

**TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

May 11, 2026

Supervisor Reger opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with all Councilors present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence: *In Remembrance of Town Councilor John Laubscher – Town of Nelson*

Next Work Session: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. – Gothic Cottage

Next Meeting: Monday June 8, 2026 @ 7:30 p.m. – Gothic Cottage

Correspondence: *There was no unshared correspondence.*

Motion by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Fallon to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2026 regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Reger asked if anyone cared to speak to the Town Board regarding any subject on this meeting's agenda.

Public comment #1:

Susan Light of 8 Farnham Street inquired about the CazArts Creative Hub resolution. She shared a written statement on behalf of Susan Parker of the Creative Hub. “I have been thinking a lot about the meeting (referring to the May 8, 2026 Town Board work session) and wanted to share a few thoughts. I thought the presentation did a wonderful job explaining Dorothy Reister’s vision and the possibilities of the space itself (referring to the Jephson Campus). Driving home, I realized there was something I wish I had spoken up about, but public speaking tends to make my heart pound and my brain go kaput. What feels important to me is not just the art programming itself, but the role spaces like this can play in rebuilding community and connection, especially right now when so many people feel isolated and fragmented. Through the Creative Hub, I’ve watched art and making become a bridge between people of all ages and backgrounds. We started with a handful of people and now regularly gather close to 30. I’ve seen lonely older adults form friendships. People begin hosting our gatherings, skills passed between generations, and people who never considered themselves art photo book artists suddenly feeling they belong somewhere. One member told us “The Hub” changed her life after moving here alone in her late 70s. These spaces become much more than classes and studios. They become ecosystems of care, creativity, mentorship, and connection, especially during our [inaudible] mentors. I also think there’s tremendous value in the visiting artist component.

When artists are trying to share their skills with the public, people travel to those experiences. That creates not only cultural enrichment, but economic impact and energy for the community as well. I wanted to share these thoughts. I think what you're all advocating for is the potential to ripple far beyond heart and self, spaces where people gather to create together and help strengthen the social fabric of a town. Thank you for inviting me, et cetera. Here are a few of the ripples I've witnessed with close to zero support. I can imagine so much good coming from this merger. Reducing isolation, intergenerational exchange, informal mentorship, purpose, community resilience, creating low-pressure entry points for participation, rebuilding trust and connection through shared making, reciprocity, it's mycelium recreating, building a supportive infrastructure.”

Susan Light inquired about the fee that is being proposed in connection with the use of the space at the Jephson Campus. She said the resolution states CazArts will not be charged more than \$ 25.00/per meeting for use of the space. She wondered about the reason behind the charge and the amount. She inquired if charges are going to be levied against anybody who uses any Town property.

Councilor Race suggested she forward her comments to Supervisor Reger and they will be discussed with the Board.

Motion by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Fallon to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2026 regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jerry Munger was presented a Proclamation as described below for his service to the Town of Cazenovia and community.

Chair Ridler offered some additional comments about Jerry’s service to the community.

Resolution No. 69 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Fallon

**RECOGNITION OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER,
JERRY MUNGER**

WHEREAS, for nearly a decade, Jerry Munger has served on the Town of Cazenovia Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Jerry’s status as a long-time citizen proved invaluable in providing historical knowledge and understanding of the community and its development; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he served as both a member and an alternate member; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board recognizes his volunteerism in these roles which requires a significant commitment of time, patience and a dedication to the well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the work that the Planning Board and Zoning Board Members do is often “behind the scenes” yet essential to the character and careful development of our Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cazenovia community, as a whole, benefits from people who are willing to serve and the Town Board wishes to express their deepest appreciation for everything Jerry has contributed to Cazenovia throughout the years.

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 69 adopted.

Supervisor Reger explained Resolution #70 which is in regards to the Planned Development District[PDD]. This potential legislation came about with the sale of the college campus, which was the impetus of the Board discussing an option for the Equine Center. He said it is a mixed use of different types of zoning applications that the current Code does not have a way to negotiate through. This is something the Town Board at least wanted to introduce and consider as we move forward. He asked Attorney John Langey to give an overview.

John Langey explained a Planned Development District (PDD) has actually existed for a very, long time under New York State Law. The statute under town law allows any given town to adopt a local law basically implementing a PDD process. What this does is it creates the ability for a property where the owner might have a very unique idea with multiple uses for the parcel. They bring that idea to the Town Board and go through the process with the Town Board and the Planning Board. He said it is unlikely the Zoning Board would become involved unless a variance would be needed. There are many different examples of PDD laws. This proposed law for the Board’s consideration is based on one that’s been quite successful and he has dealt with before. He explained once a property owner asks the Town Board for a PDD, the Local Law outlines a process the Town Board has to initiate. A PDD is a zone change. So, if one of these PDD comes forward, then the Board is actually changing the zoning from whatever the underlying zoning of that piece of property is to a Planned Development District. He said when a PDD applicant comes forward they present a very well-designed and laid out project which will have a narrative, maps, etc. The Board will know everything about the project and if you don’t know, you ask. The process involves first coming to the Town Board for initial approval, then onto the Planning Board for review and return to the Town Board for a final stamp of approval for a Planned Development District. He said a map will be filed that has the buildings, uses and a narrative to go along with it. This law will be used very sparsely, but it’s now available for special, unique purposes, and not every town has them, but some do. The resolution before the Board introduced the local law and set the public hearing. The proposed law will be sent to County Planning for a (General Municipal Law [GML] to weigh in. He reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form with the Board, in particular Part 2 which has 18 different areas of environmental review to be considered. He reminded the Board Part 2 is for the law, itself. There is no specific project before the Board. If a project comes forward, this Full EAF will be done again, but applied to the specific project.

Supervisor Reger reiterated the public hearing is at the Town Office June 8, 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

John Langey stated the options are endless and gave the example of a golf course community.

Resolution No. 70

LOCAL LAW NO. D OF 2026

(“A Local Law to Amend Chapter 165 (Zoning) of the Code of the Town of Cazenovia to Add a New Article VI-A (Planned Development Districts)”)

Councilor Race introduced proposed Local Law No. D-2026, titled “A Local Law to Amend Chapter 165 (Zoning) of the Code of the Town of Cazenovia to Add a New Article VI-A (Planned Development Districts),” and **made the following motion, which was seconded by Councilor Johnson:**

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. D-2026 has been introduced and will be considered for enactment pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Constitution, New York Municipal Home Rule Law and New York State Town Law; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, requires that as early as possible in the consideration of a proposed action, an involved agency shall make a determination whether the action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

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 Cazenovia, but the following agencies have been designated interested agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the proposed enactment of said proposed Local Law, with the result that the Town Board shall act as lead agency in this matter, to wit:

- **Madison County Planning Department**, 138 North Court Street, Building 4, Room 249, P.O. Box 606, Wampsville, NY 13163;
- **Town of Cazenovia Planning Board**, c/o Chair Robert Ridler, 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035;
- **Town of Cazenovia Zoning Board of Appeals**, c/o Chair Thomas Pratt, 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035; and

WHEREAS, the adoption to said Local Law is a Type I Action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the 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, it is

BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia 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 SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the reasons supporting the foregoing Negative Declaration are as follows:

- This Local Law, if adopted, is designed to provide for a Planned Development District (PDD) process to be used as a tool for the planning of residential, commercial, industrial and/or other land uses or a mix therefore, in which economies of scale, creative architectural or planning concepts and open space preservation can be achieved by a property owner in furtherance of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan where such developments would be beneficial to the overall health, safety and welfare of all Town residents. This Article will also provide guidance to those who propose unique potential development opportunities to the Town and allow for the development of areas that could attract such developments to the Town in appropriate circumstances;
- The adoption of this proposed Local Law could ultimately have some small impacts to a particular area or region. The specific impacts could not be known at this time as no projects have been offered or proposed in any application. However, in the event that a project is presented, the reviewing board will undertake a hard look under the relevant SEQR criteria concerning all eighteen (18) areas of environmental concern;
- Specifically with regard to projects that are to be located on steep slopes, the Town of Cazenovia Planning Board would require proof through engineering practices that there will be no negative impacts from runoff and that there will be no areas where unlimited removal of excavation would occur;
- It is not anticipated that there will be any impact on any unique or unusual landforms as there are no such landforms located within the Town of Cazenovia (*e.g.*, cliffs, dunes, mineral reserves, fossils or caves);
- Any impacts on surface water will be studied by the reviewing board, depending upon the specific location and proposed project features. In that regard, the Town will utilize its own Town Engineer and other experts to examine any effects on wetlands or surface water. Further, any issues related to wetlands will require additional permitting through the State of New York or the United States Army Corps of Engineers, dependent on the project;
- There will be no anticipated negative impacts on groundwater, as each application will have to demonstrate that any new water well supplies will have no negative impacts on surrounding water supplies. Further, the proposed Local Law provides for, in proper circumstances, the use of public sewer services and/or demonstration of acceptable wastewater treatment;
- The proposed Local Law will also provide for the reviewing board to impose reasonable conditions, which could include prohibition of the use of pesticides within 100’ of any potable drinking water or irrigation source;
- The proposed Local Law would not allow for bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over groundwater or an aquifer;
- There is no anticipated impact relating to lands which would be subject to flooding as such areas should avoid development;
- There would be no impacts related to air quality, as the proposed Local Law would not provide for any usage of a regulated air emission source as set forth in the Regulations;

- It is anticipated that any individual project will be examined for any impact on plants and animals and that such review will not include any action which would cause a reduction in the population or loss of any threatened or endangered species. Further, any proposed project would require a review of any potential reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species;
- While a proposed action may occur on lands that potentially could have a limited impact on agricultural resources, the proposed Local Law review process will require any reviewing board to take into consideration such impacts and to eliminate and/or limit any impacts on agricultural lands;
- It is not anticipated that there will be any impact on any aesthetic resources. The Town of Cazenovia does not have any officially designated federal, state or local scenic or aesthetic resources;
- There is not anticipated to be any impact on historic or archaeological resources in any particular proposed PDD; however, each application will be examined in context of such impacts and any appropriate approvals and permits will be required, as well as coordination with appropriate related agencies will be required under SEQR for each project;
- There are no anticipated impacts to any open space and recreational areas as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan in the Town of Cazenovia;
- The Town of Cazenovia does have an adopted Critical Environmental Area located along the shoreline of Cazenovia Lake and along the edges of Chittenango Creek. However, the Town has adopted specific regulations regarding development in and near these important protected areas and no development will be allowed to occur within any Critical Environmental Area unless otherwise approved under those regulations;
- There are no anticipated impacts to transportation systems. Any application for a PDD will necessarily involve a critical review of any project traffic and will further require a report from a traffic expert for any particular project to better evaluate such impacts and/or mitigations to same;
- There are no projected impacts on energy. As presently proposed, no approved PDD would require any upgrade to an existing or the construction of a new substation. Further, there would be no requirement for more than 2,500 mw hours of electricity to support such a proposal, unless located in an Industrial zone. Each project will be examined for such improvements;
- There are no anticipated moderate or large impacts to noise, odor or light;
- There is no anticipated impact to human health in the event a PDD is proposed. The PDD process involves common land uses in appropriate areas and/or a combination of same;
- The proposed legislation to allow PDDs would be consistent with the recently adopted Town of Cazenovia Comprehensive Plan, as it would underscore carefully designed and regulated development for any particular project;

- The proposed PDD Law would not be inconsistent with the Town of Cazenovia’s community character as each project will require an examination of how it will fit with existing facilities, structures and areas of historic importance to the Cazenovia community and how all additional services (e.g., schools, police and fire) will respond to such PDD use. The use of reasonable conditions for any approval will be implemented for any particular project; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that this Board adopts the Negative Declaration incorporated herein and instructs counsel to make the required filing and publication of same; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that proposed Local Law No. D-2026 be referred to the Madison County Planning Department pursuant to the requirements of the New York State General Municipal Law §239; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Board shall conduct a public hearing as to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. D-2026 at the Town Hall located at 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York on June 8, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time all persons interested in the subject shall be heard.

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 70 adopted.

Supervisor Reger stated the annual road tour is June 7, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. The Town Board will meet Bryan Smith, Highway Superintendent, at the Town Office as the starting point.

Resolution No. 71 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Fallon

AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY FUNDS

– 2026 –

Town of Cazenovia

Madison County, NY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that money levied and collected in the Town of Cazenovia for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvements of Highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. **General repairs.** The Sum of **\$ 70,000** shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon all road miles of Town highway, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

2. **Improvements.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:
- a. On Ferndell Road (lower), a distance of .09 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 3,638.99**
 - ii. Project type – Micro Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 20.0’
 - iv. Thickness – Single Lift
 - b. On Ferndell Road (upper) a distance of .23 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 8,842.73**
 - ii. Project type – Micro Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 15.0’
 - iv. Thickness – Single Lift
 - c. On Elm Street, a distance of .16 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 6,186.27**
 - ii. Project type – Micro Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 20.0’
 - iv. Thickness – Single Lift
 - d. On Railroad Street, a distance of .12 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 4,730.68**
 - ii. Project type – Micro Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 20.0’
 - iv. Thickness – Single Lift
 - e. On Pearl Street, a distance of .06 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 2,256.17**
 - ii. Project type – Micro Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 24.0’
 - iv. Thickness – Single Lift
 - f. On Pearl Street, a distance of .19 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 7,277.97**
 - ii. Project type – Micro Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 19.0’
 - iv. Thickness – Single Lift
 - g. On School Street, a distance of .34 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 13,100.35**
 - ii. Project type – Micro Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 21.0’
 - iv. Thickness – Single Lift
 - h. On Tucker Road, a distance of 1.30 miles
 - i. for the sum of **\$ 182,951.48**
 - ii. Project type – Re-profile/Cold Mix Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 20.0’
 - iv. Thickness – 2.5”

- i. On Temperance Hill Road, a distance of .98 miles
 - i. for the sum of \$ **116,673.62**
 - ii. Project type – Cold Mix Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 20.0’
 - iv. Thickness – 2.5”
- j. On Coe Road, a distance of .32 miles
 - i. for the sum of \$ **38,143.30**
 - ii. Project type – Cold Mix Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 18.0’
 - iv. Thickness – 2.5”
- k. On Coulter Road, a distance of .68 miles
 - i. for the sum of \$ **80,213.11**
 - ii. Project type – Cold Mix Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 20.0’
 - iv. Thickness – 2.5”
- l. On Lincklaen Road, a distance of 2.8 miles
 - i. for the sum of \$ **399,028.18**
 - ii. Project type – Hot Mix Pave
 - iii. Width of Surface – 21.0’
 - iv. Thickness – 2.0”

3. **Improvements.** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways:

- a. On the following roads:

| NAME | DISTANCE |
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| Ridge Road | 4.83 |
| Rippleton Cross Road | 1.18 |
| Lane Road | .89 |
| Burlingame Road | 2.71 |
| Dugway Road | .60 |
| Cobb Hill Road | 2.41 |
| Thompson Road | 1.76 |
| | 14.38 miles |

- i. a distance of 14.38 miles
- ii. for the sum of \$ **214,852.41**
- iii. Project type – Chip Seal

The total amount of improvements not to exceed the amount of \$ **1,147,895.26**

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 71 adopted.

**Resolution No. 72 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Golub
ANNUAL HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RENTALS**

Pursuant to Highway Law, Article 7, § 143 to authorize the rental of equipment for Highway Department use for 2026:

All Roads

Rental of all equipment shall not exceed \$ 30,000.00.

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 72 adopted.

Resolution No. 73 presented by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Fallon

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE POSITIONS IN RELATION
TO THE JOINT YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM
AND AUTHORIZE THE RATES FOR THESE POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Joint Recreation Program has historically been administered by the Village of Cazenovia for the benefit of residents of the Towns of Cazenovia, Fenner, and Nelson, as well as the Village of Cazenovia; and

WHEREAS, an Intermunicipal Agreement (“IMA”) was executed in 1991 amongst the Towns of Cazenovia, Fenner, and Nelson and the Village of Cazenovia to establish the structure, responsibilities, and cost-sharing arrangements for the Joint Recreation Program; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2026, the Town of Cazenovia will assume responsibility for the administration and oversight of the Joint Recreation Program, including the youth recreation programming held at Lakeland Park and Carpenter’s Barn in June, July and August; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Cazenovia, Fenner, and Nelson, together with the Village of Cazenovia, are presently updating the IMA to reflect the change in program oversight, modernize some of the provisions, and address operational, financial, and administrative needs that have evolved since the original agreement; and

WHEREAS, in order to safely and effectively operate the Joint Youth Recreation Program, the Town of Cazenovia must establish certain seasonal staff positions necessary for program management, supervision, and participant safety; and

WHEREAS, the positions include Recreation Supervisor, Lifeguard Manager, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard, and Recreation Attendant which are seasonal positions and need to be established for Civil Services and personnel purposes; and

WHEREAS, the *Recreation Supervisor* assists in planning for the recreational camp program, prepares news releases and online advertising for the recreation program, hires, consults and gives direction to the staff, and ensures proper compliance to all NYS rules, regulations and guidelines for operation; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Brink is appointed to the position of Recreation Supervisor at a salary of \$ 13,506.00; and

WHEREAS, the position of *Lifeguard Manager* exercises direct supervision of lifeguard and head lifeguard staff including shift rotation schedule, breaks and number of lifeguards based on the number of patrons, maintains a proactive approach to safety and risk management by enforcing rules, scanning for distressed swimmers, observing, documenting and reporting safety concerns, and maintains an orderly, friendly, clean and safe environment for guests, co-workers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Finley Hagan will serve in the position of Lifeguard Manager at an hourly rate of \$ 24.00; and

WHEREAS, the *Head Lifeguard* provides supervision of lifeguards, monitors activities at the lakefront, has knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Lake, conducts safety checks and responds to basic public inquiries and directs concerns to the appropriate authorities; and

WHEREAS, the *Head Lifeguard* positions will be filled by Elliot Comeau and Cole Frazee at a rate of \$ 23.00/hour and Anthony Brenneck at an hourly rate of \$ 23.50; and

WHEREAS, the position of *Lifeguard* is tasked with watching the Lake and surrounding areas, maintains and aids in the activity and welfare of patrons, assists in teaching swimming to both swimmers and non-swimmers, coordinates swimming activities and other aspects of a general recreation program, maintains order and discipline and enforces safety rules and regulations to prevent accidents and injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Lifeguard positions will be filled by John Casey, Elizabeth Morgan and Chase Shepard at a rate of \$22.00/hour and a rate of \$ 22.50/hour for Matthew Brenneck and Enzo Zoli; and

WHEREAS, the *Recreation Attendant* position assists in conducting activities at a recreation facility, maintains and helps prepare fields and courts and related recreational facilities for the patrons; and

WHEREAS, the individuals named to fill the positions of Recreation Attendant are Ella Baker, Connor Bell, Leah Bell, Lisa Denton, Avery Cattadoris, James Dougherty, Sarah Hackney, James Herringshaw, Lexi Isbell, Brooks Ruddy, Oliver Smith, Cadence Walter at an hourly rate of \$ 16.00 and the rate for Audrey Wells is \$ 16.25/hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia hereby authorizes and approves the creation of the following positions for the operation of the Joint Youth Recreation Program: Recreation Supervisor, Lifeguard Manager, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard, and Recreation Attendant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the following salary and hourly rates in connection with the operation of the Joint Youth Recreation Program:

| Employee Name | Position | Rate |
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| Brink, Kristen | Recreation Supervisor | \$ 2,251/pay period |
| Hagan, Finley | Lifeguard Manager | \$ 24.00/hour |
| Brenneck, Anthony | Head Lifeguard | \$ 23.50/hour |
| Commeau, Elliot Frazee, Cole | Head Lifeguard | \$ 23.00 |
| Brenneck, Matthew Zoli, Enzo | Lifeguard | \$ 22.50/hour |
| Shepard, Chase Morgan, Elizabeth | Lifeguard | \$ 22.00/hour |
| Wells, Audrey | Recreation Attendant | \$ 16.25/hour |
| Baker, Ella Bell, Connor Bell, Leah Cattadoris, Avery Denton, Lisa Dougherty, James Hackney, Sarah Herringshaw, Janna Isbell, Lexi Ruddy, Brooks Smith, Oliver Walter, Cadence | Recreation Attendant | \$ 16.00/hour |

Roll call:

Councilor Race **Yes**
Councilor Golub **Yes**
Councilor Johnson **Yes**
Councilor Fallon **Yes**
Supervisor Reger **Yes**

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 73 adopted.

Councilor Johnson mentioned some of the pieces might get rehomed, as well.

Resolution No. 74 presented by Councilor Fallon, seconded by Councilor Johnson

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR A GENERAL HOLDING ASSESSMENT BY FRANK & GLORY

WHEREAS, in 1964 Mrs. Anna Oakman generously donated the Gothic Cottage located at 7 Albany Street in the Village of Cazenovia to the Town of Cazenovia for use as the Town Office; and

WHEREAS, the Town Offices have operated continuously at this location for more than fifty years, and

WHEREAS, during this period numerous items have been donated to the Town, placed on loan to the Town or were present within the building at the time of its acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of assessing these items to determine which should be retained by the Town, which should be returned to their original owners, and which may be appropriate for relocation to the future Town Office at the Jephson Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a proposal from Frank & Glory to provide professional services to conduct a general holdings assessment of the contents of the Gothic Cottage at a total cost of \$ 3,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it in the best interest of the Town to engage Frank & Glory to perform this assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia hereby approves the engagement of professional services from Frank & Glory for a general holdings assessment in the amount not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$ 3,500.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract and any associated documents, pending review by the Attorney for the Town.

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 74 adopted.

Resolution No. 75 presented by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Golub

AUTHORIZE THE USE OF “JEPHSON CAMPUS – BUILDING B” BY CAZARTS FOR HOSTING THEIR CREATIVE HUB

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board received a request from CazArts to host their monthly Creative Hub at the “Jephson Campus – Building B” on the third Sunday of each month, 12:30-4:00 p.m. starting Sunday, May 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, CazArts will be presented with a “Facilities Use Agreement” which shall be executed by the organization and the Town Supervisor prior to any use of the building; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has set the programming fee for the Creative Hub at an amount not too exceed Twenty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 25.00) for each monthly session; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk is in receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance including the endorsement naming the Town of Cazenovia as an additional insured from Caz Arts in the amount of one million dollars in coverage that must be maintained throughout their use of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cazenovia Board authorizes the use of Building B of the “Jephson Campus” by CazArts for their monthly Creative Hub.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and to sign the “Facilities Use Agreement.”

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 75 adopted.

Resolution No. 76 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Fallon

**NEW WOODSTOCK REGIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST
FOR THE USE OF HERITAGE PARK IN NEW WOODSTOCK**

The Town of Cazenovia Town Board approves the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society request for the use of New Woodstock Heritage Park including the Gazebo as outlined in the schedule submitted on April 29, 2026 from the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society to the Town Board. The park will be used for a total of four concerts in July and August, as well as the Christmas tree lighting on December 5th or 6th. If food is served, it is understood the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society will secure all necessary permitting that may be required from the Madison County Department of Health.

This Town Clerk is in receipt of a Certificate of Liability Insurance including the endorsement naming the Town of Cazenovia as an additional insured from the New Woodstock Regional Historical Society in the amount of one million dollars in coverage that must be maintained throughout the season.

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 76 adopted.

Resolution No. 77 presented by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Golub

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE
AT THE NEW YORK RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION'S
TRAINING WORKSHOP & EXHIBITION 2026**

To authorize the attendance of Stanley Flanders at the 47th Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition 2026 in Verona, New York on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 (only) with registration fees paid.

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 77 adopted.

Resolution No. 78 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Fallon

AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE TIOUGHNIOGA LAKE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION, INC.

The Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the following Letter of Support to the Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation, Inc. to accompany the Foundation’s grant application to the New York State Water Quality Improvement Project Program to maintain the long-term quality of DeRuyter Lake (Tioughnioga Lake).

May 11, 2026

Mrs. Joan Kolb, President
Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 476
DeRuyter, NY 13052

Dear Mrs. Kolb:

The Town of Cazenovia understands the Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation, in conjunction with Onondaga and Madison Soil and Water Districts and the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, will be seeking funding through the New York State Water Quality Improvement Project Program to address streambank erosion from tributaries to the Lake along Input 1 on the northwest corner of DeRuyter Lake.

These actions are supported by the Nine Element Watershed Management Plan for the DeRuyter Lake Watershed which identifies reduction of phosphorous as one of the key measures of control to maintain the long-term quality of the lake water. This plan identifies Input 1 remediation as one of the prime priority areas to provide benefits in improving and maintaining lake water quality.

We fully support the Foundation’s efforts to address these failing streambanks as they threaten the health and function of the Lake and impact the property where erosion is occurring. Erosion issues in some areas are causing significant deposits of sediments and debris into the streams and lake; impacting property owners, creating navigation hazards and potential property damage downstream of the erosion areas.

The Town of Cazenovia is fully in support of the initiative by the Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation and its supporting partners to maintain the long-term quality of DeRuyter Lake.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Reger,
Town Supervisor

cc: Town of Cazenovia Town Board

Roll call:
Councilor Race **Yes**
Councilor Golub **Yes**
Councilor Johnson **Yes**
Councilor Fallon **Yes**
Supervisor Reger **Yes**

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 78 adopted.

Resolution No. 79 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Golub

**STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION
FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cazenovia hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

| Title | Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs. Max 8 hrs. | Name (First and Last) | Current Term Begin & End Dates | Record of Activities Result | Pay Frequency |
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| Elected Officials | | | | | |
| Town Councilor | 6 | Kelli M. Johnson | 1/1/2026-12/31/2028 | 6.32 | Bi-Weekly |

Roll call:

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| Councilor Race | Yes |
| Councilor Golub | Yes |
| Councilor Johnson | Yes |
| Councilor Fallon | Yes |
| Supervisor Reger | Yes |

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 80 adopted.

Attorney's Report: *John Langey, Esq. reported his Office continues to work on the local laws which are slowly being introduced for consideration. He said some of these laws are fairly complex, for example, the “Roger/Dale Law” [making reference to Local Laws A & B – 2026]. When the proposed law was circulated to the Planning Board, the members had a couple good comments. One comment was included into the Law. However, now they are following up with the DEC regarding that particular modification. The law is almost there and will be a good law when “we get it on the books.” He updated the Board on the Short-term Rental Law and said there is a slight modification that will be coming soon. Lastly, he commented on the “PDD Law” that was introduced tonight. He commented this is a big endeavor, but felt they had a really good start on this particular law. On an unrelated topic, he noted he has been working with Councilor Johnson on the “Building Use Form” for the Jephson Campus [referring to Caz Arts/Stone Quarry Art Park use of Building B]. He circled back to local legislation and said there is a really substantial Wind Energy Law that has been drafted, and that's in the review stage. He commented it is really involved and recommended the Board take a good look at it and then they'll move forward with getting the law adopted. He continued his report and shared that the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board continue to be very busy. There was a dog case last month (leash, not bite) that's still pending. Lastly, he said he has been getting a lot of questions about data centers, some of his clients saw the recent newspaper article about the Lysander data center. Their Board passed a moratorium and he expressed he was not persuading this Board one way or another. He just wanted to make them aware this is a topic that is being discussed by communities. He compared it to the law that was passed about battery storage, another hot topic, a few months ago. Now, data centers are really hot! The Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES) has opined it is not in their purview. At this point, he just wanted the Board to be aware and think about future legislation on this topic. He explained the Board can pass regulations to regulate data centers, ban them or do a moratorium. A moratorium would allow the time to study data centers and then follow up with a decision whether to regulate them or to ban them. He thought the key was to get an understanding of what they are about and their implications.*

Councilor Race thought the biggest dilemma was the amount of energy they pull from the grid.

John Langey, Esq. said he has been learning about data centers and through his research has found the technology has already changed dramatically. He stated some of the older technology is loud and the units run “hot.” However, they are finding ways to lower the sound. He is unsure what the Governor plans to do with data centers. He thought, in a way, it does relate to battery storage because you need the energy to keep the data centers operating continuously.

He said he will learn more what their other clients are going to be doing. He responded to a question about a moratorium and said they are typically done for six, nine or twelve months. A committee would be formed to allow time to study the topic. He explained the Town of Cazenovia Zoning Law, land use law, has exclusionary zoning. Back in 2009, when the zoning code was revamped, his Office put this right into the law. With exclusionary zoning, you can only do the things that the zoning law says you can do. If it's not mentioned, you can't do it! It's excluded. The conversation circled back to moratoriums. He explained the way he writes the language for a moratorium will stop it in its tracks regardless of the status. If an applicant wants to get around it, they are free to apply for an exclusion through a use variance standard which is an automatic no if it is a self-created hardship. He said the part that can't be controlled is if the State of New York declares data centers, somehow a public utility. Then it could be approved, under a softer standard that the State law requires. He shared there was a case, over a year ago, that determined even the smaller solar and wind energy systems to be public utilities. He thought this was outrageous. He did not think it was a good decision, but it exists.

Councilor Race (Highway Department, South Cemetery, Water Pollution Control Facility, Water Districts): *Reported the road maintenance oiling program is set to kick off soon. The road tour will happen on June 7th and we will get the 284 Agreement underway. Regarding water departments, the flow meter was installed at the Wellington portion of the Consolidated Water District.*

Councilor Golub (Cazenovia Lake Association, Cazenovia Lake Watershed Council, Renewable Energy, United Climate Action Network (UCAN), Future of the Town Office, Anti-racism Coalition): *Reported on the Mill Street dam removal which has been discussed for quite some time. It's been a long process. They have gotten quotes from four engineers and they whittled it down to two and will make their selection from there. He explained the Village will sign-off and then they will commence the engineering in June. He said permitting will take approximately a year then the dam will be removed, probably in 2028. The overall cost is estimated at 1.5 million, \$ 300,000 for the actual removal and the remainder is permitting. He stated it will be paid for with a New York State Environmental Grant, matching funds and the County will assist.*

Councilor Race inquired if there have been conversations about the impact on the levels of the water in the dyke?

Councilor Golub said it will lower it. The purpose is to get the flow down the Creek and not back into the Lake.

Lastly, he reported on the Demolition Committee and said the work continues on that project and felt the Committee is making headway.

Councilor Johnson (CACDA, Senior Recreation & Joint Youth Recreation, Parks, New Woodstock Fire Department, Future of the Town Office, Anti-racism Coalition, Community Outreach): *Reported on CACDA with an update on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) process. She suggested people read the Republican because they did a really nice job of outlining the process. She said the process begins this month with proposals being accepted in June. By October, a slate of proposals will be presented to the State.*

Councilor Fallon inquired if they had a committee yet?

Councilor Johnson confirmed there are a couple committees being established. She said she does not have a lot of the details, other than they are being created.

She reported on Joint Youth Recreation and thanked Attorney Langey for helping craft the language of the IMA. She said questions are still getting asked by neighboring municipalities so they will get that fine-tuned. She thanked Clerk Sunderman for drafting the resolution presented earlier this evening and was glad the resolution included the IMA was still to be drafted. Tomorrow, she will meet with Kristen Brink about some of the details for this year's program. Registration opened at the beginning of March and it's filling up. The funding is getting directed to the town. On the front of New Woodstock, Kate Hill of the Cazenovia Republican came down to the ballfield and talked to everyone that was there about the improvements to the Field. If you really want all the details, the best thing to do is go to the newspaper. She met with Roger Cook, last week, about Heritage Park and his proposal about the benches, picnic tables, and removing a partition in the gazebo and a new planter around the sign. She suggested maybe the artisans that will use the Jephson Campus could that be their first project for the community. They also talked about the trees and paring down Don Ferlow's plan to just a few strategically placed ones. She thought possibly this could be a community event. Lastly, Mike Williams reached out to the town about starting a New Woodstock Farmer's Market. She thought he was progressing nicely with the process and was glad to hear he was joining CazLife. She said she would follow up. In regards to the Town Office, a lot has happened since the last meeting. She appreciated the staff's time for walking through the space and Supervisor Reger for "knocking it out of the park" with the AI renderings.

Councilor Fallon (Planning & Zoning, CACC, Shared Services, Renewable Energy, New York State Police): *Reported the Demolition Committee will have another meeting on Thursday. She mentioned planning and zoning continues to run smoothly. Lastly, she met with Attorney Langey and Supervisor Reger about some of the different local laws before the Board.*

Councilor Johnson remembered an e-mail that Howie Sneider, Deputy Director of the Stone Quarry Art Park, sent to the Board. She read the following message. "I really enjoyed meeting all of you for last week at our presentation. Look forward to many conversations ahead. It's exciting to collaborate and I'm confident we can bring value and public engagement back to the Jephson Campus. We're thrilled with your feedback and questions. Our next step will be to draft a narrative proposal for use and to continue developing ideas for engagement. We believe this is an opportunity for all to benefit and share in the town's resources. We are grateful that you have been so open to experimentation. Let me know if you or a group of you would like a tour of the park, Stone Quarry Park, and reach out if you have any questions and concerns that come up. We'll try to get you something in writing soon. Lastly, thank you for a very generous and kind welcome for me and my wife to Cazenovia. We are glad to make this our home and are beginning to settle in already."

Supervisor's Report: *Reported many of the items have already been reported on by the other members. He added Liz Merrill, Director of Finance, submitted the annual financial report and was great to work with on getting that task accomplished and submitted timely. He thanked Councilor Johnson for organizing CazArts and the Stone Quarry Art Park Group and all the people that attended the work session. He said they continue to work on the Water Pollution Control Facility which will be one of the largest expenses the town has ever had to undertake. This is a project that has to be done because the DEC has set new permit levels that we have to*

follow. He thanked Councilor Race, Plant Operator Jim Cunningham, as well as John LaGorga and his team at MRB. He said they had a meeting a couple weeks ago and Lauren Lines is aiding the Town to diligently work on securing additional funding, along with the MRB staff. He said there is a May 1st deliverable to submit the engineering plans.

(Office Hours): June 7th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Supervisor Reger asked if any member of the public cared to use the second comment period to speak to the board regarding any area of Town Board oversight.

Public comment #2: *There were no comments.*

The Town Clerk presented the monthly bills list.

The Town Board's method-of-choice for review of the monthly bills:

The Town Board's first review takes place when detailed lists of the monthly bills are emailed to them on the weekend preceding the meeting. As a second review, the Town Clerk reads aloud the monthly bills list as the Town Board followed along with hard copies. The invoices are present at the meeting and the Town Board visually inspects them and discusses them at their discretion.

Motion by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Fallon to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$ 364,258.56. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Golub to adjourn this meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

At 8:25 p.m., Supervisor Reger declared this meeting adjourned.

Signed: *Connie J. Sunderman*

Connie J. Sunderman, Town Clerk