



**PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
Town Board
Town of North Greenbush
June 11, 2026
6:50 p.m.**

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman called the Public Hearings to order @ 6:50 P.M. Deputy Supervisor Hoffman asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Supervisor Hoffman asked the Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin, to do a roll call. The following Board Members were present.

Supervisor Bott	<u>Absent</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Sabo	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Gordon	<u>Present</u>

Also present at meeting:

Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Deputy Clerk, Janet Dickinson
Town Attorney, Nia Cholakakis

6:50 PM:

To consider Local Law # or 2026 entitled, Increasing the Term of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent of Highways from (2) two years to (4) four years



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Comments on the Agenda:

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman explained briefly that this is a Local Law for making the 2-year terms for the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent terms to go to 4 years.

Discussion:

1.) **Joe Styczynski, Hillview Road**, doesn't believe this should be put up to a vote again. The people voted last time and opposed the request. People do not want a 4-year term for the Supervisor position, but they may want the Clerk or Highway Superintendent. Councilperson Sabo clarified that the vote on the ballot will be 3 separate votes, not for all 3, so if he wants 1 over the others, he could choose one of the positions for 4 years and vote no to the other 2.

2.) **Brenda Streeter, West Ave**, she too, is against the resolution and stated that she voted less than 6 months ago and the vote failed and the voters felt 2 years was enough for those positions and it should stay that way so the people can vote accordingly if need to.

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman read some researched information pertaining to the surrounding towns and when they did their 2-years to 4 -years Local Law for each position with several bringing it to vote more than once.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing by **Councilperson Gordon**, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All board members voted Aye, motion carried. Meeting ended @ 6:59 p.m.

- **A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE TO REVIEW VIA STREAMING ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE. www.northgreenbush.gov**

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Hannigan Kerwin
Town Clerk, Town of North Greenbush



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Deputy Supervisor Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Supervisor Hoffman asked the Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin, to do a roll call. The following Board Members were present.

Supervisor Bott	<u>Absent</u>
Councilwoman Hoffman	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Sabo	<u>Present</u>
Councilwoman Merola	<u>Present</u>
Councilman Gordon	<u>Present</u>

Also present at meeting:

Town Clerk, Janice Hannigan Kerwin
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Announcements from Deputy Supervisor:

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman wanted to make a proposal to table a resolution, adopting the 2-year term to 4-years that we just had our Public Hearing on. **Councilperson Gordon** made a motion to table the Local Law resolution numbered 2026-06-57, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried to table the resolution.

Presentation:

Proclamation

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman made an adjustment to the agenda and moved the town board's presentation up before the comments on the agenda items.

Councilperson Gordon read the proclamation out loud on town resident Maggie Scannell for her accomplishments earned as a member of the University of Wisconsin and Team USA Hockey. The Town of North Greenbush recognized and congratulated Maggie Scannell for her remarkable accomplishments in the sport of ice hockey and extends its sincere appreciation for the pride and distinction she has brought to our community.



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Public comments on Agenda Items:

1.) **Joe Styczynski, Hillview Road**, stated he attended the public meeting on Monday, and he is opposed to the bond as it is too much money to spend. Councilperson Gordon spoke up and wanted it to be clear that this was not only the new building on the Defreestville side of town, but also the renovations to the existing ambulance and garage we have here on the Wynantskill side of town.

2.) **Michael Carey, West Sand Lake Road**, is this a General Obligation Bond or Revenue Bond? His concern is the schedule of construction. When will be starting. Councilperson Gordon stated next year this time we expect. This is zero dollars to the taxpayers, no responsibility to the town until we start the construction next year. We are not bonding yet, so the interest rate isn't an issue. Until the project begins. Mike is concerned with the developer if he walks away and sells the land to another developer and he walks. Councilperson Gordon said the PDD is only for the project and if they sell, the PDD does not go with the land. The site work and utilities are all on the developer at no cost to the ambulance and town, which is approximately \$700,000.

New Business:

Resolution 2026-06-55: Councilperson Merola made a motion in the matter of the Town Board receipt of the Annual Audit for the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 2025, seconded by **Councilperson Gordon**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-06-56: Councilperson Gordon made amotion in the matter of the Town Board receipt of the Annual Audit for the Town Court for the year ending December 31, 2025, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.

TABLED: Resolution 2026-06-57: In the matter of adopting of a Local Law entitled "Increasing the Term of the office of the Town Supervisor, the Town Clerk and the Town Superintendent of Highways from 2 years to 4 years



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Councilperson sabo wanted to bring up the date for the season should be 2026 not 2029 in Resolution 2026-06-58. She also wanted to know if anyone knows what the enrollment numbers are as of today. She stated she didn't see Bill Miller or Sean Robert here at the meeting. Deputy Supervisor Hoffman stated that Bill was in training. The Town Clerk stated that parents have been coming in daily to register campers and that Sean Robert was on vacation this week but has been doing interviews for the past couple of weeks to fill all staff positions.

- **Councilperson Sabo** made a motion to change the year 2029 in Resolution 2026-06-58 to 2026, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-06-58: Councilperson Gordon made a motion in the matter of authorizing the hiring of summer camp staff, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-06-59: Councilperson Gordon made a motion in the matter of an agreement with the Tri-City Valley Cats and North Greenbush Police Benevolent Association, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-06-60: Councilperson Gordon made a motion in the matter of acknowledging the retirement of Chief of Police David M. Keevern and authorizing the accrual of sick time and authorizing the execution of an agreement, seconded by **Councilperson Sabo**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Resolution 2026-06-61: Councilperson Merola made a motion in the matter of authorizing the payment of the appraisal in connection with Tax Certiorari proceeding involving Van Rensselaer Square, seconded by **Councilperson Gordon**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman stated that we have had 3 informational meetings on the expansion of the emergency services in the Defreestville area of town and the renovations to the existing ambulance garage in Wynantskill. She wanted to thank Councilperson Gordon and the NGAA for all their hard work with the presentations they presented. She wanted to recognize Ryan French and Kathleen Allen, as they have worked timelessly on this project for years. In addition, she received 2 letters that were in favor of resolution 2026-06-62 that she wanted to read. The 1st letter was from



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Past Councilman Jack Rogers who was the chairman on the Ambulance Commission when he was a board member for the town, and the 2nd letter was from the North Greenbush Fire District #1 board. Both letters were read aloud for the record by Deputy Supervisor Hoffman.

Councilperson Gordon spoke up and stated that this has been 2 decades in the making. Emergency Services is essential and people come to expect it in the year 2026, he added that the cost of a 15-year bond on a \$500,000 house is only \$115.00 annually on your tax bill. He feels that it's a no brainer. He looks forward to the next 12 -24 months as we continue to develop the plans for emergency services throughout the town.

Resolution 2026-06-62: Councilperson Gordon made a motion in the Matter of Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction, Renovation and Equipping of the existing Ambulance Station and a new Ambulance Station and Authorizing the issuance of bonds up to \$6,000,000 to finance said appropriation. (Subject to Permissive Referendum), seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members present by roll call with all voting Aye; motion carried.

Department Reports:

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman asked all members to review their reports in their folder.

Approval of Minutes:

Deputy Supervisor Hoffman asked for an approval of last months meeting minutes and Councilperson Sabo spoke up immediately about the financial Statement that Eryn Foster, the new Comptroller gave the board members. She wanted to review the report but just got today. She appreciates all his hard work, but again an outside audit was done, and it shows that 3 million dollars was spent unauthorized and we need to rectify it as they stated if we continue, we will be insolvent.

Councilperson Sabo made a motion to accept the minutes of May 14, 2026, Regular Town Board meeting, seconded by **Councilperson Merola**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried.



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Public comment on town business:

1.) Joe Styczynski, Hillview Road, stated he wanted to piggyback off of Councilwoman Sabo comments about our current budget and cash reserve. Councilwoman Sabo said that it is on the State Comptroller's website. She continued to say that we have a negative fund balance. Joe asked

Councilwoman Sabo to advise where the last 2 years the money went. Councilwoman Merola spoke up and said the Town's Comptroller is right here. Eryn Foster, Town Comptroller spoke up and began explaining the difference in money on paper and actual in the accounts. He announced we have decent savings. The process was done differently in the past. We stated we are not insolvent. He continued to explain that the previous Comptroller just took money from the accounts but didn't match them up on paper until he did the balances at the end of his reconciliations. Councilman Gordon asked if Eryne has verified the numbers and entries and he said he is in the process of doing so and we are not insolvent. Councilman Gordon asked about the State funds that were received from the project on route #4, Eryne is still looking over the payments and making sure every item has been received or noted.

Mr. Styczynski asked who did the unauthorized spending and will there be a recourse? His next question was about 78 West Sand Lake Road. Nia spoke up and said that they had a meeting on site and looked at some items, and the wall. The Town Engineer will be making a list to have them rectified and they are working with the homeowner on some items. He added that he hopes the proper engineering will be done on the wall as he feels it's not high enough. Nia Cholakakis added that we did not get the grant for the Comprehensive Plan and are resubmitting the grant paperwork, but as of right now it stands as it is, a 4-unit home.

Mr Styczynski asked about his Freedom of Information that he has submitted, do you have the answers to them, why is it taking so long.

2.) Eric & Angela Strange, Church Street and Jodi Loss & Mike Ford of Church Street, wanted to have the board be aware of an abandoned home on Church Street. The property has been emptied far too long, and no one is taking care of it. The Code Enforcement Officer has been there several times and have taken them to court and now the Police have been there and it's full of used needles which now makes it deemed as a Biohazard. The home needs to be demolished. It has been approximately 14 years that this has been going on, and we are here to have something done as s



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It is caved in and very dangerous, trees have fallen through and it's leaning sideways. There is structural damage to the property.

3.) Michael Carey, West Sand Lake Road, I'm looking for all the answers to my foils that I've sent into the town. If you do not have the Town Board resolutions, just tell me you do not have them. I also want to know why the Supervisor signed the easements for NYSEG without proper approval.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Merola made amotion to close the meeting, seconded by **Councilwoman Sabo**. All members present voted Aye; motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

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