

**TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

February 9, 2026

Supervisor Reger will open the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with _____ Councilors present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence:

Motion by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____ to accept the minutes from the January 12, 2026 regular meeting.

Roll call:

Councilor Race	_____
Councilor Golub	Abstain
Councilor Johnson	_____
Councilor Fallon	_____
Supervisor Reger	_____

Supervisor Reger will ask if anyone cares to speak to the Town Board regarding any subject on this meeting's agenda.

Public comment #1:

Court Clerk Kerry Bishal will present the 2025 financials in relation to Town Court Justice D. Christian Fischer's accounting records for review by the Town Board. Judge Fischer will also be in attendance.

Resolution No. 20 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____

**COURT CLERK KERRY BISHAL'S
ACCOUNTING RECORDS AUDIT**

Relative to the Town Board's audit of Town Justice D. Christian Fischer's 2025 accounting records at the February 9, 2026 regular meeting, all appear to be accurate and in good order.

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

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 20 adopted.

Resolution No. 21 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor

**COURT CLERK IRENE “SHEA” PALMER’S
ACCOUNTING RECORDS AUDIT**

Relative to the Town Board's audit of Town Justice Fred Palmer’s 2025 accounting records at the February 4, 2026 work session, all appear to be accurate and in good order.

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

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 21 adopted.

Resolution No. 22 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor

SEQRA RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LEAD AGENCY

**10 ALBANY STREET, CAZENOVIA, NY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND
USE AS A NEW TOWN HALL AND PROGRAMS FACILITY
(Tax Map No. 94.51-1-28 – a/k/a Jephson Campus)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia, New York (the “Town”) has previously considered a suitable relocation of the existing Town Offices, which are currently located at 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York (the Gothic Cottage); and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously identified potential locations for purchase, which would allow for the continued function of the Town Offices at an alternate location and has further considered an examination of available facilities throughout the Town of Cazenovia; and

WHEREAS, recently the Town of Cazenovia, after identifying a potential suitable location at 10 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York (Tax Map No. 94.51-1-28) known as the “Jephson Campus”, subsequently acquired the premises known as the Jephson Campus for such future purposes; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully utilize the premises known as the Jephson Campus for use as a new Town Hall and program facility, interior and exterior repairs, maintenance and renovations will need to be undertaken on the existing structures and grounds located at 10 Albany Street, including the following:

- Remove and rebuild north exterior exit stair to comply with NYS Building Code to provide a safe exit door landing. Stair will be constructed with concrete stairs, prefabricated black open handrail with pickets, and stone veneer to match the existing building;
- Relocate stone entrance drive pier 10' - 12' to the east to eliminate the single lane entrance. A two-lane entrance to the facility will be provided allowing entry, exit and emergency vehicles. The existing pier has cracks allowing water entry. Pier will reuse existing stone on a concrete block core/structure;
- Install a new window on the east wall to provide daylight in the adjacent office. Look and proportion will match existing windows on the north elevation;
- Remove existing obsolete (non-functioning) fireplace chimneys to create an additional accessible restroom and an open board area in the main meeting room;
- Existing parking light fixtures will be removed and new lantern style fixtures with comfort lenses and shielding on lower posts will be provided (collectively the “action”); and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Sections 617.3 and 617.6 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York (SEQRA), requires that as early as possible and within twenty (20) days after submission of a complete application/action, an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby determines that:

1. The action is subject to SEQR;
2. The Town of Cazenovia Town Board shall act as Lead Agency for purposes of SEQR and will undertake a coordinated review;
3. The action is an Unlisted Action;
4. The action will require the submission of an Full Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2 and 3) to provide information with regard to the environmental issues pertinent therein;
5. The following are involved/interested agencies for purposes of a complete environmental review of the impacts of the project:
 - **New York State Department of Transportation** (Route 20 Access), NYS Scenic Byways Program, New York State Department of Transportation Office of Environment, POD 4-1, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12232;
 - **New York State office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (SHPO)**, Peebles Island Resource Center, P.O. Box 189, Waterford, NY 12188-0189;
 - **Madison County Planning Department**, Attn: Scott Ingmire, 138 North Court Street, Bldg. 4, Room 249, P.O. Box 606, Wampsville, NY 13163;
 - **Village of Cazenovia Board of Trustees**, c/o Hon. Kurt Wheeler, Mayor, 90 Albany Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035;

- **Village of Cazenovia Planning Board** c/o Rich Huftalen, Chairman, 90 Albany Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035;
- **Village of Cazenovia Historic Preservation Committee** c/o Ted Bartlett, Chairman, 90 Albany Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035; and

6. Lead Agency notices will be sent out to the involved/interested agencies; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby notifies all agencies, interested/involved, that it shall be lead agency for this action unless it receives written objection to this determination within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of such notice.

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

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 22 adopted.

Resolution No. 23 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____

AUTHORIZE THE PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES FROM DAVIS-ULMER FIRE PROTECTION FOR “BUILDING A” OF THE JEPHSON CAMPUS

WHEREAS, as a result of the Town of Cazenovia’s recent acquisition of the Jephson Campus, the Town Board continues to evaluate and address the mechanical issues as a result of the two buildings being vacant for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia has previously engaged a design professional, Thomas R. Pratt Architect, P.C. (“TRP” or “design professional”) to assist in overseeing the various components of the overall Project; and

WHEREAS, per the Town of Cazenovia Procurement Policy, the Town’s consulting design professional solicited quotes from two fire protection contractors to inspect the current sprinkler system and make any necessary repairs; and

WHEREAS, quotes were received from both contractors and the proposal from Davis-Ulmer Fire Protection was the lowest quote in the amount of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 2,970.00); and

WHEREAS, the design professional requested a One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) additional allowance in the event of unforeseen field conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED the Town Board authorizes the procurement of fire protection sprinkler services from Davis-Ulmer Fire Protection in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 3,970.00). The contractor is required to provide a certificate of liability insurance naming the Town as an additional insured before commencement of services.

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

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 23 adopted.

Resolution No. 24 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____

AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE OWNER-ENGINEER AGREEMENT WITH MRB ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE & SURVEYING, D.P.C. IN RELATION TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia Town Board had previously been advised by the Operator of the Town’s Water Pollution Control Facility of the need for engineering services from qualified individuals for the disinfection, evaluation, design and construction management relative to the Town’s Water Pollution Control Facility located on Route 13 North, Cazenovia, New York and to be known as the “Cazenovia WPCF Clarifier and Disinfection Project” and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized the solicitation of proposals and received multiple proposals from qualified individuals, and

WHEREAS, in March of 2025, the Town Board awarded the project to the firm MRB Group Engineering, Architecture & Surveying, D.P.C. in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Seven Thousand and 00/100 (\$ 607,000.00); and

WHEREAS, in the development of the design work by the firm, the Engineer and Owner identified additional improvements at the treatment facility that needed to be incorporated into the construction bid documents as outlined in Amendment #1; and

WHEREAS, the cost to complete the additional design work as outlined in the Amendment is Sixty-five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 65,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement with MRB Engineering, Architecture & Surveying, D.P.C. for a total contract amount of Six Hundred Seventy-two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 672,000.00), pending review by the Attorney for the Town.

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

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 24 adopted.

Resolution No. 25 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE LETTER SUPPORTING MODERNIZATION OF NEW YORK’S BOTTLE BILL (S.5684 / A.6543)

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia is committed to environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility, and maintaining clean and healthy public spaces for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, beverage container litter continues to negatively impact local roadsides, parks, waterways, and public spaces, while increasing solid waste and recycling management costs for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, New York’s Bottle Bill has a long record of success in reducing litter and increasing recycling rates by creating a refundable deposit system that encourages the return of beverage containers; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.5684 and Assembly Bill A.6543 propose to modernize and strengthen the Bottle Bill by expanding covered beverage containers and improving the effectiveness of the existing deposit system; and

WHEREAS, Bottle Bill programs recover high-quality recyclable materials, reduce contamination in municipal recycling streams, and decrease the volume of waste sent to landfills and waste-to-energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, modernization of the Bottle Bill helps shift the costs of beverage container waste management away from local governments and taxpayers and toward beverage producers and distributors, promoting a more equitable and fiscally responsible system; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the Bottle Bill supports local economies and community organizations through container redemption while contributing to cleaner neighborhoods and natural environments; and

WHEREAS, reducing litter, improving recycling outcomes, and conserving resources are essential components of New York State’s environmental and climate goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia hereby expresses its strong support for modernization of New York’s Bottle Bill as set forth in Senate Bill S.5684 and Assembly Bill A.6543; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board respectfully urges Governor Kathy Hochul to support and advance this legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the leadership of the New York State Senate and Assembly, and the Town’s state legislative representatives.

January 30, 2026

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

On behalf of the Town of Cazenovia Board, we write to express our strong support for New York’s proposed Bottle Bill modernization legislation, Senate Bill S.5684 and Assembly Bill A.6543, and to urge your continued leadership in advancing this important measure.

Communities like Cazenovia see firsthand the environmental and fiscal impacts of beverage container waste. Littered bottles and cans affect the appearance of our streets, parks, and waterways, while the cost of managing this waste places an ongoing burden on local governments and taxpayers. The Bottle Bill offers a proven, effective solution by significantly increasing recycling rates and reducing litter through a refundable deposit system.

Bottle Bill programs have consistently demonstrated success in recovering high-quality recyclable materials, reducing contamination in municipal recycling streams, and decreasing the volume of waste sent to landfills. For small towns in particular, these outcomes translate into lower disposal costs, cleaner public spaces, and more efficient recycling operations.

In addition, S.5684 / A.6543 promotes fairness and shared responsibility by ensuring that beverage producers and distributors play a meaningful role in managing the end-of-life impacts of their products. This approach helps relieve financial pressure on municipalities while supporting environmental stewardship and economic opportunities associated with container redemption. In our community, our woman-owned and operated redemption center, CazCans, has provided good-paying jobs for local teens for many years, facilitates bottle drives for local non-profits, and even provides a social outlet for neighbors on their weekly errands.

The Town of Cazenovia Board believes that modernizing and strengthening New York’s Bottle Bill is an essential step toward a cleaner environment, stronger recycling systems, and a more sustainable future for communities across the state. We respectfully urge you to support this legislation and help ensure its passage.

Thank you for your continued commitment to environmental protection and local governments throughout New York State.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Reger,
Town Supervisor

cc: **Town of Cazenovia Board**
Town of Cazenovia, New York

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

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 25 adopted.

Councilor Golub will excuse himself from the meeting during the discussion of the following resolution which relates to his personal property.

Resolution No. 26 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor

AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE FARMLAND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROPOSAL FOR “OUR FARM”

WHEREAS, the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation is applying for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant through New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for grant money to place a conservation easement on Our Farm [The Golubs] in Cazenovia; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia endorses this application for the purchase of development rights because it meets the Town's criteria for long-term viability of farm operations; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Town’s support, the Town Board wishes to authorize the Supervisor to execute a letter of Town support for the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant for Our Farm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant proposal letter demonstrating the Town of Cazenovia’s support and the willingness to participate in the grant application process as needed by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation., pending review by the Attorney for the Town.

February 9, 2026

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12205

Re: Town of Cazenovia Endorsement of Application for a NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant for Our Farm the Golubs, LLC (James and Janine Golub)

Dear Grants Review Committee:

On behalf of the Town of Cazenovia, I am writing to endorse the application for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant submitted by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, Inc. (CPF), for the placement of a perpetual conservation easement on a portion of the 132.6-acre property known as Our Farm through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program.

Our Farm is comprised of six (6) tax parcels with frontage on Peth Road and West Lake Road in the Town of Cazenovia and located north of Cazenovia Lake. The property is owned by James and Janine Golub and Our Farm the Golubs, LLC and can be further identified as Town of Cazenovia Tax Parcels # 67.3-1-8.1, # 67.3-1-8.5, # 75.-1-50.22, # 75.-1-50.21, #66.-1-20.6, and #66.-1-20.5.

CPF is an accredited land trust operating in Madison County and eastern Onondaga County in Central New York, currently protecting over 3,800 acres of agricultural lands and open space, including over 1,900 acres of farmland previously placed under perpetual conservation easements through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program.

The Town of Cazenovia recognizes that local agriculture provides important community benefits and represents an important livelihood for many of its residents. Further, the Town supports protecting certain areas within the Town containing important agricultural resources, such as areas with prime agricultural soils or soils of statewide importance from overdevelopment, ensuring that these areas will remain available for future agricultural uses. Specifically, the permanent conservation of Our Farm is consistent with the Town of Cazenovia Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2025, which seeks to continue to “support local farms and the agricultural economy” in part by “continuing to participate in the New York State farmland protection program and related programs.” (Town of Cazenovia Comprehensive Plan 2030; p. 31)

For these reasons, the Town of Cazenovia hereby endorses the application submitted by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation for the permanent protection of James and Janine Golub’s property known as Our Farm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Reger,
Town Supervisor

cc: Town Board

Roll call:

Councilor Race	_____
Councilor Golub	Recused
Councilor Johnson	_____
Councilor Fallon	_____
Supervisor Reger	_____

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 26 adopted.

Councilor Golub will be asked to rejoin the meeting.

Resolution No. 27 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____

CAZENOVIA ROWING CLUB USE OF A PORTION OF GYPSY BAY PARK

To approve the following specific uses and no others from the Cazenovia Rowing Club for the use of a portion of Gypsy Bay Park for the 2026 rowing season with the following conditions:

1. Approval for the 2026 season must be obtained by CRC from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and a copy of the approved permit submitted to the Town Clerk’s Office a minimum of 10 days prior to any use of the Park in 2026.
2. The half-day annual “Learn to Row” event is permissible (*1st Saturday in June*).
3. Any special CRC event must have the approval of the Cazenovia Town Board.
4. Any special event that will necessitate parking along US Route 20 will require CRC to hire a special agency to direct traffic and to complete Form Perm 33C with submission to New York State Dept. of Transportation.
5. A one-million-dollar liability insurance certificate naming the Town as also insured must be received by the Town Office covering the 2026 season. The insurance certificate must be continuously maintained throughout the 2026 CRC season.
6. No more than the current approved 64 ft. floating dock is allowed. Highly visible markings must be placed and maintained at the corners of the dock.
7. The CRC is required to obtain a Boat Launch Sticker from the Village of Cazenovia for the “Launch Boat” to access the dock at the Park by way of Lakeside Park only. The “Launch Boat” must be inspected at the public boat launch before entering the Lake.
8. A 16’x10’x10’11” storage and oar shed located in the approved location, per Resolution #76-2022.
9. The CRC is allowed the use of one club-provided picnic table which is located near the oar house.

- 10. Approval for usage of the park is for CRC members only, includes only residents of the Cazenovia School District, and on a seasonal basis. Permission for usage by others must be granted by the Cazenovia Town Board. Refrain from using the rowing club's website to promote access to Cazenovia Lake as a membership benefit.
- 11. This approval authorizes the use of one vehicle to install the docks in the spring and the use of one vehicle to remove the docks in the fall. Throughout the season, rowing equipment shall be carried into and out of the park from the fence line near Route 20. The un-authorized use of motorized vehicles within the boundaries of the Park may jeopardize the future use of the park by CRC. Parking at the racks is not permitted. Vehicle access is permitted to two vehicles for the following dates, pending field conditions are favorable as determined by the Town:
 - a) “Learn to Row” Event (*1st Saturday in June*)
 - b) “Pancake Breakfast” (*4th of July*) (return & retrieve supplies)
- 12. No duplication of CRC's single key to the Park gate is authorized. There is no authorization for use of the key by other than responsible CRC members.
- 13. CRC must limit user membership of the Park to not more than a total of 150 members.
- 14. The CRC must protect the Town of Cazenovia, by naming the Town of Cazenovia on the US Rowing Waiver as an entity that is exempt from liability for the Cazenovia Rowing Club members.

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

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 27 adopted.

Resolution No. 28 presented by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____ to approve the following 2025 and 2026 budget transfers and adjustment:

2025 Budget Transfers

(Authority NYS Town Law section 112 “The town board, during a fiscal year, by resolution, may make additional appropriations or increase existing appropriations and shall provide for the financing thereof. Moneys therefor may be provided from the unexpended balance of an appropriation, from the appropriation for contingencies, from unappropriated unreserved fund balance or unanticipated revenues within a fund or by borrowing pursuant to the local finance law.”).

General Fund B

Transfer budget to accommodate 2025 building expenses for New Woodstock Police Barracks including final 2025 electricity supply and delivery.

To: B 3120.4.000 Police & Constable CE \$250.00
From: B 1990.4.000 Contingency (250.00)

Mt Pleasant Water District

Transfer budget to accommodate 2025 water testing supplies and analysis.

To: SW2 8330.4.000 Purification CE \$1,000.00
From: SW2 8340.1.000 Transmission/Distribution PS (1,000.00)

2026 Budget Transfers

(Authority NYS Town Law section 112 “The town board, during a fiscal year, by resolution, may make additional appropriations or increase existing appropriations and shall provide for the financing thereof. Moneys therefor may be provided from the unexpended balance of an appropriation, from the appropriation for contingencies, from unappropriated unreserved fund balance or unanticipated revenues within a fund or by borrowing pursuant to the local finance law.”).

General Fund A

To increase Parks and Recreation Administration CE to accommodate grant administration services for recreation study.

To: A 7020.4.000 Parks and Recreation Administration CE \$3,000.00
From: A 1990.4.000 Contingency (3,000.00)

Roll call:

Councilor Race _____
Councilor Golub _____
Councilor Johnson _____
Councilor Fallon _____
Supervisor Reger _____

Supervisor Reger will declare Resolution No. 28 adopted.

Attorney's Report:

Councilor Race (Highway Department, South Cemetery, Water Pollution Control Facility, Water Districts):

Councilor Golub (Cazenovia Lake Association, Cazenovia Lake Watershed Council, Renewable Energy, United Climate Action Network (UCAN), Future of the Town Office, Anti-racism Coalition):

Councilor Johnson (CACDA, Senior Recreation & Joint Youth Recreation, Parks, New Woodstock Fire Department, Future of the Town Office, Anti-racism Coalition, Community Outreach):

Councilor Fallon (Planning & Zoning, CACC, Shared Services, Renewable Energy, New York State Police):

Supervisor's Report:

(Office Hours)

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

Public comment #2:

The Town Clerk will present 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 _____, seconded by Councilor _____ to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$834,509.10.

Motion by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____ to adjourn this meeting.

At _____ p.m., Supervisor Reger will declare this meeting adjourned.
