

Town of Turin
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 12, 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 12th day of October 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 Healt, CTHC
Robert Watson, Town Resident
Rivver Tourville, Deputy Highway Superintendent

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Healt-CTHC Rep.: Christine discussed the upcoming trainings, webinars and grants that are available. New state law requires that all local government employees who use technology as part of their official job must complete annual cybersecurity awareness training.
The October 2026 Tug Hill announcements had been emailed to the Clerk previously.

Josh Leviker:
-Update on the wells.
-Received notice from DEC regarding the dredging of the dam at the Reservoir. Will get permits and complete next year. B&L Engineering will also do an inspection of the Dam while there.
-Continued correspondence with a Village Resident regarding the National Grid easements. Told the resident that the Village and Town both have no control over the private easements and that both have three-ring binders with the information that National Grid provided regarding the project, and they can be viewed by appointment.
-There will be a trunk or treat at Village Park.
-The military banners will be taken down soon for winter.

-Will start shutting off water at curb stops of residents who request it and the cemetery should be shut off also.
-The sewer project did not meet the requirements for grants, but Mayor Leviker asked for further information in a follow up email.
-National Grid project will start cutting trees in November until March and progress from there.
-Cassandra Buell is leaving the County.
-County is working on budget and they have a goal to keep taxes the same, but state mandates are making that difficult.
MINUTES: Motion by Councilmember Koss, seconded by Councilmember Bindner to approve the minutes of September 14, 2026, regular meeting as presented by the Town Clerk. Minutes from the special budget meeting were also handed out.
CORRESPONDENCE:
- All Councilmembers received a copy of the October Announcements.
-Elections will be held at the Municipal Building on November 3, 2026, from 6am until 9pm.
-Supervisor Szalach attended the CTHC Fall Meeting on September 17th, the Tug Hill Commission Super COG meeting on September 22nd, and the Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner on October 8th.
-Deputy Supervisor Stewart attended the Turin Fireman's Appreciation Dinner on October 3rd.
-Waiting for a reply from Lowville Supervisor on approval of Deputy Dog Control Agreement.
-Waiting on the official letter from NYS on the Minimum Maintenance Road Law filing and Rural Development Code filing.
REPORTS:
SUPERVISOR: -Copies of the financials for September 2026 and bank statements were provided by the accountant. **Resolution 2026-31** authorizing the following budget transfers/modifications in the General, Highway and Outside Water District No. 2 accounts by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.
FUND: General Fund & Highway Fund

ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
Supervisor-A1220.4	A1220.4-$473.02	A8310.4-$473.02
Town Clerk-A1410.4	A1410.4 $117.28	A8310.4- $117.28
Municipal Building-A1620.4	A1620.4-$66.11	A8310.4-$66.11
Unallocated Insurance-A1910.4	A1910.4-$200.00	A8310.4-$200.00
Road Improvements-DB5112.4	DB5112.4-$8,782.09	DB3501-$8,782.09

CLERK: Presented the monthly Clerk Report for September 2026. There were no questions at that time. A motion to accept the September Clerk Report was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried. A motion allowing the certification and re-levy of delinquent water bills for parcels in the Glenfield Water District #1 and the Town of Turin Outside Water District #2 onto their Town/County taxes was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.
JUSTICE: The summary of cases for the month of September 2026 had been provided.
PLANNING BOARD: They had one subdivision this month.
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: The abstract for the month was provided, and Highway Superintendent Dickinson went over the work that has been completed.
-**Resolution 2026-32**- A motion approving the Seasonal Roads List was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.
-**Resolution 2026-33**- A motion approving the Low Volume Road Map was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.
-The guard rails on Carpenter Road that were damaged in an accident last year are fixed and the total to replace what was damaged and put in metal stakes that are required was approximately $9,000. Highway Superintendent Dickinson submitted the invoice to the party's insurance company to see what will be covered.
-The shredding of debris is completed at the quarry and Highway Superintendent Dickinson questioned the Board of what they would like done with the remaining four large piles since there is not much room to push them being that the property border is close. There was talk of giving the debris away, but no final decision was made.
-Received the bill from Frontier from the September 2025 accident that caused damage to their property. The total bill is $1,987.97, and it was decided to call the Town's insurance company and see if it can be added to that claim.
-The sand/salt shed is paved, and the canopy will be installed soon.
-Town of Leyden asked if we could take a suited-up plow truck over for them to check out and see the size as they are thinking about purchasing a new one. Highway Superintendent Dickinson will take it over.
-The red pickup is listed with Auctions International.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter an executive session at 6:37pm to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilmember Koss, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried. A motion to exit the executive session at 6:40pm was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.
OLD BUSINESS:
-Supervisor Szalach met with CPA, Scott Lawrence, on October 8, 2026, to discuss the 2027 Budget. The 2% allowable increase of the tax cap was maintained.
-Motion to change the following budget lines due to being entered incorrectly was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Bindner; all in favor, motion carried.
-DA5142.10 to $96,740.80
-DB5110.1 to $100,112.48

- **Resolution 2026-34-Approving Tentative Budget to Preliminary Budget**: A motion to approve the Tentative budget to Preliminary and hold the Public Hearing on October 26, 2026, at 6pm, it was made by Councilmember Stewart, a second by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, motion carried.

-Once the budget was approved from tentative to preliminary, Supervisor Szalach, stated to the Highway Department (Highway Superintendent Dickinson and Deputy Highway Superintendent Tourville were in attendance) that with the raise, there needs to be improvements. Examples stated were stones in the intersection at Milk House, a "stop ahead" sign that is down on Morgan Gulf, and that the Loader is getting rusty. There was a discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION FOR PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS: A motion by Councilmember Stewart to pay vouchers (General Fund 243-268=$168,824.02, Highway Fund 74-80=$15,093.17 and Water District No. 2 Fund = $0), a second by Councilmember Karelus; all in favor, motion carried.

-Public Hearing October 26th, 2026.
-Regular Meeting November 9th, 2026, Adoption of Final Budget.

With no further business to attend, a motion was made by Councilmember Stewart to adjourn. A second was made by Councilmember Koss; all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held on Monday, November 9th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheena L Dickinson

Sheena L. Dickinson, Town Clerk