B2110

2	VARIANCE	350.00
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TOTAL B2110 350.00

B2115

2	SPECIAL PERMIT	350.00
1	SUBDIVISION FEES	275.00

TOTAL B2115 625.00

B2555

2	BUILDING PERMIT	605.20
4	BUILDING PERMIT RENEWAL	200.00
1	SEPTIC PERMIT	110.00
1	DEMOLITION PERMIT	110.00
3	FENCE PERMIT	150.00

TOTAL B2555 1,175.20

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

DISBURSEMENTS:

PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL FUND	467.82
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR PART TOWN FUND	2,150.20
PAID TO NYS DEC FOR DECALS	1,568.68
PAID TO NYS ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM	18.00
PAID TO NYS HEALTH DEPT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES	22.50
PAID DONATION TO LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER	10.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 4,237.20

RESOLUTION 2026- 60 : Acceptance of Minutes – April 14th, 2026

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the minutes for April 14th, 2026 be accepted as distributed.

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HIGHWAY REPORT:

- Compensation Time Policy under New Business see Resolution 2026-65
- Salt Dome roof is in desperate need to be replaced/repared as soon as possible. Fix rotted framing, patch shingles and plywood, received a quote to show the board a ball park figure on what to expect when Request For Proposals/Bids are being requested.
- Bore Permits – ECC Technologies is working with Madison County on placing Fiber Optics throughout Madison County under 139,444 Madison County Connect MIP. The Town Highway Department has received several requests for Bore Permits but no payments have been received, once payment is received and signed by Superintendent Phillips he can then Inspect.
- Superintendent Phillips will be at training from May 23 – 31st and plans to speak with Mark Simone regarding the Bore Permits in our Town
- Received Quote for paving Landon Rd/Hamilton Hill Road over \$391K and does not include culverts, pipes and rock lining.
- Soil and Water is providing a check to the Town of Eaton for \$18k towards Hamilton Hill Rd
- Blue Creek Road in Pratts Hollow – Superintendent Phillips is speaking with Steve Lorraine from Soil and Water regarding the base part of the road by the river.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- Town Park – No Update, still working with Attorney
- Short Term Rentals (STR) – Madison County currently discussing, Town will Review
- Pinewoods Cemetery – New Information received, only financials received from Association, Town still need Plots, names and records.
- 85 Cedar Street – Tax Map 111.14-1-14, 4.28 acre Property working on final details with attorney. The land has not yet been formally donated to the NYS Trooper's Division. The Town has provided everything except a certified survey then need to file with the County Clerk's office.
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RESOLUTION 2026- 61 : Approval of May 12th, 2026 Supervisor Report

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Supervisor Report Submitted on May 12th, 2026 is accepted and approved

OLD BUSINESS: Most covered under Clerk and Supervisor Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2026- 62 : Authorization to accept receiving quotes/proposals for Town Park Lawn Mowing and award contract.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Town Board accept and award the mowing contract to Jason's Landscaping LLC and authorized Supervisor Wicks to sign said contract.

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Request for Proposal/Quotes on Mowing Lawn for Town Park, Lawn mowing of 6.5 acre parcel immediately adjacent to Morrisville Eaton Andrews Elementary School and across the street from Madison County Cornell Cooperative. Contract will be Seasonal for 2026 Lawn Mowing at Town Park. All sole proprietors and companies must be fully insured.

Jason's Landscaping LLC - \$4,800

B&W Precision Brothers Contracting - \$11,500

Small Engine & Lawn Services LLC - \$7,680

RESOLUTION 2026- 63 : Resignation of Shane Gallup as Alternate to Combined Zoning/Planning Board

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town of Eaton Town Board accept the resignation of Shane Gallup as Alternate to the combined Zoning/Planning Board, effective April 29th 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026- 64 : Charitable Contributions and Dog Licenses

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Town of Eaton Town Board adheres to the new amended Ag and Markets Law S1394/A4910, a Law mandating that licensing forms provide and option to person(s) applying for or renewing a dog license to make a contribution to their Local Animal Shelter. The Town Board awards these donations to be forwarded to Wanderers Rest Human Association Inc. annually.

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TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 2026 - 64

MARCH 12, 2026

Voluntary Shelter Contributions on Dog License Renewals

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Golley, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilmember Dickerson, to wit:

WHEREAS, Town of Eaton Town Board adheres to the new amended Ag and Markets Law S1394/A4910, a Law mandating that licensing forms provide and option to person(s) applying for or renewing a dog license to make a contribution to their Local Animal Shelter.

WHEREAS, Chapter 55 of the Laws of 2010 as amended where further amended, effective December 2025, to require a line item on dog license renewals giving applicants the option of making a contribution in support of the pound or shelter managed or contracted by the municipality and deposit said funds in a dedicated fund to disperse annually to the applicable pound or shelter; and

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WHEREAS, the Town contracts for these services with the Wanderers Rest Humane Association, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk's Office has initiated this requirement by listing the option to make donations to Wanderers Ret Humane Association on all dog licensing renewal processes and establishing the budget line item of A2705 to be added to the monthly reconciliation and payment to the Town Supervisor of monies taken in by the Town Clerk's Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board acknowledges the new legislation and approves the establishment of line item A2705 and the process and procedures made for implementing this law.

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026 - 65 : Compensatory Time Policy for Employees in the Highway Department

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board amend the compensatory time policy for employees in the Highway Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 65

OF THE TOWN OF EATON COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPENSATORY TIME POLICY
FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Verne, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilmember Golley, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted a resolution titled "A Resolution Restating the Compensatory Time Policy for Employees in the Highway Department" on January 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is desirous of amending that policy to authorize compensatory time to be paid upon separation of employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to provide "compensatory time" to employees in the Highway Department in lieu of paid overtime. When so authorized by the Highway Superintendent, an employee in the Highway Department will be credited with the equivalent of one and one-half hours for authorized time worked. An employee may accumulate up to sixty (60) hours in compensatory credits. An employee must use all compensatory leave credits within the fiscal year in

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which they are earned. Accumulated but unused compensatory leave credits shall be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay at the time of separation from employment.

AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions of Town officers and employees, and all payments made to any employee in the Highway Department, made prior to the date of adoption of this resolution, but which are in conformance with the policies and procedures stated herein, are hereby ratified and approved.

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Audit and approval of Bills

- **PAY THE BILLS:**

RESOLUTION 2026- 66 : Audit of Claims for Abstract 5 for 2026 dates.

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #5 – 2026 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

Abstract 5 – 2026

General A Fund	No.	53	Through	67	\$9,897.20
General B Fund Part Town	No.	19	Through	22	\$ 865.20
General H – Capital Machine	No.		Through		
Street Lighting SL	No.	5	Through	5	\$ 616.11
Trust & Agency	No.	1	Through	1	\$5,279.50
Highway Fund Townwide DA	No.	37	Through	46	\$4,200.79
Highway Fund Part Town DB	No.	11	Through	13	\$3,732.57
			Total		\$24,591.37

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Curtis, Town Clerk/Tax Collector