

Town of Turin
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 14, 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 14th day of September 2026.

Daniel Szalach, Supervisor
Collin Stewart, Deputy Supervisor-Absent
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
Robert Watson

Supervisor Szalach called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was recorded.

***A motion to open the Public Hearing on changes to the Rural Development Code regarding updates to manufactured homes, data centers, and wind towers was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Josh Leviker:

-Village sent a letter to South Lewis BOE to request a school tax property exemption on the new parcel where the new tower sits and they will review at their monthly meeting.

-Village and Town have had communication with a village resident regarding the National Grid powerline project and their personal properties regarding easements. Both Mayor Leviker and Supervisor Szalach have responded to the resident that the village and town do not get involved with private property easements, and we have no zoning or say over them.

-Mayor Leviker sent an email to the Clerk and Supervisor regarding water rates and how they are billed. Farms do not get a discount on their water bills, and businesses must pay the extra unit fees.

-The new storage building has arrived at the water treatment plant for storage.
-Update on the pump down tests on the three wells and the water treatment plant can now go out to bid.
-The village is working on omitting data centers and wind power in their development code.
-The County replaced the cross-culvert pipe on West Road and will be fixing that section of road.
-County is working on their budget.

MINUTES: Motion by Councilmember Karelus, seconded by Councilmember Bindner to approve the minutes of August 10, 2026, regular meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- All Councilmembers received a copy of the September Announcements.
-Supervisor Szalach attended the Tug Hill Commission Budget training that was held on August 26, 2026.
-Supervisor Szalach attended a supervisor's meeting that was held on August 27, 2026.
-Supervisor Szalach attended a budget meeting with the CPA-Scott Lawrence-on September 9, 2026.
-Provided the Board with a copy of a letter from NYMIR regarding their financial strengths.
-NYS Tug Hill Commission annual dinner is Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Timberview. Supervisor Szalach plans to attend.
-Super COG meeting/dinner is being held on September 22, 2026, at Redfield Fire Hall and Supervisor Szalach plans to attend.

REPORTS:

SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for August 2026 and bank statements were provided by the accountant. **Resolution 2026-27** authorizing the following budget transfers/modifications in the General, Highway and Outside Water District No. 2 accounts by Councilmember Karelus, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

FUND: General Fund

ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
Supervisor-A1220.4	A1220.4-$7.50	A1355.4-$7.50
Town Clerk-A1410.4	A1410.4 $128.07	A1355.4- $128.07
Machinery-DA5130.2	DA5130.2-$67,550.99	DA599-$67,550.99

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for August 2026. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the August Clerk Report was made by Councilmember Bindner, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of August 2026 had been provided. Justice Kubinski has gotten a quote to submit with the JCAP Grant for the installation of a secure payment window.
PLANNING BOARD: They have had two subdivisions for the month.
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided, and Highway Superintendent Dickinson went over the work that has been completed.
-There was a discussion on when the new trucks are scheduled to arrive and which truck to put up for auction once we take possession of new one. A motion to purchase eight new drive tires was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.
-The guard rails on Carpenter Road that were damaged in an accident last year are scheduled to be fixed in the last week of September.
-An update was given on the salt/sand shed and pictures provided by Supervisor Szalach.
-The quarry clean-up project was pushed back a bit due to County using the quarry when paving but will be done this fall. There was a discussion on putting up a new sign of what can be dumped and one that states, "No Contractors."

OLD BUSINESS:
-A motion to accept the agreement between the Town of Lowville and the Town of Turin approving both appointed Dog Control Officers to be available and serve in the position of Deputy Dog Control Officer for both Towns in the appointed DCO's absence was made by Councilmember Koss. A second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried. A motion to appoint Nick Astafan as Deputy Dog Control Officer with no reimbursement other than mileage for any dogs picked up in the Town of Turin was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.
-**Resolution 2026-28-to adopt Local Law 2026-3**: A motion by Councilmember Bindner to adopt Resolution 2026-28 adopting Local Law 2026-3 an amendment to Local Law 1 of the year 2026 for the Classification of Low Volume Rural Town Roads and Designating Minimum Maintenance Roads with the addition of "Appendix A". A second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
-With no further comment on the Public Hearing regarding the Rural Development Code changes a motion was made by Councilmember Karelus to close the Public Hearing at 7:22pm. A second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.
-**Resolution 2026-29-to adopt Local Law 2026-4**: A motion by Councilmember Karelus to adopt Resolution 2026-29 adopting Local Law 2026-4 approving the Zoning Text Amendments to the Town of Turin Rural Development Code regarding manufactured homes, data centers, and wind towers. A second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.

-**Resolution 2026-30**: United Response Letter to Keep the current Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption the same with no changes until New York State has a revised approach: A motion by Councilmember Karelus to approve the United Response Letter to keep the current Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption is the same with no changes until NYS has come up with a revised approach. A second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried. A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to County Manager, Tim Hunt.

-Budget 2027 Meeting Schedule:
-Special Meeting September 28th, 2026, Tentative Budget.
-Regular Meeting October 12th, 2026, Preliminary Budget.
-Public Hearing October 26th, 2026.
-Regular Meeting November 9th, 2026, Adoption of Final Budget.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: A motion by Councilmember Karelus to pay vouchers (General Fund 216-242=$15,997.92, Highway Fund 66-73=$31,244.27 and Water District No. 2 Fund = $0), a second by Councilmember Koss; 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 8:07 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, October 12th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk