

**TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

December 8, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence: *There was no unshared correspondence.*



Holiday Schedule Dates Closed
Town Office & Highway Dept. (Weather Permitting)
Thursday & Friday, December 25th & 26th
Thursday & Friday, January 1st & 2nd

Motion by Councilor Fallon, seconded by Councilor Johnson to accept the minutes from the November 3, 2025 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: *There were no comments.*

Resolution No. 166 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Golub

TOWN BOARD CORRECTIVE RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF A
2026 VENTRAC TRACTOR 4520Y WITH TRADE-IN**

To correct the November 3, 2025 Town Board Resolution (Resolution No. 159) relative to the procurement of the 2026 Ventrac Tractor 4520Y, to wit:

To update the 3rd Clause which references the purchase price to include a \$ 1,250.00 set-up charge:

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has obtained a quote for said equipment from Clinton Tractor & Implement Co., in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$ 53,359.20) ~~Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$ 52,109.20);~~ and

To update the Last Clause which references the payment amount (less trade-in):

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town Board authorizes payment to Clinton Tractor & Implement Co., 31 Meadow Street, Clinton, NY 13323 in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$ 28,359.20) ~~Twenty-seven Thousand One Hundred Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$ 27,109.20)~~ after said trade-in.

The resolution shall hereby be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF A
2026 VENTRAC TRACTOR 4520Y WITH TRADE-IN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Highway Department has advised the Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia of its continuing need to repair, replace and update its fleet of heavy equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Highway Department has advised of its desire to acquire a new 2026 Ventrac Tractor 4520Y with specified equipment; including the snow blower and finish mower attachment; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has obtained a quote for said equipment from Clinton Tractor & Implement Co., in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$ 53,359.20); and

WHEREAS, said quote included the trade-in of a 2022 Ventrac Tractor 4520Z with the following attachments: snow blower and finish mower for a credit in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 25,000.00); and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any necessary documents to purchase a 2026 Ventrac Tractor 4520Y with specified equipment, including the snow blower and finish mower attachments, in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$ 52,109.20); and it is further;

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED the Town Board authorizes the trade-in of a 2022 Ventrac Tractor 4520Z including the following attachments: snow blower and finish mower for a credit in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 25,000.00) and without express or implied warranty; and it is further;

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED the Town Board authorizes payment to Clinton Tractor & Implement Co., 31 Meadow Street, Clinton, NY 13323 in the amount of Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine and 20/100 Dollars (\$ 28,359.20) after said trade-in.

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 166 adopted.

Resolution No. 167 presented by Councilor Fallon, seconded by Councilor Race

AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE SECURITY BEING HELD IN RELATION TO THE STORMWATER CONTROL FACILITY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR CAZ CARWASH, LLC

WHEREAS, Caz CarWash, LLC entered into a Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement with the Town of Cazenovia as a condition of their special use permit approval (*February 24, 2020*) to construct and operate a single-story car wash facility; and

WHEREAS, a term of said Agreement required a security for the maintenance and continuation of the stormwater control measures in the amount of Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 5,000.00) to be held for a minimum of three years from the satisfactory completion of the construction of the stormwater control measures; and

WHEREAS, upon expiration of the three-year period, the Facility owner could petition the Town Board for release of the security or a portion thereof if the measures were satisfactorily operating; and

WHEREAS, in the last annual inspection report, the Codes Enforcement Officer received confirmation from the Facility Owner’s Engineer that all stormwater control measures continue to function as designed; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2025, the Facility Owner contacted the Town of Cazenovia to request the return of their security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board authorizes the release of said security to the Facility Owner in the amount of Five Thousand Three and 54/100 Dollars (\$ 5,003.54) from the account established for this project including any interest accrued during the life of the security.

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 167 adopted.

Resolution No. 168 presented by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Golub

AUTHORIZE THE PROCUREMENT OF HOSTING SERVICES AND PERSONNEL MODULES FROM EDMUNDS GOVTECH AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE SALES PROPOSAL FOR SUCH SERVICES AND SOFTWARE

To authorize the procurement of Hosting Services and the Employee Self-Service and Human Resources Modules from Edmunds GovTech as per the Sales Proposal dated December 3, 2025. Such procurement for the Hosting Services has an annual fee of Four Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 4,000.00). The Employee Self-Service and Human Resources Modules are each Three Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 3,500.00) at an annual fixed rate for the next three years. In addition, a one-time implementation and conversion services fee of Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 3,000.00) will be incurred. The total purchase price as outlined in the Sales Proposal for Year 1 is Fourteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 14,000.00). Years 2-3 will each be Eleven Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 11,000.00).

Furthermore, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute said Sales Proposal pending satisfactory review by the Attorney for the Town.

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 168 adopted.

Resolution No. 169 presented by Councilor Fallon, seconded by Councilor Johnson

AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR TAX COLLECTION AND THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH iSTREAM FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law § 5-A and 5-B authorize local governments to accept electronic payments including ACH transfers for taxes and other amounts owed to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds it is in the public interest to offer taxpayers the option to pay property taxes and other charges through electronic means.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia, County of Madison, hereby authorizes the acceptance of electronic payments, including ACH transfers and electronic checks (e-checks), for payment of taxes and other fees owed to the Town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is designated as the officer authorized to accept such electronic payments and to implement appropriate procedures as adopted by the governing board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute agreements with Community Bank N.A., the Town's bank and the third-party payment processor, iStream Financial Services, Inc. to facilitate electronic payments, including appropriate security procedures as required by law, subject to review by the Attorney for the Town.

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 169 adopted.

Supervisor Reger said Erin King will serve in this role and it aligns with the duties she is currently doing for the Town of Cazenovia. He expressed the Town is fortunate to have her working for the community. .

Resolution No. 170 presented by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Fallon

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN “ACCOUNT CLERK, PART-TIME” POSITION AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ERIN KING

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board has determined it would be in the best interest of the Town to add a new position of “Account Clerk, Part-time” to assist the Director of Finance with accounting duties for the Town of Cazenovia; and

WHEREAS, the duties of “Account Clerk, Part-time” would entail posting expenses, invoices, payroll, receipts and vouchers to journal or ledger accounts; receiving remittances and verifying amounts, computing interest and penalties and posting to books of original entry; assisting in maintaining labor, material and operation cost records; assisting in verifying and reconciling account balances; entering financial data into a computer via a computer terminal; compiling payroll data, preparing and checking payrolls; and possibly auditing calculations and documents for adherence to proper procedures, policies, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid duties will be under the direct supervision of the Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia may employ an individual to perform such duties and services at a rate set by the Town Board and subject to Town Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia desires to employ Erin King as a part-time employee to perform such duties and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby establishes the position of “Account Clerk, Part-time.” Such position shall be non-competitive under New York State Civil Service Law and is established upon adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board authorizes the appointment of Erin L. King to serve as “Account Clerk, Part-time” effective January 1, 2026.

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 170 adopted.

Resolution No. 171 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Johnson

2026 HOURLY RATES AND ANNUAL SALARIES

To approve the following hourly and annual salaries in amounts not to be exceeded and as provided in the 2026 Town Budget:

Name/Title	Budget Line	2026 Amount
Town Councilors (4 elected)	A1010.1	Annual, \$ 4,797.00 ea.
Justices (2 elected)	A1110.1	Annual, \$ 15,392.00 ea.
Town Supervisor (elected)	A1220.1	Annual, \$ 22,828.00
Budget Officer (<i>Reger</i>)	A1340.1	Annual, \$ 12,480.00
Assessor (<i>Fitts</i>)	A1355.1	Annual, \$ 63,076.00
Town Clerk (<i>Sunderman</i>)	A1410.1	Annual, \$ 73,156.00
WPCF Town Clerk Stipend (<i>Sunderman</i>)	SS8130.1.710	Annual, \$ 3,640.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics (<i>Sunderman</i>)	A4020.1	Annual, \$ 7,020.00
Records Management Officer (<i>Sunderman</i>)	B1460.1	Annual, \$ 8,840.00
Clerk PT (<i>Fuchs</i>)	A1430.1.12	\$ 21.54/hr.
Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer (<i>Ladd</i>)	B8010.1.023	Annual, \$ 66,612.00
Zoning Department Clerk (<i>Wightman</i>)	B8010.1.10	Annual, \$ 72,056.00 (<i>not FLSA-Ex.</i>)
Dog Control Officer (<i>Driscoll</i>)	A3510.1	Annual, \$ 7,566.00
Planning Board Chair (<i>Ridler</i>)	B8020.1.25	Annual, \$ 2,106.00
ZBA Chair (<i>Pratt</i>)	B8010.1.25	Annual, \$ 2,106.00
Director of Finance* (<i>Merrill</i>)	A1315.1.005	Annual, \$ 67,288.00
Sewer Accountant (<i>Merrill</i>)	SS8130.1.704	Annual, \$ 8,372.00
Secretary to Supervisor (---)	A1220.1.42	<i>Not funded</i>
Account Clerk PT (<i>King</i>)	A1315.1.010	\$ 25.00/hr.
Water Districts Collector (<i>King</i>)	SW8310.1	\$ 25.00/hr.
Justice Clerk (<i>Palmer</i>)	A1110.1.10	\$ 19.00/hr.

Justice Clerk (<i>Bishal</i>)	A1110.1.10	\$ 19.00/hr.
Name/Title	Budget Line	2026 Amount
Highway Superintendent (<i>Smith</i>)	A5010.1	Annual, \$ 76,970.00
Deputy Highway Superintendent (<i>Spaulding</i>)	A5010.1.12	Annual Stipend, \$ 4,550.00
Head Certified Water Technician (<i>Flanders</i>)	SW1 8340.1	Annual Stipend, \$ 2,158.00
Certified Water Technicians	SW1 8340.1	Annual, \$ 500.00 ea.
* New Internal Title (Same Employee) – Previous Title Bookkeeper FT		

Highway Department Hourly Rates	
Laborer FT	\$ 21.15 hourly rate
Seasonal Laborer	\$ 17.60 hourly rate
Contract Laborer	\$ 27.07 hourly rate
Machinery Equipment Operator	\$ 31.21 hourly rate
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$ 31.21 hourly rate

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 171 adopted.

Resolution No. 172 presented by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Fallon

**WATER DISTRICTS COLLECTOR
ACCOUNTING RECORDS AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board performed an audit of Erin King’s, Water Districts Collector, records at a work session on December 3, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 financial records of the Water Districts Collector appear to be complete and in good order.

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 172 adopted.

Resolution No. 173 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Golub

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (SEWER)
BILLING CLERK’S ACCOUNTING RECORDS AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board performed an audit of Amy Will’s, Sewer Billing Clerk, records at a work session on December 3, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 financial records of the Water Pollution Control Facility (Sewer) Clerk appear to be complete and in good order.

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 173 adopted.

Resolution No. 174 presented by Councilor Fallon, seconded by Councilor Johnson

**AUTHORIZE TRAINING CREDITS TO JOSEPH JUSZKIEWICZ
FOR HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE 28TH ANNUAL
NYWEA/AWMA JOINT SEMINAR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Law §272-7a each member of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall complete, at a minimum, four hours of training each year designed to enable such members to more effectively carry out their duties. Such training shall be approved by the town board and may include, but not be limited to, training provided by a municipality, regional or county planning office or commission, county planning federation, state agency, statewide municipal association, college or other similar entity.

WHEREAS, Joseph Juskiewicz attended the 28th Annual New York Water Environment Association/Air & Waste Management Association (NYWEA & AWMA) Joint Seminar on April 23, 2025. Said seminar was four hours in length.

WHEREAS, neither the NYWEA or AWMA is listed as an approved agency for training by way of previous resolution No. 40 of 2007 adopted by the Town of Cazenovia Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board authorizes 4.0 hours of training be credited to Joseph Juskiewicz for his attendance at the 28th Annual New York Water Environment Association/Air & Waste Management Association (NYWEA &AWMA) Joint Seminar.

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 174 adopted.

Resolution No. 175 presented by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Golub

AUTHORIZE A REFUND TO A USER’S ACCOUNT OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

To authorize the Sewer Billing Clerk to issue a refund for the amount shown to the following account of the Water Pollution Control Facility due to overpayment:

- **Hightchew, Thembi**
Service ID: 6950 (24 Chenango Street) **Refund:** \$ 244.10

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 175 adopted.

Transfer budget to accommodate architectural and legal fees for review of New Woodstock School property and Jephson campus.

To: A 1010.4.000 Town Board	\$10,000.00
From: A 1620.4.013 Repairs Building CE	(10,000.00)

General Fund B

Transfer budget to accommodate highway drivers’ drug and alcohol testing for random and new employees.

To: B 4220.4.000 Narcotics & Alcohol Control CE	\$600.00
From: B 1990.4.000 Contingency	(600.00)

Transfer budget to accommodate Rec Desk program cost.

To: B 7310.4.000 Youth Programs CE	\$3,360.00
From: B 1990.4.000 Contingency	(3,360.00)

Highway Fund DA

Transfer budget to accommodate Ventrac purchase less trade-in approved via Town Board resolution #25 – 166 and additional transfer to accommodate Tracey Road Equipment snowplow body.

To: DA 5130.2.000 Machinery EQ	\$28,359.20
From: DA 9785.6.000 Principal on Installment Purchase Debt	(28,359.20)
To: DA 5130.2.000 Machinery EQ	1,000.00
From: DA 5130.4.000 Machinery CE	(1,000.00)

Transfer budget to accommodate snow removal labor projecting to year end.

To: DA 5142.1.000 Snow Removal PS	\$12,000.00
To: DA 9030.8.000 Social Security (Town’s Portion)920.00	
From: DA 9060.8.000 Medical Insurance (Town’s Portion)	(8,000.00)
From: DA 9785.6.000 Principal on Installment Purchase Debt	(4,920.00)

Highway Fund DB

To appropriate Fund Balance we must make a calculation that Fund Balance is available in Highway Fund DB by running the following calculation to prove that Fund Balance is available:

Present Year Budget:

DB 510 Estimated Revenues	\$1,700,929.00
Plus DB 599 Appropriated Fund Balance	448,936.19
Actual Subtotal	\$2,149,865.19

Present Year Actual:

DB 980 Actual Revenues to Date	\$1,461,790.99
Plus Other Revenues Expected by year end	261,000.00
Plus DB 909 Fund Balance at beginning of year	1,052,252.93
Actual Subtotal	\$2,775,043.92

Actual Subtotal less Budgeted Subtotal = Amount Available **\$625,178.73**

Transfer budget to accommodate actual stone and oil purchases for road repairs.

To: DB 5110.4.036 Stone & Oil General Repairs CE	\$38,000.00
From: DB 599 Appropriated Fund Balance	(38,000.00)

Water Pollution Control Facility

To appropriate Fund Balance we must make a calculation that Fund Balance is available in Water Pollution Control Facility SS by running the following calculation to prove that Fund Balance is available:

Present Year Budget:

SS 510 Estimated Revenues	\$539,040.00
Plus SS 599 Appropriated Fund Balance	275,250.00
Actual Subtotal	\$814,290.00

Present Year Actual:

SS 980 Actual Revenues to Date	\$639,269.39
Plus Other Revenues Expected by year end	0.00
Plus SS 909 Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>1,342,244.59</u>
Actual Subtotal	\$1,981,513.98
Actual Subtotal less Budgeted Subtotal = Amount Available	\$1,167,223.98

Transfer budget to accommodate legal and engineering fees for clarifier & disinfection project not yet financed.	
To: SS 8130.4.700 Legal & Engineering Sewage Treat/Disposal CE	\$150,000.00
From: SS 599 Appropriated Fund Balance	(150,000.00)

Joint Route 20 Water District

To: SW4 8350.4.000 Common Water Supply CE	\$1,500.00
From: SW4 9797.6.000 Debt Principal Other Governments	(1,500.00)

Roll call:

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

Supervisor Reger declared Resolution No. 177 adopted.

Attorney's Report: *John Langey, Esq. reported he continues to work on the “wind ordinance” and has drafts with him to distribute to the Town Board. He said there is a lot of information in the document and he anticipates it will have to be condensed due to the number of pages. He recommended the first step to include a public information meeting, as was done with the solar law. Over the last month, he has also been busy in assisting the Clerk in her duties as Records Management Officer. Lastly, he said the Planning Board and Zoning Board continue to have full agendas. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.*

Councilor Race (Highway Department, South Cemetery, Water Pollution Control Facility, Water Districts): *Reported on the highway department and said it’s winter and it came early and with a vengeance. They now have a full crew. Everybody is doing their job efficiently and safely and everything is going well. From what he understands, Cazenovia is at least a foot ahead in snowfall compared to this time last year.*

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 the Lake Summit happened since the last time the Board met. The Summit was well-attended and was a well-organized event. Next, he read a prepared statement regarding the sale of Reisman Hall. “I’m going to present my opinions only, and I can’t speak for the rest of the Board, but I’d like to express my views, but I really don’t want to have a public argument. I want to choose my words carefully and I don’t want to get into a heated exchange. And I tend to say things I might regret and I might not be as quick on my feet as I once was. But I*

do feel I owe the public an explanation of how I feel. I am in favor of the sale of Reisman Hall to the County. Now, those of you who know me, might be wondering, if the pumpkin farmer suddenly became a MAGA conservative and I have not. I am appalled at how the administration is handling the immigrant issue in this country. I do not support tearing children and families apart. I do not approve of sending undocumented workers to foreign countries and to detention facilities. If they had committed violent crimes, they need to be incarcerated after due process. I certainly do not approve of detaining U.S. citizens because they fit a profile. When I worked with dairies around Onondaga and Madison County, I got to know these workers personally. And, I talked to them about the hardships they faced getting here and what life was like in their home country. Also, I should add that they are fulfilling a vital function, in this case, getting our cows milked. So, when I heard that Sheriff Hood signed an agreement that included ICE, that certainly got my attention. Much like I think it did for many of you. Even though this agreement says nothing about further harassment of immigrants, I have skepticism with an administration that doesn't seem to care about the rule of law. But, getting back to Reisman Hall, when I first learned about this real estate transaction, there was no deal with ICE. So looking through the lens before this happened, I couldn't see any red flags. None of us wanted to see a bunch of abandoned buildings in the center of our Village. Sheriff Hood is an elected official. I wish that this group would show as much determination and vigor in fielding a candidate on the ballot to oppose Sheriff Hood as it has to opposing this transaction. Our current Sheriff can and will be replaced at some point. I think it's shortsighted to pass up an opportunity to keep this building occupied because of the decisions of an elected official who is temporary. In the meantime, if a federal agency were to conduct raids in our community, it could be done whether we have county offices in our town or from Wampsville or Canastota. Just ask the people in Cato. There have been other concerns about police vehicles and hot pursuit that will disrupt our peaceful village. I don't share those concerns. I'd be happy to talk to anyone privately about this as I've already done so. But, this decision is not up to our Board anyway. We are here to conduct business for the town. With that in mind, when you folks leave tonight, please respect that there is a meeting which is taking place even after the public comment period. Thank you."

Councilor Johnson (CACDA, Senior Recreation & Joint Youth Recreation, Parks, New Woodstock Fire Department, Future of the Town Office, Anti-racism Coalition, Community Outreach): *Reported she wasn't present for the CACDA meeting in November, but had a recap of the discussions, in terms of town business. Anytime now, the Town should hear about the Water Pollution Control Facility Grant and the grant for the stabilization of the Gothic Cottage. There have been discussions on the Hoffman Wind Project and possible mitigation resources that are available to the Town and an application will be made this week. She mentioned the possibility of EV charging stations in New Woodstock, and the possibility of applying for a grant to cover part of those costs. The Town has already secured a grant for upgrades to the parks in New Woodstock. She said there is an Archives Grant deadline and Lauren Lines has shared some information with Clerk Sunderman in terms of the next steps in the future of the Gothic Cottage and the future of the Town Hall in regards to our records. In regards to recreation, John Langey and she are going to follow up on an update to the Intermunicipal Agreement as the Town takes over the finances for the entire recreation program, not just youth recreation, but what recreation, in general, looks like year-round, intergenerationally. Lastly, in terms of community outreach, she thanked the office staff for welcoming the story time group this week to the Gothic Cottage. She felt it was a really great opportunity that the library wanted to reach out and use this space for their story time.*

Councilor Fallon (Planning & Zoning, CACC, Shared Services, Renewable Energy, New York State Police): *Reported she did not have a lot to report. The Planning and Zoning Boards have been very busy. She attended her first Lake Summit meeting. She thought it was informative and nicely organized. She gave a shout out to Councilor Golub and Village Trustee Bell and appreciates all their work, alongside the Lake Association. Lastly, she is looking forward to meeting on the current demolition standards and whether revisions should be made to the law.*

Supervisor's Report: *Supervisor Reger said many of the things he has been working on have already been captured. However, Councilor Johnson and he have been working over the past few months on a communications application. They're pushing forward to hopefully have a decision made to present to the Board to approve. Ever since he began in public service six years ago, he felt there was a gap of reaching everyone in time. In the application they are exploring, several different vendors will be able to allow people to register so you can get push notifications, whether it be agendas or meeting notifications, those types of items, to better reach the constituents so people get more timely information. He said this cost was included in the upcoming budget. Councilor Johnson and he have set a goal of having it done in February to be able to present to the Town Board. In closing, as the year draws to an end, he wanted to give thanks to not only all the board members at the table, but the entire staff, as well as the highway department and people like John Langey who give countless hours to give us help. He recognized we have a tremendous group that does a lot of work and so much that goes unnoticed that makes the municipality run. He wanted to say thank you and it was a tremendous year and he said he's very grateful for each member of the group.*

(Office Hours): Sunday, December 28th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Town Office

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. *Due to the large audience, he reviewed the general rules for public comment. He expressed it was important to hear what everyone has to say. He said when we have these public comment periods, the Board takes note of everything that is being said because everyone's voice is important. He stated Councilor Race will circulate the microphone to individuals that want to make a comment. He asked for speakers to state their name and address. He reminded everyone it is not a dialogue or a Q &A, but an opportunity to make comments.*

Public comment #2:

Laura Reeder was present to speak on behalf of Cazenovia Voices Coalition. *She stated the group addresses the silence of their leaders who have collaborated over a year on the County's purchase of property in the heart of our town and village without involving the people who live here. Over 90.9% of local voices on 622 signature petitions still say this plan needs to be paused. A majority of Cazenovia voters did speak out in our recent election and say that the Madison County Sheriff is not welcome here. They did put forward a candidate and they actually were very successful in Cazenovia at demonstrating that the Sheriff did not get the majority of votes. However, the continued silence of our leaders is concerning. She said her organization has three requests. The first request, not tonight, but she hoped soon. Kyle Reger, we ask you to break your silence and explain why you chose not to inform the community as you engaged fully in the County on negotiations for over a year. She felt he was a steady participant from the onset, and yet never thought to engage with the community. Number two, they ask the Town Board to break*

their silence. The Village has formally asked the Town and County to follow its zoning laws through letters. We need our Town Board to state on the record that they support this request and that they will advocate for local zoning authority by the people to be honored in the plans for the Jephson Campus exchange. She further stated they request the Town Supervisor to state on the record that he advocates with the County for local zoning authority to be honored by the people in plans for the Reisman and Sigety Hall purchase. She asked that the community is brought into the room. They urged the Board to take leadership and invite the Village officials and host a public-facilitated forum to address community concerns that were never brought to the table for over a year and that still need to be considered, and in some way acknowledged. Up until now, it's just been resistance from our leaders quietly not saying a thing or putting out propaganda and information which she felt is misinformation. In closing, she said the residents must be part of whatever comes next and the leaders should not govern in silence, but build trust. Cazenovia has spoken up in signatures and meetings, at the ballot box, and in letters. We are not stopping and we're not going away -we live here. So we ask you, our leaders, to speak up, too.

Rebecca Garden stated she is a member of the Anti-Racism Coalition of Cazenovia and wanted to recite the policy as posted on the town's website. "The Town of Cazenovia is a welcoming and inclusive community. We recognize the responsibility and rights of community members to respect the personhood of all individuals, to live their lives with dignity, free of discrimination based on faith, race, sexuality, gender identity, national origin or immigration status." She said it's very explicitly stated. "We, therefore, renounce hatred and intolerance, including, but not limited to, racism, misogyny, xenophobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia, homophobia and transphobia." This is posted on the website. "We commit ourselves as a town to respect the diversity represented within our community and to be good neighbors to all." At the same time the Town has this posted on the website, it has negotiated with the County to bring a sheriff to this community who has enthusiastically enrolled in ICE, which is involving him as a deputy, as an agent of ICE, and in a position to be able to deputize his employees to be agents of ICE, therefore, effectively bringing ICE to the heart of this community. She was present to say she felt the town leadership's silence, instead of renouncing hatred and intolerance, has condoned what is a collaboration with an agency that has come to embody and be an instrument of hatred and intolerance. She recognized Councilor Golub for saying he does not continue in silence and has a position. They are devoted to working with leadership to help the sheriff rescind his agreement with ICE. They can help him back out of this because it's immoral and it's not what our community stands for. She charged those on the Board who have remained silent to recognize they have not represented the constituents. The ARC voices have been loud and clear. She said they don't dominate the whole community, there's a lot of different voices in this community, but there are a lot of them. In her opinion, she has not been recognized or represented, which is the job of leaders. She commended Councilor Golub and appreciated his statement. In closing, she said the ARC wants to work with the Board, so let them know how they can help because they are here for them.

Bill Bullen thanked Councilor Golub. He said with all due respect, constituents are not really looking for opinions from the Board. They are looking for an open forum for their voices to be heard. He mentioned he was amused when he heard Attorney Langey state that the next action [referring to the "wind law" in John Langey's report] is to have a public hearing. He acknowledged his fellow residents and said they stand here today to oppose a process, a process that has intentionally excluded the people of Cazenovia. He felt the process amounts to a fundamental failure of the town supervisor's duty regarding the sale of Reisman and Sigety Halls.

It is not about opposing law enforcement, but about opposing a betrayal of trust. The facts paint a disturbing picture of who Supervisor Reger truly was working for during this process. He reviewed the timeline of communications with Madison County. December 9, 2024, Nine Fresh was invited to present to Madison County. January 10th, a ground tour was held specifically for county representatives. January 15, 2025, Supervisor Reger sent tax information directly to Jim Cunningham, Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Reger represents the Town of Cazenovia on the Board of Madison County Supervisors. For months, county officials, the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management conducted detailed site visits to evaluate the feasibility of a \$1.9 million purchase. There was a professional, regular flow of communication, planning and access all directed at a single recipient-Madison County. He concluded that Supervisor Reger was in the loop the whole way. "The sounds of silence." He questioned, where was the equivalent communications for the people of Cazenovia? The Town Board website [referring to meeting minutes] confirms it from December 2024 until May 2025. He stated, according to their research, not a single Town Board agenda item or document was available to the public that mentioned this proposed deal. He did not think you can blame that on "push technology" not being available. He felt the public was intentionally left out of this-it wasn't an oversight. It was a choice. A choice to communicate regularly with Chairman Cunningham and Madison County while leaving the Cazenovia Historic Preservation Committee, the Planning Board and the residents of this historic village in the dark. This is pandering, sacrificing our local control, our home rule for the County's agenda. The cost of this value is immense. He stated the entire transfer unfolded without public notice, feasibility studies or necessary SEQRA reviews. Reisman Hall is a quiet residential area near schools and churches. He felt placing centralized law enforcement operations in that location is a complete disregard for local zoning and planning principles. Second, this action is a permanent financial betrayal. In his mind, transferring these tax-generating parcels to a tax-exempt Sheriff's Office permanently erodes the village and the school district's fragile revenue base. Lastly, recent foundation offers to repurchase and gift the property back to the Village was allegedly declined without any public notice or input. There are over 600 residents who have signed a petition calling for the pause. He directed his statement to the Supervisor, I think you were voted in with 1100 votes, many of the residents who have signed the petition are in Cazenovia and are voting constituents of yours. We demand transparency! He felt the evidence shows that Supervisor Reger prioritized Madison County's agenda over Cazenovia's due process. He said they are not opposing law enforcement, but are opposing the Town Board leadership that refuses to listen to their constituents and instead panders to Madison County. He concluded his statement by demanding that the process be opened up and present your constituents with an opportunity to weigh in.

Eric Beyers said everyone in this room has one thing in common, we care about Cazenovia. We should allow that to unite us, not divide us. He agreed with everything that's been said and he thought it was really important. However, he thought there were a couple of things that hadn't been said, yet. Reisman Hall was donated as an art building. The same foundation wants to give another million dollars to keep it being something useful to the Village and that is being ignored, to a degree. We're allowing it to be sold to become a police station which is not in the spirit of the gift. It's not in the spirit of how it evolved and we should honor that. He thought it should be kept the way it was intended and why it was built. He stated Councilor Golub talked about the speeding police cars not being a threat. He said in his time in Cazenovia, over 30 years, there have been three fatal accidents because of police driving too fast and either going off the road and killing themselves or running into other vehicles. He predicted "it's gonna happen again,

that's history. You can say it won't happen.” He gave the example of a young guy in a car who thinks he can catch or drive fast and he's got it all under control, but he doesn't. Perhaps, New York State isn't training them right, but it hasn't changed in the 30 years he's been here. And, it isn't going to change in the next 30 years.

Roger DeMuth of Chenango Street said he can see a couple of problems with this proposal. *If this were paused momentarily, he didn't see how it would hurt anyone. He thought maybe the community can come up with the money to purchase the building. He was hopeful that the community could come up with the second million dollars. Then, would it be possible for the town and the village to accept a second offer on the property? He said he is an architectural historian and does paintings of historic buildings. He said the adjoining building [Sigety Hall], the leaders want to make it into a parking lot. He can't see anywhere in this country from here to Albany where a parking lot has helped anyone or any of the villages, themselves. He is not saying that building is historically significant. But, it is next to the church and would need a chain link fence around it and he can foresee the horror story of putting a tarp on the chain link fence to hide the police cars. He said the Village doesn't have enough parking, but that's the same with all villages. The solution always seems to be to tear something down which he doesn't see as being helpful. However, he hoped that the Board and everyone in this community could get together and come up with the second million dollars. He inquired if the Board would accept such an offer?*

Mark Smith of Lincklaen Street said Cazenovia College was about 196 years old and it was a central part of this community. *It had grown over the years and was essential to the Village. He felt the community is in the situation that if we get it wrong, it could create a 20-or-30-year decline of this place. He said this has been a wonderful village and town and he would like it to continue. He felt the way to accomplish this is to get as many people involved in speaking and participating and come up with some sort of compromise solution. He said if the Sheriff is going in the building in the center of the village will that actually create a situation where we have empty buildings on the main campus? He felt the only way to come up with an optimal solution for Cazenovia, the town and village, is by having as much participation from as many voices, the people that are against having the police here at any cost and the people that don't mind if the police are here, but perhaps in another part of the town. There should be a dialogue with the county that the zoning laws of the Village are respected and that the historic character of that core is respected. He felt this was needed in order to have a successful outcome, or, if not, we could have a very long decline.*

Bill Bullen said he wanted to remark on the last couple of comments. *If he was on the Board, he would want to have a Plan B in his back pocket. He wondered if the investors are secure with this proposal and if any are pulling out? He encouraged the Board to contemplate and make sure there is a Plan B. He thought there was enough money and there's been two different proposals brought forward, each a million and a half or so. He thought this could probably come to fruition, at least work together to get a plan B.*

Rebecca Garden wanted to make clear, she is not anti-police. *She said she respects the police department in the Town (she meant Village) of Cazenovia and felt they would be overshadowed by having a County Sheriff here. She thought it could be problematic and ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is just another level with a completely different arrangement. Sheriff Hood's policies have been well known, like his right-wing, MAGA policies are in the news and publicly available. She said if you have an innocent stance on Sheriff Hood that would be helpful*

for the constituents to know where you stand as leaders in regard to this very specific immoral collaboration. She liked the idea of enthusiastic collaboration to try to figure out a way. She embraced all the discussion about pausing or rerouting this deal which she is 100% behind. She would love the leaders to collaborate with the public to help this Sheriff in our County. As of now, he is creating fear and terror, driving people away from getting the healthcare they need, driving people away from going to church, gathering in public places, getting the food they need, and going underground out of fear. She ended by saying we are in a community where all of us should have refuge, peace and tranquility. She urged the Board to please work as leaders to help the Sheriff.

Jeanne Smith of 26 Forman Street felt the location is totally inappropriate in the middle of a village. The County Sheriff should be out on a main road, not in the middle of a village.

Eric Beyers stated the Cazenovia Police Department, in the future, will get consumed and become part of the Madison County Sheriff's Office. The budgets will get merged to save money and then control really will be lost.

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 Golub, seconded by Councilor Fallon to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$ 586,136.31. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

At 8:20 p.m., Supervisor Reger declared this meeting adjourned.

Signed:

Connie J. Sunderman

Connie J. Sunderman, Town Clerk