

Town of Turin
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 8, 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 8th day of June 2026.

Daniel Szalach, Supervisor
Collin Stewart, Deputy Supervisor
Robert Bindner, Councilmember
John Karelus, Councilmember
Edward Koss III, Councilmember
Paul Dickinson, Highway Superintendent
Sheena Dickinson, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar

Others Present: Josh Leviker, County Legislator & Village Mayor-Absent
Christine Harvey, CTHC
Angie Kimball-CTHC
Rivver Tourville-MEO
John Bodnar-Town Resident
Philip Martin-Village Resident

Supervisor Szalach called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was recorded.

-Motion to accept the resignation from Deputy Supervisor Wojnowski was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

-Motion to accept the resignation from Planning Board Member, Edward Koss III, was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried.

-A motion to appoint Edward Koss III to fill the vacancy on the Town Board was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

-A motion to appoint Collin Stewart as Deputy Supervisor was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

-A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart to open the public hearing regarding the Minimum Maintenance Road Law, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

-A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart to open the second public hearing on the Rural Development Code changes regarding minimum maintenance roads and the special

use permit renewal process, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Josh Leviker: Josh was absent but gave a report to the Supervisor to go over.

-The old water tower has been demolished and cleaned up. The Village is installing a 19' by 19' shed on the site of the old water tower for storage. The library has some old plates of steel that were taken from the old water tower on display.

-The new well is scheduled to be drilled in three weeks.

-The bids will be going out soon for the improvement of the water treatment plant.

-The reservoir will be dredged this summer.

-The 4th of July parade will be held at 11am.

MINUTES: Motion by Councilmember Karelus, seconded by Councilmember Bindner to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026, regular meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- All Councilmembers received a copy of the June Announcements.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for May 2026 and bank statements were provided by the accountant.

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report and tax collection summary for May 2026. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the May Clerk Report and tax collection summary was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson stated that all unpaid taxes will be returned to the County and will be balanced out soon.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of May 2026 had been provided. There was a brief discussion on Justice Court allocations.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided, and Highway Superintendent Dickinson went over the work that has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Grievance Day was held on May 27, 2026, and the Board of Assessment Review stated that no one was in attendance to grieve their property taxes. The Assessor would like to complete the Reassessment/Data Collection Project for the 2027 tax year. **Resolution 2026-16-** A motion authorizing the 2027 reassessment using the data that was already collected was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

-The Board reviewed the Lewis County Planning Board recommendations on the Minimum Maintenance Road Law and made a motion to respond to these recommendations by mail by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

-Supervisor Szalach went over the proposed changes to the Rural Development Code Law and there was a brief discussion regarding these proposed changes and the Minimum Maintenance Road Law.

-With no questions or further comments from the public regarding the public hearing on the Minimum Maintenance Road Law, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Karelus, and seconded by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

-With no questions or further comments from the public regarding the public hearing on the proposed Rural Development Code Law changes regarding minimum maintenance roads and the special use permit renewal process a motion was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

-<u>Resolution 2026-17-Local Law 1-2026-</u> **"A Local Law for the Classification of Low Volume Rural Town Roads and Designating Minimum Maintenance Roads":** A motion approving Local Law 1-2026 was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson will file the local law with the State.

-<u>Resolution 2026-18-Local Law 2-2026-</u> **"regarding proposed zoning text amendments to the Town of Turin Rural Development Law regarding minimum maintenance road zoning and the special use permit renewal process":** A motion approving Local Law 2-2026 was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Dickinson will file the local law with the State.

-Highway Superintendent Dickinson gave an update on the salt shed grant with the timeline. With all the paperwork that is involved in a NYS Grant, a motion was made by Councilmember Bindner to hire the engineer firm of Barton & Loguidice to handle the paperwork and reporting to NYS. A second by Councilmember Karelus, all in favor; motion carried. There was a discussion on opening a line of credit to front the cost of the grant instead of using all of town resources in case of an emergency. With the time frame of approximately one year turn around on the funds returning from NYS from the grant, Councilmember Koss made a motion approving Supervisor Szalach to obtain information/rates on a line of credit from Community Bank, KS State Bank and wherever else funding can be obtained. A second by Councilmember Stewart, all in favor; motion carried. A motion to sign the contract with Eagle Associates for the salt shed was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Bindner, all in favor; motion carried.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: A motion by Councilmember Stewart to pay vouchers (General Fund 145-168=$8,396.90, Highway Fund 41-47=$19,849.92 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 7:44 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, July 13th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk