

**Town of Eaton, Madison County, NY Regular Monthly Meeting
July 14th, 2026**

**Eaton Town Council Regular Board Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, July 14th, 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
Dave Verne, Councilmember
Stephen Dickerson, Councilmember
Jean Hilts, Councilmember
Dean Curtis, Town Clerk

Also present: Celeste Amaral, Carol Borg, Becky Rochin, Corine & Bill Banker,
Toby Szewczyk, Todd Szewczyk, Meredith Leland

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 min):

Carol Borg – reminder that 8/15/26, at Madison Hall, the Madison County Federation of Lakes Association and the Madison County Water Quality Coordinating Committee are sponsoring a septic education event. Featured speakers are Steve Lorraine (S&WCD) and Jim Cunningham (Madison County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Town Supervisor for Town of Nelson). Time is 10-12. Notices will be sent to town offices, town supervisors, lake associations. All interested parties are welcome.

New model of a septic system (particularly for lake use) is the Fuji Clean CRX which not only removes nitrogen, it also removes phosphorus (nitrogen and phosphorus feed algae in the lakes). Some NYS counties are piloting this model now and it's being used in other states.

Also gave update on health of the Lake

Becky Rochin – both Bradley Brook and Hatch Lake are at Spill Level, gave update on water quality of both lakes, and asked about ownership regarding blue line.

Meredith Leland asked Supervisor Wicks for update on estimates for Mowing Pinewoods Cemetery and Supervisor Wick to follow up with Town Attorney on transfer of ownership.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

CODES OFFICER REPORT:

Town of Eaton

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Codes Officer Report

06/01/2026 - 06/30/2026

Type	Date	Comment	Name	Fee
Boundary Line Change	06/09/2026	3590 State Route 26	Wilkinson, Sean	50.00
Boundary Line Change	06/29/2026	2403 Tollerup Road	Saluja, Marion	125.00
Special Permit	06/02/2026	#18-26 Noise/Party 4905 Old State Rd	Merritt, Dean	10.00
Special Permit	06/29/2026	4479 State Route 26 (Snomoon Kennels)	Luyster, Regina	175.00
Building Permit	06/03/2026	#14-26 15x150, 20x90 storag	KLP Ventures(Peavy, Keith)	2422.50
Building Permit	06/15/2026	#20-26 44x16 Deck Add	Smokin Brothers Inc	275.60
Building Permit	06/22/2026	#01-26 Additional 10x32 Leanto 2371 Pleasant Rd	Lints, Jeffrey	78.00
Building Permit	06/29/2026	#25-26 New Roof 2723 River Rd	Benedict, Clyde	652.50
Demo Permit	06/05/2026	#17-26 6115 State Route 20	Kitchen Property	110.00
Fence Permit	06/26/2026	#24-26 2705 State Route 26	Perry, Brandon	50.00
Fence Permit	06/29/2026	#21-26 3314 State Route 26	Kelly, Brittney	50.00
Gen/HVAC Permit	06/25/2026	#22-26 2395 Cook Shore Rd	Pomerlau, Mitch	110.00
FINE	06/11/2026	3520 State Route 26	Perry, George	500.00
		Total		\$4,608.60

TOWN CLERKS REPORT:

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- All Dog Licenses have been mailed out in May, All are due by June 30th, after 10 days, July 11th a \$5.00 late penalty will be assessed
- June 2026 is Reconciled with Williamson and Community Bank

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF EATON, NEW YORK

JUNE, 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:

A1255			
	<u>9</u>	DECALS	<u>19.19</u>
	<u>6</u>	MARRIAGE CERTIFIED CPY	<u>60.00</u>
		TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES	79.19
A1603			
	<u>21</u>	DEATH CERTIFIED COPIES	<u>210.00</u>
	<u>1</u>	VITAL COPIES/GENEALOGY	<u>22.00</u>
		TOTAL A1603	232.00
A2544			
	<u>195</u>	DOG LICENSES	<u>1,952.00</u>
		TOTAL A2544	1,952.00
B2115			
	<u>2</u>	SPECIAL PERMIT	<u>185.00</u>
	<u>2</u>	BOUNDRY LINE CHANGE	<u>175.00</u>
		TOTAL B2115	360.00
B2555			
	<u>4</u>	BUILDING PERMIT	<u>3,428.60</u>
	<u>1</u>	DEMOLITION PERMIT	<u>110.00</u>
	<u>1</u>	GENERATOR / HVAC PERMIT	<u>110.00</u>
	<u>2</u>	FENCE PERMIT	<u>100.00</u>
		TOTAL B2555	3,748.60
B2770			
	<u>1</u>	FINES	<u>500.00</u>
		TOTAL B2770	500.00

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DISBURSEMENTS

PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR GENERAL FUND	2,263.19
PAID TO SUPERVISOR FOR PART TOWN FUND	4,608.60
PAID TO NYS DEC FOR DECALS	328.81
PAID TO NYS ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM	259.00
PAID DONATION TO LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER	5.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	7,464.60

RESOLUTION 2026- 75 : Acceptance of Minutes – June 9th, 2026

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the minutes for Town Board Meeting on June 9th, 2026 be accepted.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

- Road Work – Landon Rd, Hamilton Hill July 13 -17
- RFP for Salt Dome (see New Business)
- Abandonment of a portion of Brooklyn Street in the Town of Eaton (see New Business)
- Overpayment of retirement contributions (see New Business)

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- Update on School Board Amendment for Park
- 85 Cedar Street (NYS Troopers) – Signed paperwork and will forward to Village

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RESOLUTION 2026- 76 : Approval of July 14th, 2026 Supervisor Report

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Supervisor Report Submitted on July 14th, 2026 is accepted and approved

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2026- 77 : Gallagher Proposal for Town Insurance for 2027:

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board grant Authorization to accept Gallagher Proposal including payment of premium for Town Insurance for 2027.

RESOLUTION 2026- 78 : Terminate Agreement with Civic Plus:

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

**A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE A CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF EATON AND CIVIC PLUS**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Eaton and Civic Plus are presently engaged in an agreement for services dated March 21st, 2022, whereby said agreement summarily calls for a sixty (60) advance written notice to terminate said agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eaton deems it to be in their best interest to terminate said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor or his designee be and hereby are authorized to terminate such agreement with Civic Plus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor or his designee be and hereby are authorized to take such further action as is necessary and required to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

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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:

David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026- 79 : Digital Towpath Cooperative Membership:

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board authorize Supervisor Wicks to establish initial membership with Digital Towpath and sign such agreement.

A Resolution Establishing Initial Membership in the Digital Towpath Cooperative:

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

WHEREAS, The Town of Eaton has adopted and will maintain the technologies afforded us through the Digital Towpath Cooperative's (DTC) systems and services, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Eaton has realized an increase in service to the residents of our town through the use of these tools, and

WHEREAS, The continued use of the systems and services will continue to enhance our citizens' e-government interaction with our town and promote the security, authenticity and availability of electronic public records we hold; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement for Services outlining our participation in this cooperative has been presented to and reviewed by this board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Town of Eaton Board grants Supervisor Wicks to enter into the Agreement establishing our membership in the Digital Towpath Cooperative and hereby designate Supervisor Wicks to represent our town in all proceedings of that body.

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David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026- 80 : Town Highway to send RFP and Post Legal notice for Salt Dome roof repair:

On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board grant authorization to post legal notice and request for proposal (RFP) for Salt Dome Roof Repair.

- RFP for Salt Dome Roof Repair
- Advertisement and Legal Notice to Oneida Daily Dispatch, Nextdoor, Facebook and Town Bulletin Board, Legal Notice: NY01827490
- RFP's to be submitted Sealed by Mail and/or In Person
- Sealed Bid Opening: Thursday, August 6th, 2026 at 12:00 pm

RESOLUTION 2026- 81 : Abandonment of a portion of Brooklyn Street in Eaton:

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Legal Notice: NY01827460

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TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 2026 - 81

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RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF

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A PORTION OF BROOKLYN STREET IN THE TOWN OF EATON

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Eaton Highway Superintendent, Larry Phillips, reports that an approximately 1,584-foot (0.3 miles) long portion of Brooklyn Street (beginning at the intersection of Brooklyn Street and New York State Route 26 and continuing in a westerly direction to the Chenango River) has not been opened and/or worked for at least the last six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, New York State Highway Law Section 205 allows a Town Highway Superintendent to abandon a road that has not been opened and/or worked for at least six (6) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Eaton finds that an approximately 1,584-foot (0.3 miles) long portion of Brooklyn Street (beginning at the intersection of Brooklyn Street and New York State Route 26 and continuing in a westerly direction to the Chenango River) has not been opened and/or worked for at least six (6) years and under New York State Highway Law Section 205 is abandoned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the filing of a Certificate of Abandonment by the Town of Eaton Highway Superintendent, which shall also be signed by the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of the Town of Eaton shall have the attached Legal Notice ("Notice of Filing of Certificate of Abandonment") on the said abandonment of an approximately 1,584-foot (0.3 miles) long portion of Brooklyn Street (beginning at the intersection of Brooklyn Street and New York State Route 26 and continuing in a westerly direction to the Chenango

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River) published once in the official newspaper of the Town of Eaton and place same on the Town's official signboard as required by law.

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

David Verne	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026- 82 : Return of Retirement Contribution Overpayments:

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town Board hereby approves the return of retirement contribution overpayments to Larry Phillips in the amount of \$87.16 and Stacey Scheffler in the amount of \$73.43.

RESOLUTION 2026- 83 : Proclamation honoring Sue Greenhagen and declaring July 16, 2026 as Sue Greenhagen day:

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that Town and Village Boards do hereby designate July 16, 2026 as "Sue Greenhagen Day" in recognition of her outstanding service, dedication and contributions to the preservation and promotion of local and state history.

PROCLAMATION

HONORING SUE GREENHAGEN

AND DECLARING JULY 16, 2026 AS SUE GREENHAGEN DAY

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WHEREAS, Sue Greenhagen has dedicated her life to education, historical preservation, research, and public service, enriching the communities of the Village of Morrisville and the Town of Eaton through her unwavering commitment to preserving and sharing local history; and

WHEREAS, Sue earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount St. Mary College, a Master of Arts degree from St. Bonaventure University, and a Master of Library Science degree from Syracuse University, establishing a strong foundation for a distinguished career in education, librarianship, and historical research; and

WHEREAS, Sue served with distinction as a Librarian at SUNY Morrisville, where she assisted generations of students, faculty, and researchers before her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Sue continues her service to the community as Historian for both the Village of Morrisville and the Town of Eaton, preserving the stories, records, and heritage that define our communities; and

WHEREAS, Sue is an active member of numerous organizations dedicated to history and preservation, including the Morrisville Rural Cemetery Association, the Association of Public Historians of New York State, the Onondaga County Civil War Round Table, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Sue's specialized presentations on the Loomis Gang, local cemeteries, and the Civil War have been presented throughout New York State and are widely recognized for their exceptional scholarship, engaging delivery, and contribution to public understanding of history; and

WHEREAS, Sue has generously shared her knowledge with fellow historians and researchers by offering educational programs and classes on Civil War research, effective historical research methods, PowerPoint presentation development, and other topics that strengthen the work of local historians across the state; and

WHEREAS, through her scholarship, mentorship, volunteerism, and dedication to preserving the past, Sue Greenhagen has made an enduring and lasting contribution to the Village of Morrisville, the Town of Eaton, and the broader historical community of New York State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the elected officials of the Village of Morrisville and the Town of Eaton, do hereby designate July 16, 2026, as "Sue Greenhagen Day" in recognition of her outstanding service, dedication, and contributions to the preservation and promotion of local and state history.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that all citizens are encouraged to recognize and celebrate Sue Greenhagen's remarkable accomplishments and to express their appreciation for her many years of service to our communities and the historical profession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 14th day of July, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026- 84 : Approving Host Community Agreement with Hoffman Falls Wind LLC:

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On a motion of Councilmember Verne, seconded by Councilmember Golley, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

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TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION 2026 - 84

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RESOLUTION APPROVING HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT WITH HOFFMAN FALLS WIND LLC

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

WHEREAS, the Hoffman Falls Wind LLC (the “**Company**”) filed an application under New York State Public Service Law Article VIII (“**Article VIII Application**”) as part of the Renewable Action Through Project Interconnection and Deployment (“**RAPID Act**”) to obtain a Siting Permit (“**Siting Permit**”) from the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (“**ORES**”) to construct an approximate 100 megawatt (“**MW**”) wind-powered electric generating facility in the Towns of Eaton, Fenner, Nelson, and Smithfield (the “**Project**”) comprised of up to twenty four (24) wind turbines (“**Turbine**”), as well as an associated underground medium voltage collection system, a permanent meteorological (“**MET**”) tower, an aircraft detection lighting system (“**ADLS**”), temporary construction laydown areas, a temporary concrete batch plant, a medium voltage-to-transmission voltage collection substation, a point of interconnection (“**POI**”) switchyard, gravel access roads, and an operations and maintenance (“**O&M**”) facility (collectively the “**Facility**”); and

WHEREAS, the Company filed its Application for the Project with ORES on February 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2025, ORES issued its *Statement of Findings of the Executive Director and Siting Permit for a Major Renewable Energy Facility* (the “**Siting Permit**”), wherein, the

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Facility was approved for construction and operation in accordance with terms and conditions of the Siting Permit; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2026, the Company sought to modify the Siting Permit pursuant to 16 NYCRR §1100-11.1 and on March 12, 2026, ORES approved the Company's request as a minor modification to the Siting Permit, which *inter alia*, reduced the number of turbines to eighteen (18) and increased the permitted nameplate capacity of the Facility to 109.8 MW; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 4.1(f) of the Siting Permit, the Company shall provide host community benefits which may include payments pursuant to a host community agreement to host communities such as the Town of Eaton ("**Town**"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has engaged, through its attorney, in negotiations with the Company on a Host Community Agreement ("**HCA**") that is intended to memorialize the Town's review and approval process for compliance with the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and Energy Conservation Code, decommissioning procedures and other related items and memorializes the Company's payment of host community benefit payments on an annual basis for the next thirty (30) years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Town of Eaton Town Board does hereby determine that:

1. The form and substance of the HCA, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is acceptable to the Town Board.
2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the HCA, and for the Supervisor and legal counsel for the Town to take such other steps as may be necessary to carry out this resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Jean Hilts	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Stephen Dickerson	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Jeff Golley	Councilor	Voted	Yes
Joseph Wicks	Supervisor	Voted	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026- 85 : Budget Transfers/Amendments

On a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Hilts, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the Board grant authority to Supervisor Wicks to move monies within 2026 Budget to keep all lines in balance:

<u>Appropriation Over Budget</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
A1420.4 (Attorney Contractual)	\$500.00	A1990.4 (Contingency)
B8030.4 (Codification Town Law)	\$715.00	B1990.4 (Contingency)

RESOLUTION 2026- 86 : Audit of Claims for Abstract 7 for 2026 dates.

On a motion of Councilmember Golley, seconded by Councilmember Verne, the following resolution was: ADOPTED: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #7 - 2026 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

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Audit and approval of Bills

Abstract 7 – 2026

General A Fund	No.	85	Through	97	\$ 3500.75
General B Fund Part Town	No.	25	Through	28	\$ 5,424.43
Trust & Agency	No.	3	Through	3	\$ 1,282.00
General H – Capital Machine	No.	2	Through	2	\$ 800.00
Street Lighting SL	No.	7	Through	7	\$ 564.86
Highway Fund Townwide DA	No.	56	Through	56	\$ 98.20
Highway Fund Part Town DB	No.	16	Through	20	\$34,733.39
			Total		\$46,403.63

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Dickerson, seconded by Councilmember Hiltz, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean Curtis, Town Clerk/Tax Collector