

Town of Turin
Regular Town Board Meeting
May 11, 2026

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Turin, County of Lewis and the State of New York was held at the Municipal Office Building, 6312 East Main Street, Turin, NY on the 11th day of May 2026.

Daniel Szalach, Supervisor
Lydia Wojnowski, Deputy Supervisor-Absent
Robert Bindner, Councilmember
John Karelus, Councilmember
Collin Stewart, Councilmember
Paul Dickinson, Highway Superintendent
Sheena Dickinson, Town Clerk

Others Present: Josh Leviker, County Legislator & Village Mayor
Christine Harvey, CTHC
Karen Shaw, Assessor
Ed Koss, Planning Board Member

Supervisor Szalach called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Harvey-CTHC Rep.: Christine discussed the upcoming trainings, webinars and grants that are available. The May 2026 Tug Hill announcements had been emailed to the Clerk previously.

Josh Leviker:

-Military Banners will be hung up before Memorial Day.
-NCC will be putting in a drainage pipe and completing other small unfinished upgrades.
-Update on wetland permit.
-The plan for upgrades to the water treatment plant is done and just waiting for health department approval.
-The old water tower will come down once the weather is better.
-Conducted interviews for the possible sewer project, Barton & Loguidice was selected. They will put an engineering report together and apply for grants if it is worth it.
-The County will be chip sealing roads and working on the Comprehensive Plan.

MINUTES: Motion by Councilmember Bindner, seconded by Councilmember Karelus to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026, regular meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- All Councilmembers received a copy of the May Announcements.

-Supervisor Szalach attended the Tug Hill Annual Meeting on April 30th. Copies of the agenda and Tug Hill Goals were given to all Councilmembers.

-Supervisor Szalach, Highway Superintendent Dickinson, and three Planning Board Members attended the Local Tug Hill Commission Government Conference on April 21st.

-Supervisor Szalach, Highway Superintendent Dickinson, and Clerk Dickinson attended the 3-G Annual Fire Banquet.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for April 2026 and bank statements were provided by the accountant. **Resolution 2026-13** authorizing the following budget transfers/modifications in the General, Highway and Outside Water District No. 2 accounts by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
Unallocated Insurance-A1910.4	A1910.4- $715.57	A8310.4- $715.57
Unemployment Insurance-A9050.8	A9050.8- $95.96	A9030.8- $95.96

-There was a discussion regarding the Assessor and Board Concerns.

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report and tax collection summary for April 2026. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the April Clerk Report and tax collection summary was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson also stated that we have received letters back from Ken Blankenbush's office and Mark Walczyk's office regarding the RAPID Act and energy policies.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of April 2026 had been provided. **Resolution 2026-14-To accept the Justice Court Audit**- A motion by Councilmember Karelus to accept the 2025 Justice Court Audit done by Bower's & Company was made, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor with Councilmember Stewart abstaining. It was also mentioned that the Board would like to know the breakdown of who gets what portion of Justice fines. Supervisor Szalach stated he will contact Justice Kubinski and find out.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided, and Supervisor Szalach went over the abstract with a list of bills/invoices in Highway Superintendent Dickinson's absence. He also submitted a check from Lewis County for the remainder of the amount for snow removal.

-The new pick-up with a plow has been ordered and the plow was ordered under the old price.

-**Resolution 2026-15- Authorize Undertaking in Connection with Permits Issued by NYSDOT**- A motion by Councilmember Karelus to authorize the Town Supervisor's signature in connection with permits issued by NYSDOT was made, a second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried.

-There was a brief discussion regarding the Boat Launch at Burdick's Crossing Road and updating the contract between NYS DEC and the Town of Turin. Highway Superintendent Dickinson is working on contacting them to update/change this contract.

PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board is looking into adding "data centers" into the rural development code and has been working on some subdivisions.

OLD BUSINESS:

-The public hearing for the proposed Minimum Maintenance Road law will be held at the June 8, 2026, regular meeting. All notices have been sent out to bordering landowners and to the South Lewis and Lowville Academy School Boards, the NYS DEC, and the Town of Turin Planning Board. A motion to also hold a public hearing at the June 8, 2026, meeting regarding the revision to the Rural Development Code and minimum maintenance roads was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

-3-G Volunteer Fire Company submitted their yearly contract for 2026 and the voucher for payment is on the abstract. A motion approving this contract was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

-Grievance Day is scheduled for May 27, 2026, from 4-8pm at the Municipal Building and the hours the Assessor will sit with the tentative roll is posted below:

-Thursday May 14th-9:30am-1:30pm

Thursday May 21st-9:30am-1:30pm and 4-8pm by appointment only

-Saturday May 23rd-2-6pm by appointment only

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: A motion by Councilmember Stewart to pay vouchers (General Fund 124-144=$12,362.21, Highway Fund 33-40=$17,561.17 and Water District No. 2 Fund = $0), a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to attend, a motion was made by Councilmember Stewart to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, June 8th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk