

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168
APRIL 20, 2026

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor P. Roder* at ____:____PM at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- () *Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder*
- () *Council Diana Clark*
- () *Council Kyle Kidney*
- () *Council John E. DeFreest Jr.*
- () *Council Tammy Madden*
- () *Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman*

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

- () *Highway Superintendent Alden Goodermote*
- () *Assessor Jennifer VanDeusen*
- () *Town Justice Cyril Grant*
- () *Tax Collector Mary Grant*

A quorum () was () wasn't established.
_____ from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #73-26 through #92-26 in the amount of **\$13,301.41 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #52-26 through # 73-26 in the amount of **\$47,810.35 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$61,111.76** and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
VOTES OF: **AYE** **NAY**

Minutes of the **MARCH 16, 2026, Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law 5 of 2026 A LOCAL LAW OPENING CERTAIN ROADS FOR SNOWMOBILES IN THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN** were approved by the Town Board as written.

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VOTES OF: **AYE** **NAY**

Minutes of the **MARCH 16, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

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VOTES OF: **AYE** **NAY**

Minutes of the **APRIL 6, 2026, Special Meeting of the Town Board** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
VOTES OF: **AYE** **NAY**

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$777.38** to the Supervisor for the month of **MARCH 2026**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the Office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **February 2026 has not yet been received**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$7,775.00** for the month of **January 2026**.

Bags: \$6,151	C&D & Metal: \$1,224	Tires: \$0
Stickers: \$380	Propane Tanks: \$0	Appliances: \$0

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$5,091.00** for the month of **February 2026**.

Bags: \$4,143	C&D & Metal: \$822	Tires: \$16
Stickers: \$110	Propane Tanks: \$0	Appliances: \$0

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$5,921.00** for the month of **March 2026**.

Bags: **\$4,204**

C&D & Metal: **\$1,522**

Tires: **\$0**

Stickers: **\$195**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Appliances: **\$0**

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$801,324.48

HIGHWAY \$1,748,476.12

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$705,495.10

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$982,412.71

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reminders to All Participants who would like to speak: (this meeting is on Live Stream and is being recorded)

- *Raise your hand prior to speaking*
- *Announce your name and the Town you reside in.*
- *There is a 3-to-5-minute window for each speaker per Resolution 1 of the fiscal year*
- *Any disruptive conduct will be addressed at any meeting if the Town Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible. The Chair (Town Supervisor) may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its business.*

Fire Department Report for	March 2026
EMS with Transport	
EMS without Transport	
Extrication of any type	
Motor Vehicle with injury	
Motor Vehicle no injury	
Search for lost person	
EMS unable to respond	
Mutual Aid given EMS	
Fire Mutual Aid given	
Fire Mutual Aid received	
Structure Fire	
Mobile Home Fire	
Chimney Fire CONTAINED	
Burner/Boiler Malfunction	
Vehicle Fire	
Brush Fire	
Outside Fire-trash, rubbish or other	
Hazardous Condition	
Carbon Monoxide activation	
Cover Assignment/Standby	
Good Intent	
Call Cancelled	
False Alarm MALICIOUS	
False Alarm - system malfunction	
Weather Wires Down	
Special Incident - other	
Monthly Total:	
YTD:	63

**CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LAW
PROVIDING FOR DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF TOWN
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has commissioned the drafting of a local law providing for the defense and indemnification of Town officers and employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board hereby directs that a public hearing be held on May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a notice of public hearing, to hear any and all persons either for or against a local law entitled: "A Local Law Providing for the Defense and Indemnification of Town Officers and Employees," which is proposed as Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2026, which is set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

MOTION BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
VOTES OF: **AYE** **NAY**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT ____:____ PM
MOTION BY: _____ **SECONDED BY:** _____
VOTES OF: **AYE** **NAY**

The next **Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, May 18, 2026**, directly after the closing of the Public Hearings noted above, at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2026 TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown as follows:

Section 1. Legislative intent.

The purpose of this local law is to provide legal and financial protection for those individuals serving the Town of Stephentown from losses which may be brought against them in their individual capacity for actions taken while in the performance of their official duties and responsibilities. In enacting this local law, the Town Board finds that the State of New York has enacted similar provisions for the legal and financial security of its officers and employees and further finds that such security is also required for local personnel. By enactment of this local law, the Town Board does not intend to limit or otherwise abrogate any existing right or responsibility of the Town of Stephentown or its employees with regard to indemnification or legal defense. It is solely the intent of this local law to provide maximum coverage for local employees, such as is presently provided for state employees, so as to continue to attract qualified individuals to local government service.

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

EMPLOYEE ~ Any person holding a position by election, appointment or employment in the service of the Town of Stephentown, whether or not compensated, or a volunteer expressly authorized to participate in a municipally sponsored volunteer program, but shall include a former employee, his or her estate or judicially appointed personal representative. The term "employee" shall also include members of all boards, commissions and corporations of and affiliated with the Town, including all local development corporations and community resource corporations affiliated with the Town.

Section 3. Town to provide defense; exceptions.

A. Conditions. Upon compliance by the employee with the provisions of Section 5 of this chapter, the Town shall provide for the defense of the employee in any civil and criminal action or proceeding in any state or federal court arising out of any alleged act or omission of a federal, state or local rule or regulation which occurred or is alleged in the complaint to have occurred while the employee was acting within the scope of his or her public employment or duties, or which is brought to enforce a provision of the laws of the United States, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. § 1981 or 1983. This duty to provide for a defense and indemnification shall not arise where such civil action or proceeding is brought by or on behalf of the Town of Stephentown.

B. Representation by Town Attorney; private counsel.

Subject to the conditions set forth in Subsection A of this section, the employee shall be entitled to be represented by the Town Attorney (which throughout shall also mean interchangeably the attorney for the Town) or counsel selected thereby, including, without limitation, counsel retained by an insurer under any policy of insurance; provided, however, that the employee shall be entitled to representation by private counsel either (i) selected by the Town Attorney (subject to the approval of the employee, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) or (ii) retained by an insurer under any policy of insurance, in any civil judicial proceeding whenever the Town Attorney determines, based upon his investigation and review of the facts and circumstances of the case, that

representation by the Town Attorney would be inappropriate or whenever a court of competent jurisdiction, upon appropriate motion or by a special proceeding, determines that a conflict of interest exists and that the employee is entitled to be represented by counsel other than the Town Attorney. The Town Attorney shall notify the employee in writing of such determination that the employee is entitled to be represented by private counsel. The Town Attorney may require, as a condition to payment of the fees and expenses of such representation, that appropriate groups of such employees be represented by the same counsel. If the employee or group of employees is entitled to representation by private counsel under the provisions of this section and no counsel is retained by an insurer under any policy of insurance, the Town Attorney shall so certify to the Town Board. Reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation expenses shall be paid by the Town of Stephentown to such private counsel from time to time during the pendency of the action or proceeding subject to certification that the employee is entitled to representation under the terms and conditions of this section by the head of the department, commission, division, office or agency in which such employee is employed and upon the audit and warrant of the Town Treasurer or equivalent position thereto. Any dispute with respect to representation of multiple employees by a single counsel or the amount of litigation expenses or the reasonableness of attorneys' fees shall be resolved by the court upon motion or by way of special proceeding. The Town Attorney shall be entitled to additional payment for services provided hereunder.

C. Where the employee delivers process and a request for a defense to the Town Clerk as required by the foregoing sections, the Town Attorney shall take the necessary steps, including the retention of private counsel under the terms and conditions provided in Subsection B of this section, on behalf of the employee to avoid entry of a default judgment pending resolution of any question pertaining to the obligation to provide for a defense.

Section 4. Responsibilities of Town

A. Indemnification of employees. The Town shall indemnify and save harmless its employees in the amount of any judgment obtained against such employees in any state or federal court, or in the amount of any settlement of a claim, provided that the act or omission from which such judgment or settlement arose occurred while the employee was acting within the scope of his or her public employment or duties; the duty to indemnify and save harmless prescribed by this subsection shall not arise where the injury or damage resulted from intentional wrongdoing or recklessness on the part of the employee.

B. Settlement. An employee represented by private counsel shall cause to be submitted to the Town Board any proposed settlement which may be subject to indemnification by the Town and, if not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, the Town Board shall certify such settlement and submit such settlement and certification to the Town Attorney. The Town Attorney shall review such proposed settlement as to form and amount and shall give his or her approval if, in his or her judgment, the settlement is in the best interest of the Town. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the Town to indemnify or save harmless an employee with respect to a settlement not so reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney.

C. Payment of final judgment or settlement. Upon entry of a final judgment against the employee or upon the settlement of the claim, the employee shall cause to be served a copy of such judgment or settlement, personally or by certified or registered mail within thirty (30) days of the date of entry or settlement, upon the Supervisor; and, if not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, such judgment or settlement shall be certified for payment by the Supervisor. If the Town Attorney concurs in such certification, the judgment or settlement shall be paid upon the audit and warrant of the Town Treasurer or equivalent position.

Section 5. Cooperation of employee

The duty to defend or indemnify and save harmless provided by this local law shall be conditioned upon delivery to the Town Clerk and a copy to the Town Attorney or his or her assistant, at his or her office, by the

employee of the original or a copy of any summons, complaint, process, notice, demand or pleading within five days after he or she is served with such document (mailing via certified mail of same is also allowed but same must be mailed within said five day period); and the full cooperation of the employee in the defense of such action or proceeding and in defense of any action or proceeding based upon the same act or omission, and in the prosecution of any appeal. Such delivery shall be deemed a request by the employee that the Town provide for his or her defense pursuant to this chapter.

Section 6. Rights of other parties

The benefits of this chapter shall inure only to employees as defined herein and shall not enlarge or diminish the rights of any other party, nor shall any provision of this chapter be construed to affect, alter or repeal any provision of the Workmen's Compensation Law.

Section 7. Insurance policies

The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to impair, alter, limit or modify the rights and obligations of any insurer under any policy of insurance.

Section 8. Pending litigation

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all actions and proceedings pending upon the effective date thereof or thereafter instituted, whether or not the actions or proceedings complained of occurred prior to or subsequent to the effective date of this local law.

Section 9. Immunity

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this law, the provisions of this law shall not be construed in any way to impair, alter, limit, modify, abrogate or restrict any immunity available to or conferred upon any unit, entity, officer or employee of the Town, or any right to defense and/or indemnification provided for any governmental officer or employee by, in accordance with or by reason of any other provision of state or federal statutory or common law.

Section 10. Severability

Should any section or provision of this law be struck down and/or invalidated for any reason all portions not struck down or invalidated shall survive and be enforceable with full force and effect.

Section 11. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York Secretary of State.

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<u>73</u>	21st Century Media Ny - Troy Record	\$49.05			N			
			A6410.4	\$49.05			14678	
	Memo: 2 Legal Notices: Special Meeting & Examination Review							
			Total:	\$49.05				
<u>74</u>	All Language Translations	\$220.00			N			
			A1110.4	\$220.00			L50500	
	Memo: Russian Interpreter for Court Hearing							
			Total:	\$220.00				
<u>75</u>	Card Services	\$711.23			N			
			A6510.4.5	\$500.78			6510.4.5	
	Memo: Flags for Veterans							
			A8160.4	\$65.48			6510.4.5	
	Memo: Transfer Station money drop box							
			A1620.4	\$57.28			6510.4.5	
	Memo: Envelopes and key drop box for Hall Rentals							
			A1410.4	\$33.61			6510.4.5	
	Memo: Cable for Town Clerk Computer							
			A1110.4	\$54.08			6510.4.5	
	Memo: Postage for Judge Grant resignation and notification to State and County agencies.							
			Total:	\$711.23				

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<u>76</u>	Consolidated Communications	\$662.83			N			
	Memo: Garage		A5132.4	\$112.93				
	Memo: Transfer Station		A8160.4	\$38.66				
	Memo: Court		A1110.4	\$88.95				
	Memo: Town Clerk		A1410.4	\$60.33				
	Memo: Assessor		A1355.4	\$60.33				
	Memo: Tax Collector		A1330.4	\$60.33				
	Memo: Supervisor		A1220.4	\$60.33				
	Memo: Council		A1010.4	\$60.33				
	Memo: Code Enforcement		A3620.4	\$60.33				
	Memo: Town Hall		A1620.4	\$60.31				
				Total:				\$662.83
<u>77</u>	De Lage Landen Financial Services, INC.	\$105.18			N			
	Memo: Copier lease payment		A1620.4	\$105.18			596302491	
				Total:				\$105.18
<u>78</u>	Eileen Roder	\$899.00			N			
	Memo: Bank Mileage for the 2026 Tax Collection season		A1330.4	\$899.00				
				Total:				\$899.00
<u>79</u>	Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC	\$260.00			N			
	Memo: General Legal Services for February		A1420.4	\$260.00				
				Total:				\$260.00

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<u>80</u>	Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC	\$1,140.00			N			
			A1420.4	\$1,140.00				
	Memo: General Legal Services for March							
			Total:	\$1,140.00				
<u>81</u>	Kathleen A. Olson	\$450.00			N			
			A1620.4	\$450.00				
	Memo: Hall cleaning services for March							
			Total:	\$450.00				
<u>82</u>	Law Offices of Craig M. Crist PLLC	\$2,232.00			N			
			85.99.0.25	\$2,232.00				
	Memo: Planning & ZBA attorney fees for Delaware Rive Solar (Stephentown 1 project on West Rd.)							
			Total:	\$2,232.00				
<u>83</u>	Law Offices of Craig M. Crist PLLC	\$838.56			N			
			85.99.0.25	\$838.56				
	Memo: Planning & ZBA attorney fees for Delaware Rive Solar (Stephentown 1 project on West Rd.)							
			Total:	\$838.56				
<u>84</u>	Legenbauer Gas And Oil Co.	\$1,630.38			N			
			A1620.4	\$856.37				
	Memo: 545.8 gal of LP for Town Hall (invoices: 57943, 53095, &54282)							
			A5132.4	\$774.01				
	Memo: 493.0 gals of LP for Garage (invoice: 57931)							
			Total:	\$1,630.38				
<u>85</u>	Michelina Wojton	\$437.50			N			
			A1110.4.6	\$437.50				
	Memo: Prosecutor for March Pre-Trial Services							
			Total:	\$437.50				
<u>86</u>	NYSEG(75)	\$969.87			N			
			A5132.4	\$314.05			1001204711	
	Memo: Garage							
			A1620.4	\$305.34			1001204711	
	Memo: Town Hall							
			A5182.4	\$350.48			1001204711	
	Memo: Street Lights							
			Total:	\$969.87				

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<u>87</u>	Ricoh Usa, Inc.	\$45.56			N			
			A1110.4	\$45.56		5072901369		
	Memo: Copies for Court							
				Total:	\$45.56			
<u>88</u>	Staples	\$133.97			N			
			A1110.4	\$133.97		7009146445		
	Memo: Office Supplies - file boxes and date stamp							
				Total:	\$133.97			
<u>89</u>	Stephanie Hoffman	\$174.00			N			
			A1410.4	\$174.00				
	Memo: Bank mileage							
				Total:	\$174.00			
<u>90</u>	Solutions By Design	\$1,436.30			N			
			A1620.4	\$1,436.30		65614		
	Memo: Firewall Security License and Monthly Microsoft 365 Accounts							
				Total:	\$1,436.30			
<u>91</u>	Teamster Local 294 Health & Welfare Fund	\$843.00			N			
			A9060.8	\$843.00		062026		
	Memo: Highway Superintendent - June 2026 Health Prens							
				Total:	\$843.00			
<u>92</u>	Verizon Wireless	\$62.98			N			
			A1220.4	\$31.49		6139317553		
	Memo: Supervisor cell phone services							
			A3510.4	\$31.49		6139317553		
	Memo: Dog Control Officer cell phone services							
				Total:	\$62.98			

Stephanie Wagar

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TOTALS:		\$13,301.41		\$13,301.41				\$0.00

Abstract Certification:

To the Supervisor:

I certify that the vouchers listed above were audited by the Town Board on the above date and allowed in the amount shown. You are hereby authorized and directed to pay each of the claimants.

Town Clerk: Stephanie M. Hoffman _____ Date

Philip J. Roder, Town Supervisor

Diana Clark, Town Council

Tammy Madden, Town Council

Kyle Kidney, Town Council

John E. DeFreest Jr., Town Council

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<u>52</u>	Alden Goodermote	\$643.86			N			
			DA5142.4	\$643.86				
	Memo: Paint supplies for plows							
			Total:	\$643.86				
<u>53</u>	Apalachee	\$2,615.89			N			
			DA5142.4	\$2,615.89			83815	
	Memo: 37.78 ton Road Salt							
			Total:	\$2,615.89				
<u>54</u>	Averill Park Auto (539)	\$468.43			N			
			DA5110.4	\$468.43				
	Memo: March shop supplies							
			Total:	\$468.43				
<u>55</u>	Cintas Corp. #617	\$298.68			N			
			DA5110.4	\$298.68			MARCH202	
	Memo: March Uniforms							
			Total:	\$298.68				
<u>56</u>	Corporate Billing LLC, Allegiance Trucks	\$3,495.49			N			
			DA5110.4	\$3,495.49			62732	
	Memo: March invoices for truck repairs and parts							
			Total:	\$3,495.49				
<u>57</u>	Douglas Griswold	\$113.50			N			
			DA9060.8	\$113.50				
	Memo: Supplemental Reimbursement							
			Total:	\$113.50				
<u>58</u>	Douglas Industrial Co.	\$233.67			N			
			DA5142.4	\$233.67			67669	
	Memo: Screws, nuts, washers and hoses							
			Total:	\$233.67				
<u>59</u>	Douglas Industrial Co.	\$99.56			N			
			DA5110.4	\$99.56				
	Memo: WD40 and tubing (invoices: 67669-001 & 67016-001)							
			Total:	\$99.56				

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<u>60</u>	Hoosac Valley Farmers Exchange, Inc	\$962.50			N			
			DA5110.4	\$962.50			2604-16187	
	Memo: 55 bags of Calcium Chloride Flake for dust control							
			Total:	\$962.50				
<u>61</u>	McCarthy Tire Service	\$934.02			N			
			DA5142.4	\$934.02			30-179314	
	Memo: 2 tires 11R245							
			Total:	\$934.02				
<u>62</u>	Legenbauer Gas And Oil Co.	\$8,285.91			N			
			DA5110.4	\$8,285.91				
	Memo: 1835.1 gals of on-road diesel (invoices: 52481 & 53522)							
			Total:	\$8,285.91				
<u>63</u>	Peckham Industries, Inc	\$6,331.11			N			
			DA5112.2	\$6,331.11				
	Memo: 383.7 ton of #1 Stone for chipsealing (invoices: 1249575, 1249986, 1250082, 1250310, 1251136 & 1251324)							
			Total:	\$6,331.11				
<u>64</u>	Robert Finke & Sons, Inc. [481]	\$2,327.04			N			
			DA5142.4	\$2,327.04				
	Memo: Broom Wafers (invoices: P76796 & P77104)							
			Total:	\$2,327.04				
<u>65</u>	Schultz Maintenance(110)	\$48.75			N			
			DA5142.4	\$48.75			979718	
	Memo: Chain, bar, and file for chainsaw							
			Total:	\$48.75				
<u>66</u>	Stewart & Stevenson Power Products LLC	\$4,730.89			N			
			DA5110.4	\$4,730.89			683792	
	Memo: Service and parts for gradall emissions							
			Total:	\$4,730.89				
<u>67</u>	Teamster Local 294 Health & Welfare Fund	\$5,052.00			N			
			DA9060.8	\$5,052.00			062026	
	Memo: June 2026 Health care prems for 3 highway employees							
			Total:	\$5,052.00				

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<u>68</u>	Tremont Lumber(522)	\$134.12			N			
			DA5142.4	\$134.12			270494	
	Memo: Materials to build drag broom							
			Total:	\$134.12				
<u>69</u>	Troy Sand & Gravel(443)	\$7,374.48			N			
			DA5142.4	\$7,374.48				
	Memo: 614.54 ton of Crusher Run (Invoices: INVTSG9046, 9019, 9047, 8979, & 9117)							
			Total:	\$7,374.48				
<u>70</u>	Wholesale Distrib.(523)	\$2,864.50			N			
			DA5142.4	\$2,864.50			21356	
	Memo: Chains for trucks							
			Total:	\$2,864.50				
<u>71</u>	Zwack, Inc.(107)	\$141.60			N			
			DA5142.4	\$141.60			64316	
	Memo: Service and parts on the 2000 Truck							
			Total:	\$141.60				
<u>72</u>	Zwack, Inc.(107)	\$538.45			N			
			DA5142.4	\$538.45			64323	
	Memo: Hydraulic hoses and fittings for the 16 Truck							
			Total:	\$538.45				
<u>73</u>	Zwack, Inc.(107)	\$115.90			N			
			DA5142.4	\$115.90			64354	
	Memo: Strobe light for the 07 Truck							
			Total:	\$115.90				

Stephanie Wagar

Audit Date: 04/20/2026 **Fund:** Highway Fund **Year:** 2026 **Abstract:** 4

<u>Vchr #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Vchr Amount</u>	<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
TOTALS:		\$47,810.35		\$47,810.35				\$0.00

Abstract Certification:

To the Supervisor:

I certify that the vouchers listed above were audited by the Town Board on the above date and allowed in the amount shown. You are hereby authorized and directed to pay each of the claimants.

Town Clerk: Stephanie M. Hoffman Date

Philip J. Roder, Town Supervisor

Diana Clark, Town Council

Tammy Madden, Town Council

Kyle Kidney, Town Council

John E. DeFreest Jr., Town Council

8:41:09 PM

Town of Stephentown

Stephanie Wagar

Report of Vouchers By: Year: 2026 Abstract: 4

Voucher #	Fund	Amount	Amt. Unpaid	Vendor
73	General Fund	\$49.05	\$49.05	21st Century Media Ny - Troy Record
74	General Fund	\$220.00	\$220.00	All Language Translations
75	General Fund	\$711.23	\$711.23	Card Services
76	General Fund	\$662.83	\$662.83	Consolidated Communications
77	General Fund	\$105.18	\$105.18	De Lage Landen Financial Services, INC.
78	General Fund	\$899.00	\$899.00	Eileen Roder
79	General Fund	\$260.00	\$260.00	Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC
80	General Fund	\$1,140.00	\$1,140.00	Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC
81	General Fund	\$450.00	\$450.00	Kathleen A. Olson
82	General Fund	\$2,232.00	\$2,232.00	Law Offices of Craig M. Crist PLLC
83	General Fund	\$838.56	\$838.56	Law Offices of Craig M. Crist PLLC
84	General Fund	\$1,630.38	\$1,630.38	Legenbauer Gas And Oil Co.
85	General Fund	\$437.50	\$437.50	Michelina Wojton
86	General Fund	\$969.87	\$969.87	NYSEG(75)
87	General Fund	\$45.56	\$45.56	Ricoh Usa, Inc.
88	General Fund	\$133.97	\$133.97	Staples
89	General Fund	\$174.00	\$174.00	Stephanie Hoffman
90	General Fund	\$1,436.30	\$1,436.30	Solutions By Design
91	General Fund	\$843.00	\$843.00	Teamster Local 294 Health & Welfare Fund
92	General Fund	\$62.98	\$62.98	Verizon Wireless
52	Highway Fund	\$643.86	\$643.86	Alden Goodermote
53	Highway Fund	\$2,615.89	\$2,615.89	Apalachee
54	Highway Fund	\$468.43	\$468.43	Averill Park Auto (539)
55	Highway Fund	\$298.68	\$298.68	Cintas Corp. #617
56	Highway Fund	\$3,495.49	\$3,495.49	Corporate Billing LLC, Allegiance Trucks
57	Highway Fund	\$113.50	\$113.50	Douglas Griswold
58	Highway Fund	\$233.67	\$233.67	Douglas Industrial Co.
59	Highway Fund	\$99.56	\$99.56	Douglas Industrial Co.
60	Highway Fund	\$962.50	\$962.50	Hoosac Valley Farmers Exchange, Inc
61	Highway Fund	\$934.02	\$934.02	McCarthy Tire Service
62	Highway Fund	\$8,285.91	\$8,285.91	Legenbauer Gas And Oil Co.
63	Highway Fund	\$6,331.11	\$6,331.11	Peckham Industries, Inc
64	Highway Fund	\$2,327.04	\$2,327.04	Robert Finke & Sons, Inc. [481]
65	Highway Fund	\$48.75	\$48.75	Schultz Maintenance(110)
66	Highway Fund	\$4,730.89	\$4,730.89	Stewart & Stevenson Power Products LLC
67	Highway Fund	\$5,052.00	\$5,052.00	Teamster Local 294 Health & Welfare Fund
68	Highway Fund	\$134.12	\$134.12	Tremont Lumber(522)
69	Highway Fund	\$7,374.48	\$7,374.48	Troy Sand & Gravel(443)
70	Highway Fund	\$2,864.50	\$2,864.50	Wholesale Distrib.(523)
71	Highway Fund	\$141.60	\$141.60	Zwack, Inc.(107)

Report of Vouchers By: Year: 2026 Abstract: 4

Voucher #	Fund	Amount	Amt. Unpaid	Vendor
72	Highway Fund	\$538.45	\$538.45	Zwack, Inc.(107)
73	Highway Fund	\$115.90	\$115.90	Zwack, Inc.(107)
Totals:		\$61,111.76	\$61,111.76	

**PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 5 OF 2026
A LOCAL LAW OPENING CERTAIN ROADS FOR SNOWMOBILES
IN THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168
MARCH 16, 2026**

The Public Hearing of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Supervisor Philip Roder** at 7:03 PM at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder
(X) Council Diana Clark
(X) Council Kyle Kidney
(X) Council John E. DeFreest Jr.
() Council Tammy Madden
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

(X) Highway Superintendent Alden Goodermote
(X) Assessor Jennifer VanDeusen
(X) Town Justice Cyril Grant
(X) Tax Collector Mary Grant

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.

30 from the Public were present

- **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED:** Local Law allowing the opening of certain town highways for snowmobiles in the Town of Stephentown.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reminders to All Participants who would like to speak: (this meeting is on Live Stream and is being recorded)

- *Raise your hand prior to speaking*
- *Announce your name and the Town you reside in.*
- *There is a 3-to-5-minute window for each speaker per Resolution 1 of the fiscal year*
- *Any disruptive conduct will be addressed at any meeting if the Town Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible. The Chair (Town Supervisor) may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its business.*

Supervisor Roder read the proposed law [attached], and provided a brief description as to why we are proposing this local law. In 2007, Roder brought a resolution to the Town Board to be passed for the snowmobiles to use the town roads to access the trails. NYMO is requesting that all the clubs have signed agreements and get the approval by the Town. The Town's insurance company NYMIR is requiring this local law and agreement and the State will not provide it. The Town Board is not opposed to the snowmobile use in Town.

David Cummings, resident and Vice President of the snowmobile club reported that they are covered by the NYS Snowmobile Association and the National Grid covers the insurance. He reported that he does not see an objection to the proposed law and asked where things go from here.

Supervisor Roder again stressed that the town board is not opposed to allowing access, and that the insurance company is requiring this. Both attorneys are waiting for the certificate of insurance listing the Town as an additional insured, and New York is not providing it.

D. Cummings asked how this gets fixed.

Supervisor Roder reported that it needs to come from the insurance company. There is nothing that can be done until they sign and provide it to us.

Ryan Sweeney, landowner and member of the snowmobile club inquired if the local law was the only thing that they had to agree to and questioned the "19 page" email they received.

Supervisor Roder stated that is the indemnity agreement and will discuss further with the attorneys.

Kevin Darcy questioned the "time restrictions" and asked if they would only be allowed to ride during the day.

Supervisor Roder stated a headlight is required, if you do not have a headlight, you can only ride during the day hours. You are required to have a headlight.

Shawn Bergdoll asked if we were only waiting for NY to sign off.

Supervisor Roder seemingly it is a nonprofit office that review what we provide and they don't have the legal staff to review it.

Council DeFreest, Jr. points out a statement made by D. Cummings in regards to "is this to just protect the Town". DeFreest, Jr. reminds the residents that they all are "the Town". We all pay taxes for Stephentown.

Tom Kieley from Brunswick snowmobile club, reported that they required the same and had no issues getting the insurance binder. He asked if the Town was requiring different verbiage.

Supervisor Roder mentioned that it is the same verbiage that NYMO required and they had no problem signing for them. The Town just lost a large law suit and the insurance company is not going to let this go.

Tom Kieley stated that anyone on a snowmobile cannot sue a landowner and stated it is in the law.

Bill Bergdoll inquired on who insures the walking trails.

Council DeFreest, Jr. answered "the Landowner". He reported that he attended an open house when the walking trails were coming in town since he lives on the railroad and it was a question many landowners had. The answer they received was "It is rare for the landowner to lose."

Supervisor Roder ensured the public that they will be riding next year and that they will continue to work with the attorneys and insurance company to get on the same page.

Chad Gerstel asked if other insurance companies were a possibility for the Town, one that wouldn't require this.

Supervisor Roder reported that there are other companies but the cost will be significant and that this is for the protection of the residents, it's not to punish or stop anyone from riding.

Jarod Bouchard from Grafton Snowmobile Club thanked the Town Board for their time and looking into the matter.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 PM

MOTION BY: DEFREEST, JR.

SECONDED BY: CLARK

VOTES OF:

4 AYE

0 NAY

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN LOCAL LAW NUMBER 5 OF THE YEAR 2026 A LOCAL LAW OPENING CERTAIN ROADS FOR SNOWMOBILES IN THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown, that the Code of the Town of Stephentown is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This local law shall be known and cited as "Town of Stephentown Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2026 Opening Certain Roads for Snowmobiles in the Town of Stephentown"

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Stephentown has determined, upon request of residents of the town, that it is appropriate for snowmobiles to be operated on certain town highways and deems it appropriate to designate such town highways for travel by snowmobiles subject to and in accordance with the following conditions as otherwise regulated by state law.

The New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law §§ 25.05 and 25.09 authorizes municipalities to post and designate certain highways within such municipalities for travel by snowmobiles and the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown hereby exercises such authority.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENT LAWS OR REGULATIONS.

All local laws, ordinances or resolutions inconsistent with any provision or provisions of this law are hereby repealed. Specifically repealed is resolution 23 of the year 2007.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS.

Unless otherwise provided, all words, phrases and terms herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, Title D, Snowmobiles.

SECTION 5. TOWN HIGHWAYS DESIGNATED FOR TRAVEL BY SNOWMOBILES

Unless otherwise prohibited in New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law § 25.05, snowmobiles may be operated on the shoulder or inside bank of the following town highways and not others and only if same have appropriate signage as provided by all applicable statutes, rules and regulations, it being hereby determined that as to such designated highways the slopes or areas outside the guardrails or on the back side of the snow embankments are nonexistent or impassable: Newton Road, Moore Hill Road, Black River Road, Round Mountain Road, Knapp Road, Pease Road, Calvin Cole Road, Grange Hall Road, CCC Dam Road, Andrews Lane, Southard Hotel Road, South Pease Road and Osgood Road.

SECTION 6. CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON SNOWMOBILE OPERATIONS.

A. Whenever the operation of a snowmobile is permitted on any highway in the Town as provided in Section 5 above, the conditions and restrictions set forth both herein and in New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law § 25.05 et seq. shall be applicable to all such snowmobile operation. In addition at highway crossings, snowmobiles shall be operated so as to take a direct crossing of a highway provided that the crossing is made at an angle approximately 90° to the direction of the highway, at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing, the snowmobile is brought to a complete stop before crossing the main travelled way of the highway and the driver yields the right of way to all oncoming traffic.

B. In addition to the restrictions set forth in subpart A above, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following unsafe or harassing ways on any Town of Stephentown snowmobile trail or highway:

1. Imprudent speed. At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under the surrounding circumstances and in no event greater than 15 mph.
2. Reckless operation. In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to unreasonably endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto.
3. Narcotics and drugs. While in an intoxicated condition or under the influence of narcotics or drugs as defined in section 114-A of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.
4. Failure to stop and yield. In any place at any time failing to stop and yield to an authorized ambulance, civil defense or police snowmobile or police vehicle being operated as an emergency vehicle and approaching from any direction.
5. Failure and refusal to comply. In any place at any time failure or refusal to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer or other person duly empowered to enforce all laws of the state relating to snowmobiles.
6. Pulling Person or Certain Equipment. Pulling a person on skis or drawing or towing a sleigh, sled or toboggan which carries or transports any person. No person on skis shall be pulled by, and no person shall ride on or in a sleigh, sled or toboggan which is being towed or trailed by a snowmobile on a highway.
7. On lands of another on private property, without the consent of the owner or lessee thereof. Any person operating a snowmobile upon lands of another in violation of this section shall stop and identify himself upon the request of the landowner, his or her duly authorized representative or lessee, and if requested to do so by the landowner, representative or lessee shall promptly remove said snowmobile from the premises. This law does not obviate any need to obtain consent of any landowners who may have a superior right to the rights of the Town, if any.
8. Noncompliant lighting.
 - a. Between sunset and sunrise or when lights are required for safety without displaying at least one lighted headlight and taillight.
 - b. Operating other than as an emergency vehicle and displaying one or more lighted red or combination red or white lights which is revolving, rotating, flushing, oscillating or constantly moving light.

SECTION 7. OBEDIENCE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CONTROLS.

Each person operating a snowmobile on any town snowmobile trail or highway shall observe all vehicular traffic signs and signals and all rules and regulations applicable to vehicular traffic and shall obey the order and directions of any state, county or local police officer or town constable or any other law enforcement officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic.

SECTION 8. SEASONS OF OPERATION/TIME OF OPERATION.

No person shall operate a snowmobile on the land permitted by this local law from the first day of April through November 30th of each and every year and shall not operate a snowmobile from sundown to sun up on such permitted days.

SECTION 9. LIABILITY INSURANCE.

No snowmobile shall be operated on any Town of Stephentown snowmobile trail or highway designated as open to the public in the Town of Stephentown, unless the owner of such snowmobile has secured a policy of insurance, affording coverage against liability imposed by law for bodily injury or death and for property damage to at least the minimum limits as required by the provisions of section 25.13 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law of the State of New York and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

- A. The owner of a snowmobile shall maintain proof of financial security by means of a certificate of insurance, indicating compliance with the minimum coverage requirements of the aforementioned section. The failure to produce such certificate of insurance, when required to do so upon the demand of a magistrate, state, county or local police officer or town constable which such vehicle is being operated on any highway or public highway which includes snowmobile trails in the Town of Stephentown, shall be presumptive evidence of operating a snowmobile without securing policy of insurance.
- B. This section specifically supersedes the provision of section 25.13(1) of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law by requiring liability insurance for operation on all snowmobile trails.

SECTION 10. INCORPORATION OF NEW YORK STATE PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION LAW.

This local law does not except out, and therefore affirmatively incorporates by reference, all other aspects of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law not inconsistent or superseded herewith.

SECTION 11. FILING OF COPY OF LAW WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

A copy of this local law shall be filed with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

SECTION 12. LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE.

Negligence in the use or operation of a snowmobile shall be attributable to the owner. Every owner of a snowmobile used or operated in the Town of Stephentown shall be liable and responsible for death or injury to a person or damage to property resulting from negligence and the use or operation of such snowmobile by any person using or operating the same with the permission, expressed or implied, of such owner, provided, however, that such operator's negligence shall not be attributed to the owner as to any claim or cause of action accruing to the operator or his legal representative for such injuries or death.

SECTION 13. PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE.

With respect to injuries arising from the operation of snowmobiles, no civil action shall be maintained against the Town of Stephentown or any officer or employee thereof, for damages or injuries to person or property sustained by reason of any snowmobile trail, highway, bridge, street, sidewalk, crosswalk or culvert being defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed, unless prior written notice of such defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition on such snowmobile trail, highway, bridge or culvert was actually given to the municipal agent, officer or employee authorized by § 311 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules to receive service or to the chief municipal officer in charge of highway supervision and maintenance, and there was a failure or neglect within a reasonable time thereafter to repair or remove the defect, danger or obstruction complained of. No such actions shall be maintained for damages or injuries to person or property sustained solely due to conditions caused by snow and/or ice removal, or the non-removal thereof, from any Town of Stephentown snowmobile trail or highways designated as open to snowmobiles in the Town of Stephentown.

SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, sub section, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of the aforementioned sections as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this local law shall be deemed a violation and the violator shall be liable for a fine of not more than \$250 for a first violation and \$350 for a second violation and \$500 for any subsequent violation.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Department of State's office.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

**TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168
MARCH 16, 2026**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor P. Roder* at 7:40PM at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder
(X) Council Diana Clark
(X) Council Kyle Kidney
(X) Council John E. DeFreest Jr.
() Council Tammy Madden
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:

(X) Highway Superintendent Alden Goodermote
(X) Assessor Jennifer VanDeusen
(X) Town Justice Cyril Grant
(X) Tax Collector Mary Grant

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.
6 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #50-26 through #72-26 in the amount of **\$25,671.48 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #39-26 through # 51-26 in the amount of **\$28,823.94 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$54,495.42** and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: DEFREEST, JR **SECONDED BY: CLARK**
VOTES OF: 4 AYE **0 NAY**

Minutes of the **February 16, 2026, Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY **SECONDED BY: DEFREEST, JR**
VOTES OF: 4 AYE **0 NAY**

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$692.26** to the Supervisor for the month of **FEBRUARY 2026**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the Office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **January 2026** was **\$1,107.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of \$_____.**00** for the month of **January 2026**.

Bags: \$ C&D & Metal: \$ Tires: \$
Stickers: \$ Propane Tanks: \$ Appliances: \$

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of \$_____.**00** for the month of **February 2026**.

Bags: \$ C&D & Metal: \$ Tires: \$
Stickers: \$ Propane Tanks: \$ Appliances: \$

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$922,802.01	HIGHWAY \$1,794,484.16
GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$1,045,545.42	HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$753,664.36
BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19	BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Fire Department Report for	Feb. 2026
EMS with Transport	10
EMS without Transport	1
Extrication of any type	0
Motor Vehicle with injury	1
Motor Vehicle no injury	4
Search for lost person	0
EMS unable to respond	0
Mutual Aid given EMS	5
Fire Mutual Aid given	1
Fire Mutual Aid received	0
Structure Fire	1
Mobile Home Fire	0
Chimney Fire CONTAINED	0
Burner/Boiler Malfunction	0
Vehicle Fire	0
Brush Fire	0
Outside Fire-trash, rubbish or other	1
Hazardous Condition	0
Carbon Monoxide activation	1
Cover Assignment/Standby	0
Good Intent	4
Call Cancelled	0
False Alarm MALICIOUS	0
False Alarm – system malfunction	2
Weather Wires Down	0
Special Incident - other	0
Monthly Total:	30
YTD:	63

K. Roppolo, Library Director provided an update to the event happening at the Library – check out the website for more information on craft day, baby café, and the Easter event scheduled for April 4th at 1p.m.

J. Peabody provided an update to the new ambulance, hoping by the end of this month it will be delivered.

Scott Metzler returned to inquired again about the Mud Bogs and asked “why Stephentown was allowing it?”.

Council DeFreest Jr reported that he looked into the matter and the property is privately owned, the owner is entitled to use it how they see fit, we cannot tell someone that they cannot access their own property. Followed up with Code Enforcement and the ticket booth was on the Stephentown side of the property and Code Enforcement addressed this and it was moved to the New Lebanon side of the property.

S. Metzler asked if the town gave permits out to conduct such events.

Council DeFreest Jr we don’t give permits out to enter property, “it’s the equivalency of trying to stop someone driving down Route 22 to the race track.”

RESOLUTION # 33 OF 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS WITH TOWN TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026 entitled “A Local Law to Allow the Insertion of Informational Materials In Certain Tax Bills Mailed By The Town of Stephentown”

WHEREAS, said local law authorizes the insertion of a notice, circular, pamphlet, card, handbill or other enclosure concerning a matter of public concern, but excluding any and all material that is political in nature, is propaganda, or is any type of commercial advertising provided same is further authorized by resolution of this Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following are the only authorized Insertions per said law: notices relating to Tax Collector, such as key dates for payment, office hours, phone numbers, email and related contact information as well as Town Board notices, permits fees and charges payable to the Town. No materials that are political in nature, are propaganda, or are any type of commercial advertising provided same is authorized.

MOTION BY: DEFREEST, JR

SECONDED BY: KIDNEY

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 34 OF 2026

OPENING OF SEALED LAWN MOWING BIDS FOR 2026

WHEREAS: the Town Board requested sealed BIDs for the 2026 Lawn Mowing at the Town Park and the Town Hall, and

WHEREAS: the Town Clerk’s Office received 1 sealed BIDs by March 16, 2026, at 7:00PM from:

1. Everything Green Lawn & Landscaping for the amount of \$190.00/month for the Town Hall AND \$173.00/month for the Town Park.

now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Town Board would like to award the 2026 Lawn Mowing to Everything Green Lawn & Landscaping for the amount

of \$190.00/month for the Town Hall AND \$173.00/month for the Town Park.

MOTION BY: CLARK

SECONDED BY:

DEFREEST, JR.

VOTES OF:

4 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 35 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE CYRIL GRANT AS TOWN JUSTICE

WHEREAS, Town Justice Cyril Grant has tendered his resignation letter, which letter states his resignation shall be effective 12:01 a.m., April 4, 2026, to the Town Clerk and advises he has also transmitted same to the Chief Administrative Judge of the Office of Court Administration;

WHEREAS, Town Justice Grant advises his resignation is needed for retirement purposes;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is appreciative of the many years of service by Judge Grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective 12:01 a.m. on April 4, 2026, the Town Board accepts Judge Grants resignation, which resignation shall be effective 12:01 a.m., April 4, 2026.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY

SECONDED BY: DEFREEST, JR

VOTES OF:

4 AYE 0 NAY

Town Justice Grant reported this is for the sole purpose of retiring and is a required by NYS retirement and he will be required to run again in this year's general election.

RESOLUTION # 36 OF 2026

CALLING FOR A SPECIAL MEEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING AN EXPECTED VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN JUSTICE

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been advised of, and accepted the resignation of Town Justice Grant, effective 12:01 a.m., April 4, 2026;

WHEREAS, there is the need to fill that position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Town Board, at the request of the Town Supervisor, hereby calls for a special meeting of the Town Board to be held on April 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall for the purpose of considering the appointment to fill the expected vacancy of Town Justice, presently held by the Hon. Cyril Grant.

MOTION BY: RODER

SECONDED BY: DEFREEST, JR

VOTES OF:

4 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 37 OF 2026

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN RE-AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GENERAL RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH THE STEPHENTOWN TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, this Board authorized the execution of a General Release and Indemnity Agreement with the Stephentown Trail Riders Association at the February 16, 2026 meeting;

WHEREAS, the tendered insurance certificate received after the meeting required a slight addition to that agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board authorizes and re-authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the General Release and Indemnity Agreement and hereby ratifies any prior execution thereof.

MOTION BY: DEFREEST, JR

SECONDED BY: CLARK

VOTES OF:

4 AYE

0 NAY

RESOLUTION # 38 OF 2026

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REVISED ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH STEPHENTOWN I, LLC.

WHEREAS, Stephentown I, LLC has made application to establish a community solar farm on a portion of the Deyo property on West Road;

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Planning Board will need the assistance of an engineer for the review of the proposed project;

WHEREAS, following the authorization at the February 16, 2026 meeting Stephentown I, LLC and the Town have engaged in additional discussions as to desired revisions to the authorized Escrow Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT following review by counsel, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the revised Escrow Agreement with Stephentown I, LLC as approved by the Attorney for the Town.

MOTION BY: CLARK

SECONDED BY: KIDNEY

VOTES OF:

4 AYE

0 NAY

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
STEPHENTOWN TOWN BOARD
TO FILL A VACANCY OF THE TOWN JUSTICE
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD, STEPHENTOWN, NY 12168
APRIL 6, 2026**

A Special Meeting of the Town Board for the Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Supervisor Philip Roder** **7:02 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Philip Roder
(X) Council Diana Clark
() Council John DeFreest Jr.
(X) Council Tammy Madden
(X) Council Kyle Kidney
(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

(X) Tax Collector Mary Grant
(X) Court Clerk Tammy Whitman
(X) Honorable Cyril Grant
(X) Legal Counsel Chirs Langlois

A quorum (X) was () wasn't established.

15 from the Public were present

REPORT FROM THE TOWN BOARD:

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF THE YEAR 2026 APPOINTING CYRIL GRANT TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION/OFFICE OF TOWN JUSTICE

WJHEREAS, Hon. Cyril Grant has tendered his resignation from the position/office of Town Justice;

WHEREAS, the Town Board needs to fill the vacant position until an election can be conducted, which the Rensselaer County Board of Election advises will be held in November 2026;

WHEREAS, Cyril Grant has advised that he is willing to be re-appointed to that position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cyril Grant is hereby appointed to the position of Town Justice until the position is filled by election at the next election, the time and place of which shall be per the direction of the Rensselaer County Board of Election.

Motion by Town Supervisor Roder

Second by Council Tammy Madden

Votes:

Supervisor Roder: Aye

Council Kidney: Aye

Council Madden: Aye

Council Clark: Aye

Council DeFreest Jr.: Absent

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:02PM

MOTION BY: MADDEN

SECONDED BY: CLARK

VOTES OF: 4 AYE

0 NAY

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, April 20, 2026** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk