

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
Raymond Legg	Councilman
Dolph Semenza	Councilman

Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairperson
Robert Blain	Superintendent of Highways
Steven Tuomey	Highway Department
Ariel Woolheater	Ambulance Administrator
Rose Santiago	Code Enforcement Officer
Allison Curran	Administrative Assistant
Dr. Vincent Butera	Superintendent, Hunter Tannersville Central School District
George Kelly	Deputy Mayor, Tannersville

ABSENT:	David Kukle	Councilman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIT – The following vouchers were audited and approve for payment by the Town Board:

General Fund (TW) Voucher #205 through #248 in the amount of \$90,643.43
General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1022 through #1032 in the amount of \$2641.92
General Fund (G) Voucher #3042 through #3045 in the amount of \$13,861.00
Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #110 through #132 in the amount of \$48,631.75
Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1016 through #1031 in the amount of \$49,071.12
Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #31 through \$40 in the amount of \$18,135.67

HUNTER TANNERSVILLE CSD BUDGET

Superintendent Butera attended the meeting to discuss plans regarding current and future budget needs for the school district.

a. School budget vote next Tuesday. Supervisor Mahoney attended the workshop held at the Mountaintop Library.

b. Superintendent Butera offered that a couple more workshop meetings will be held before the budget vote. Expenses for the school are increasing; approximately \$1,000,000.00. Special

education expenses have risen significantly, in addition to other costs/expenses. There will be an autism-type class offered at the elementary level. The school has worked hard to make sure that there will not be cuts to any of the school's programs.

c. Fuel tanks are aging and at least one is leaking. After all factors considered, the school's transportation shed is being torn down and paved over. Transportation employees will be moved in-house.

d. There will be further discussions regarding this to prepare for a long-term plan regarding the school's budget needs.

e. Deputy Mayor Kelly asked about combining both schools to save money. Chairperson Czermerys stated that this has been examined and the buildings are not big enough and land is not quite right to accommodate this.

f. Anyone with concerns can reach out to discuss this further and to have their questions answered.

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

a. Acknowledged receipt of Annexation Petition from Four Seasons Hunter, LLC. Joint public hearing for 90 days from now with the Village of Hunter. 140-acre parcel, just left of Scribner Hollow Lodge.

b. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney that pending Village of Hunter approval, a joint public hearing be held on June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes - 3 -

Noes – 0 -

Absent -2- (Kukle, Reale)

JUNKYARD PERMIT/SCRAP PROCESSING

a. Acknowledged receipt of completed Junkyard License/Scrap Processing renewal application for Haines Falls Auto.

b. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney regarding application for renewal of permit to operate a scrap facility located at Haines Falls Auto Service and Sales, 5183 Rte. 23-A, Haines Falls, New York, that a public hearing be scheduled for June 9, 2026, at 5:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes – 3 -

Noes – 0 –

Absent -2- (Kukle, Reale)

c. Code Enforcement Officer Santiago stated that an inspection of scrap facility and junkyard is scheduled for May 22, 2026.

****Note**** A public hearing must be held for scrap processing renewal, and junkyard renewal requires an inspection from the Code Enforcement Officer

GREENE COUNTY

- a. Acknowledged receipt of notice of dedication ceremony of Justice Center Friday, June 3, 2026, and request for contributions to 50-year time capsule from Sean Groden, Greene County Administrator.
- b. Formal dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, July 3, 2026, as part of the countywide Rev250 celebration. There will be filling, sealing, and burying of a 50-year time capsule. To ensure that this capsule accurately represents the full breadth of our communities, contributions are requested from each town/village. Letters from residents, symbolic items, mementos, etc. are welcome. Contributions must be made by June 1, 2026. Lara Hamrah-Poladian sent this information to De De Thorpe and she is working on it.
- c. Deputy Mayor Kelly will forward this information regarding a contribution to the Village of Tannersville.
- d. Supervisor Mahoney is considering an assemblage of items. Ideas are welcome.

TOWN HALL/HIGHWAY COMPLEX

- a. Acknowledged receipt of planning cost information from Jason Preisner, Lamont Engineers, whose invoiced total is approximately \$170,000.00, without construction oversight. To include the construction oversight, a budget will be prepared. A planning bond can be done. Greta Hansen's numbers are not yet available, but when they are, a planning bond will be prepared and submitted. Construction bond can be applied to paying back the planning bond.
- b. Supervisor Mahoney meeting with Jason Preisner and Dr. Butera on Thursday to discuss plans. There may be capital funds in reserve if the school district wishes to participate in the highway garage project. At the next meeting, Supervisor Mahoney will be able to report further on this.
- c. Superintendent Blain stated that the Highway Department added ten more school buses to roster for using town fuel tanks. No one is getting in each other's way accessing the gas pump. Bottini fills our tanks. He will contact Bottini to inform them of our increased needs, gas, and diesel.
- d. Acknowledged receipt of completed CREST application submitted to Elizabeth Tavaréz, District Director for Senator Michelle Hinchey. They do want to support the town hall/highway garage project. Our application has been submitted.

GRIEVANCE DAY

a. Scheduling conflict for May 26, 2026. Supervisor Mahoney asked if the board could meet on May 27, 2026. Alternate date is May 28, 2026.

b. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney to reschedule the regular Town Board meeting for May to Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6pm. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -3-

Noes -0-

Absent -2- (Kukle, Reale)

AMBULANCE

- a. Ambulance Administrator Woolheater is asking for support from the Board regarding mutual aid coverage. She does not want ambulances leaving the district to cover mutual aid. She references a recent event where the sole ambulance was relocated to Catskill area and then had a call at the other end of Hunter Village which meant an approximate 20-minute response time from Palenville. She states the ambulance could remain at the station if covering for Catskill and could relocate to the medic station in Hunter if covering for Windham or Ashland. She does not have an issue with mutual aid however she does not want to move the ambulances out of district, adding other municipalities are making the same changes. Supervisor Mahoney agrees and will discuss this with Greene County dispatch.

L. Hamrah-Poladian agrees stating seconds to minutes can mean life or death for someone. The Town can cover for other agencies at the edge of our district.

- b. Greene EMS presented a proposal for two dedicated EMS workers and float ambulances, one for valley, one for mountain. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. That way each community's ambulance remains in the community. Greene County EMS units will only step in to fill gaps as necessary. Under consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:54 PM to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes - 3 -

Noes - 0 -

Absent -2- (Kukle, Reale)

C. Pascucci and L. Hamrah-Poladian excused.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. No action taken. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 -

Absent -2- (Kukle, Reale)

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to close the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes - 3 -

Noes - 0 -

Absent -2- (Kukle, Reale)

Renee Ment, Recording Secretary

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter