APPROVED

Town of Turin
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 10, 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 10th day of August 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
Rob Matthews
Jason and Lisa Overton
Kris Gilbert Watson & Robert Watson

Supervisor Szalach called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilmember Bindner: Questioned why the Town does not have a Games of Chance Local Law. Supervisor Szalach stated that it has been brought up and was not done in time to get on the election ballot, but we will look further into the matter for the beginning of next year.

Lisa & Jason Overton-Ledges Golf Course: In attendance to inquire about the possibility of the Town taking over the road they plan on building in the golf course subdivision. There was a discussion and Highway Superintendent is working on getting more information for them.

Christine Harvey-CTHC Rep.: Christine discussed the upcoming trainings, webinars and grants that are available. The August 2026 Tug Hill announcements had been emailed to the Clerk previously. The CTHC has set a tentative date for the Fall meeting on September 17, 2026.

Josh Leviker:
-Ryan Salmon is going to look at fixing the light in the Municipal Building parking lot.
-The boiler at the Municipal Building will be serviced on August 14, 2026.
-The wells have been drilled and the pump down tests have been submitted to NYS. Once approved, they can put the renovations on the treatment plant out to bid.
-The front of the ARC Building and the old cafe are both condemned.

-Water bills have been sent out.
-County codes are updating their software; the County passed the resolution in support of the New York Association of Towns Bill of Rights.
MINUTES: Motion by Councilmember Karelus, seconded by Councilmember Bindner to approve the minutes of July 13, 2026, regular meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.
CORRESPONDENCE:
- All Councilmembers received a copy of the August Announcements.
-The Tug Hill Super COG meeting is being held on September 22, 2026, and Supervisor Szalach plans to attend. He also plans to attend the Budget meeting being held by Laird Petrie if any of the other Councilmembers would like to attend.
-New York State has received both filings for Local Laws 1 & 2 regarding the Minimum Maintenance Roads and Rural Development Code changes. Highway Superintendent can now begin to change applicable road signs to "Minimum Maintenance Road."
REPORTS:
SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for July 2026 and bank statements were provided by the accountant. Supervisor Szalach has also begun to hand out budget request forms to all department heads to be returned by September 1st. **Resolution 2026-24** 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
Town Clerk-A1410.4	A1410.4-$154.08	A1480.42-$154.08
Planning Board-B8020.4	B8020.4- $122.35	B8010.42- $122.35
Install Purchase Debt-DA9785.7	DA9785.7-$17,056.89	DA9785.6-$17,056.89

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for July 2026. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the July Clerk Report was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. **Resolution 2026-26-Designating Recipient of Voluntary Shelter Contributions on Dog License Renewals**- A motion to accept the resolution regarding Section 109 of the agriculture and markets law mandating that all Municipalities collect any voluntary shelter donations posted on the dog license renewal forms and turn these monies over yearly to the designated shelter which in Turin's case is the Lewis County Humane Society was made by Councilmember Koss. A second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of July 2026 had been provided. Justice Kubinski would also like to apply for a JCAP Grant to help fund the installation of a service window for court payments so that the payers do not have to walk behind her while court is in session.
Resolution 2026-25-Authorization from the Town Board to apply for JCAP Grant Funding in the 2026-2027 grant cycle was made by Councilmember Bindner, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor except Councilmember Stewart who abstained.
PLANNING BOARD: They have had two subdivisions for the month and have forwarded the revisions to the Rural Development Code regarding manufactured homes and data centers to the County Planning Board for review at their meeting this month. With those suggestions coming by the September meeting, a motion to hold a public hearing on them at the September 14, 2026, meeting was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried.
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided, and Highway Superintendent Dickinson went over the work that has been completed.
-The sand/salt shed is scheduled to be shipped to us on September 15th, hoping to have the site ready but waiting on drawings from the company to apply for necessary permits.
-The Bond closing for the salt/sand shed was on August 3, 2026. Money should be deposited at any time, and the down payment for the sand/salt shed is on this month's abstract.
-Things are moving forward on the DEC violation from 2024-2025 and will set up a meeting soon to discuss what needs to be done further.
-Highway Superintendent Dickinson provided the Board with a "Dumping (Fill) Release" form that the County and other Towns use to protect the Town and put liability on the landowner. A motion by Councilmember Stewart to use this form and have it renewed yearly was made, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.
-The new pick up has arrived and the plow is installed. A motion to clean up the old one and list on Auctions International was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. There was a discussion on using the budgeted monies for the truck payment that we have not taken possession of yet to pay outright for the new pickup and then once the old pickup sells replace the funds back in the highway account.
-Highway Superintendent is still working on getting the guard rails fixed on Carpenter Road from an accident last year. He will keep the Board updated.
-The firehall floor has been torn up and is being replaced. The contractor will remove the old flooring from outside the firehall once the project is completed.
OLD BUSINESS:
-Still waiting for the Dog Control backup contract from the Lawyer. Will table this until next month.
NEW BUSINESS: NONE
EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter an executive session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilmember Stewart at 7:10pm, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. A motion to exit executive session at 7:21pm was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

-A motion to accept the agreement between the Town of Turin and Employee Robert Matthews regarding his pay rate was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: A motion by Councilmember Koss to pay vouchers (General Fund 198-215=$113,864.89, Highway Fund 57-65=$190,022.98 and Water District No. 2 Fund 5-6= $35,603.27), a second by Councilmember Stewart; all in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to attend, a motion was made by Councilmember Karelus to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk