

Town of Turin
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 13, 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 13th day of July 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
Christine Harvey, CTHC

Supervisor Szalach called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 July 2026 Tug Hill announcements had been emailed to the Clerk previously.

Josh Leviker:

-Working on flushing hydrants.
-Plans are almost done for the water treatment plant upgrade.
-The reservoirs will be dredged soon.
-Discussion on outside water district and the billing of cemetery on East Main Street. A motion was made by Councilmember Stewart to bill the cemetery the same as all other not for profit users in the district. A second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor except an opposition from Councilmember Bindner. The current bill going out in August will just be the bond fee, and then the next billing in February will contain the bond fee, usage, and any overage fees.

MINUTES: Motion by Councilmember Karelus, seconded by Councilmember Koss to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026, regular meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- All Councilmembers received a copy of the July Announcements.

-Supervisor Szalach attended a meeting along with other Town Supervisors and Legislators with a National Grid Representative concerning development of Host Community Agreements in Towns with Line Construction Projects and ways to give back to the community.
-Rural Development and Minimum Maintenance Road Laws have been submitted to NYS, waiting for the official reply.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for June 2026 and bank statements were provided by the accountant. **Resolution 2026-19** authorizing the following budget transfers/modifications in the General, Highway and Outside Water District No. 2 accounts by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

FUND: General Fund

ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	
Planning Board-B8020.4	B8020.4- $73.94	B8010.42- $73.94	

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for June 2026 and the end of year tax collection report. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the June Clerk Report and end of year tax collection report was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of June 2026 had been provided.

PLANNING BOARD: They have approved the Ehlers and Golf Course subdivisions and have been working on updates to the Rural Development Law regarding Data Centers and Manufactured Homes. Motion to send the potential updates to the County Planning Board for review was made by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. A motion to appoint Rivver Tourville to fill the vacancy due to Ed Koss being appointed to the Town Board was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried. Rivver's term will begin on 8/1/2026 and end on 12/31/2029.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided, and Highway Superintendent Dickinson went over the work that has been completed.
-Two quotes were provided by Stanford's Green Waste LLC to clean up and shred the wood, brush, and stump debris at the Town Quarry on Lee Road. A motion by Councilmember Stewart to approve the first quote of $17,160.00, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.
- Two driveway culverts have been installed. One on Barniak Drive and the other on Lovenduski Road.
-East Road will be paved tomorrow.

-The sand at the Highway Garage has all been moved to the quarry and will set up a meeting with DEC to discuss the next step.

-**Resolution 2026-20-Bond Resolution Authorizing Construction of a New Salt/Sand Storage Facility-** A motion by Councilmember Stewart authorizing the construction of a new salt/sand storage facility at a total estimated maximum cost of $400,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of a bond anticipation note with a principal sum not to exceed $400,000. A second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

-Resolution 2026-21-Negative Declaration Resolution Regarding the Proposed Construction of a New Salt/Sand Storage Facility- A motion was made by Councilmember Koss authorizing the negative declaration on the construction of a new salt/sand storage facility and that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment. A second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

-Resolution 2026-22- Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials: NYS Retirement has requested an updated resolution for standard workday reporting for Elected and Appointed Officials. A motion by Councilmember Koss approving this resolution with the addition of Councilmember's Karelus and Stewart to the NYS Retirement, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried. This resolution will be posted on the Clerk signboard and Town Website for 30 days and then sent to New York State.

-Town health insurance was brought up and what the cost would be. Since we have not had any employees in a few years to use health insurance, we will need to contact the company and get updated policy/price information.

-Deputy Dog Control- Supervisor Szalach is working on getting a contract drawn up between the Towns of Turin and Lowville to utilize their DCO for backup in the event our DCO is unavailable.

-**Resolution 2026-23-Resolution in Support of the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights:** A motion by Councilmember Stewart in support of the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights was made, a second by Councilmemner Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: A motion by Councilmember Stewart to pay vouchers (General Fund 169-197=$15,684.71, Highway Fund 48-56=$71,241.64 and Water District No. 2 Fund 4= $163.74), a second by Councilmember Koss; 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 7:52 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, August 10th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk