

# TOWN OF SANFORD

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2026

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Kenny Wist</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
	<b>Jay Vandermark</b>	<b>Councilman</b>
	<b>Alice Ray</b>	<b>Councilman</b>
	<b>Shane Lester</b>	<b>Councilman</b>
	<b>Dan Andresen</b>	<b>Councilman</b>

<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	<b>Deborah Proffitt</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>
	<b>Leo Shew</b>	<b>Highway Superintendent</b>
	<b>Pete Hathaway</b>	<b>Code Enforcement</b>
	<b>Scott Conklin</b>	<b>OLSD</b>

**Supervisor Wist called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Shane Lester at the Town Hall, 91 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754.**

**Pete Hathaway presented the Code Enforcement Report to the Town Board. The next Court date for proceedings on Sherman Creek Road will be March 18<sup>th</sup>. No Certificates of Occupancy were issued this month. Permits 1-26, 418 Oquaga Lake Rd., New Roof. 2-26, 823 River Rd, Roof Top Solar. Inspections included Framing and Plumbing 122 Old Plank Rd. New House, Framing and Plumbing 60 Mountainview Dr. Addition. New Business included a Code search for 31 Baker Rd., and working with the owner at 135 Gulf Summit Rd with regard to fencing for junk vehicles. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the Code Enforcement Report.**

**Scott Conklin presented the Oquaga Lake Sewer Report to the Town Board. Conklin answered a call for a Pump Control Panel knocked over by tanks, at 770 Oquaga Lake Rd to find the post with the control box knocked over, and severely damaged conduit leaving no power to the pump tank. This damage had occurred some time ago however Mr. Conklin was just notified. He quickly scheduled a pump truck to pump the tanks and an electrician to do a temporary repair. On a motion made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the Oquaga Lake Sewer Report.**

**Supervisor Wist introduced Phoebe Carson who spoke on behalf of the Deposit Food Pantry. They have had an extremely busy year in 2025, serving over 970 households. The Food Pantry put together over 300 holiday baskets this past year making it their busiest year to date. She wished to thank the Town of Sanford for their support in helping to make this happen.**

**Highway Superintendent Leo Shew presented his report to the Town Board. Shew stated they were 90 percent moved into their New Facility and spoke with confidence about all of the Trucks having a place inside. The lighting, office space, shelving and air systems are all great. Alarm Systems and Cameras will all be in place soon. Superintendent Shew was**

both excited and grateful for the New Garage Facility. He reminded everyone that winter was not over yet as his Crews continue to plow, sand and move into the facility.

Highway Superintendent Shew asked for the Board's permission to advertise for the acceptance of Bids for Coarse and Fine Aggregates. The Board reserved the rights to reject any and all Bids. On a Motion made by Jay Vandermark and seconded by Shane Lester, and all approved the following Resolution.

**#33-RESOLUTION-2026  
APPROVAL FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT  
LEO SHEW TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR AGGREGATES**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sanford, Broome County, New York, do hereby approve The Highway Superintendent to advertise Bids for Aggregates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; NOES: None; CARRIED: Dated: March 10, 2026.

JD Seymour stated there was a tree service taking trees down that fell along power lines in the vicinity of Big Hollow Creek, and was just leaving the trees. He was concerned this might interfere with the Creek, and suggested Superintendent Shew contact the DEC in reference to this matter. Highway Superintendent Shew thanked Mr. Seymour and stated he would definitely look into the matter.

Supervisor Wist presented the Dog Control Officer's report. On a motion made by Alice Ray and seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the Dog Control Officers Report for the month of February 2026.

The Assessor's Report was reviewed. Assessor Becky Ottens-Herzog stated that she will be focusing on assessments in March and April to meet deadlines for the Tentative Roll by May 1<sup>st</sup>. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the Assessor's Report for the month of February.

The Clerks report for February 2026 was presented to the Town Board. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Clerks report for February 2026.

Clerk Proffitt asked the Town Board for permission to attend the NYSTCA (New York State Town Clerks Association) conference April 19-22, 2026. On a motion made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Alice Ray and all approved for Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Deborah Proffitt to attend the NYSTCA Conference April 19-22, 2026.

**#34-RESOLUTION-2026  
APPROVAL FOR TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR  
DEBORAH PROFFITT TO ATTEND THE  
NYSTCA CONFERENCE APRIL 19-22, 2026**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sanford, Broome County, New York, do hereby approve Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Deborah Proffitt to attend the NYSTCA Conference April 19-22, 2026.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; NOES: None; CARRIED: Dated: March 10, 2026.

The Monthly, and End of the Year report for 2025, will be completed later this week, per Supervisor Wist.

Supervisor Wist spoke on the Appointment of new Planning Board Member, Steven Marion. On a motion made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the following Resolution.

**#35-RESOLUTION-2026  
APPONTMENT OF TOWN OF SANFORD PLANNING BOARD MEMBER  
STEVEN MARION, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2026-DECEMBER 31, 2030  
(A FIVE-YEAR TERM)**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sanford, Broome County, New York, do hereby approve the Appointment of Steven Marion to Planning Board Member for the Town of Sanford, Term: January 1, 2026-December 31, 2030. (A Five-Year Term)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; NOES: None; CARRIED: Dated: March 10, 2026.

**Supervisor Wist reported that the Driveway Design Standards Law was waiting for a response back from the Attorney on the latest changes.**

**Supervisor Wist discussed being contacted by Robert Mack, President of the Broome County Association of Towns and Villages, in regard to a Resolution in Support of Home Rule and Restoration of Municipal Standing and Standards in the Siting of Major Renewable Energy and Electric Transmission Facilities. There is currently Legislation scheduled to be presented and voted upon by the Senate in the Assembly regarding “Municipal Solar Laws” which will require all municipalities to conform to the State of New York Solar Development Template, which would be in direct violation of “Home Rule”. This Resolution would be in support of Home Rule. On a motion made by Shane Lester and seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the following Resolution.**

**Town of Sanford**

**Resolution No. 36-2026**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOME RULE AND RESTORATION  
OF MUNICIPAL STANDING AND STANDARDS IN THE SITING OF  
MAJOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Sanford held at Town Hall, 91 Second Street, Deposit, New York on the 10th day of March, 2026, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("CLCPA"), which established statewide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, transition to renewable energy, and promote environmental justice; and

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of the CLCPA, New York State has enacted a series of laws that increasingly curtail the authority of municipalities over local land use and development decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, New York State significantly altered the process for siting major renewable energy facilities and the 2025 New York State Budget included legislation commonly known as the "RAPID Act," which further restructured the State's energy siting laws; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these changes, host municipalities are no longer parties to energy siting proceedings as of right and must instead satisfy procedural thresholds to obtain party status, thereby limiting their ability to meaningfully participate in proceedings that directly affect their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, even when a host municipality raises concerns about a project's compliance with local laws, the review process may be limited to a public hearing without meaningful examination of disputed issues; and

**WHEREAS**, recent changes to State law have made it easier to override local laws by replacing a long-standing, balanced standard with one that prioritizes development; and

**WHEREAS**, local land use laws are adopted through a democratic process to balance environmental protection, public safety, community character, infrastructure capacity, and quality of life, and environmental goals alone should not be the primary or determinative metric for overriding carefully crafted local legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the erosion of automatic municipal standing and the weakening of the standard for overriding local laws undermine the principles of home rule enshrined in the New York State Constitution and diminish the ability of towns to protect the interests of their residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Sanford calls upon the New York State Legislature to revise the State's energy siting laws to restore meaningful municipal participation in decision-making and control over local land use decisions;

and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town calls upon the New York State Legislature to halt the continued adoption of renewable energy laws that strip municipalities of their constitutionally protected home rule authority.


**CERTIFICATION**

I, Deborah Proffitt, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Sanford and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Sanford at a meeting thereof held on this 10th day of March, 2026. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor Kenneth R Wist	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Shane Lester	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Dan Andresen	<u>AYE</u>
Councilperson Alice Ray	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilperson Jay Vandermark	<u>AYE</u>

Town of Sanford Seal

Dated: MARCH 10, 2026

  
Deborah Proffitt, Town Clerk  
Town of Sanford

**Supervisor Wist stated the Hawkins Road Project Bids are still being reviewed by the Engineers and New York State. This is a NYSDOT Granted Project so NYS will be involved in the review process. Bid Openings for the 4 FEMA Projects which include, Tennant, Perry, Page Pond and Stilson Roads, were Friday, March 6. They are currently under review by the Engineer and hope to be awarded prior to the April 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.**

**Bills were presented to the Board.**

**The Motion was made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved that the Bills be paid as presented:**

**The Total Amounts and Voucher Numbers submitted to Town Clerk by Supervisor's Secretary.**

**Date of Audit: 03/10/2026 Abstract #3– General: \$86,246.76–Voucher #90,91,100,101,103-121; Highway: \$76,298.64– Voucher #92,102,137-152; Sewer O & M: \$14,662.23– Voucher #89,122-128; T&A: \$29.34-Voucher #88; Capital: \$333,493.59 Voucher #93-99,129-136.**

**Since no further business was at hand, on a motion made by Jay Vandermark seconded by Shane Lester and all approved that the Meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

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**Deborah Proffitt, Town Clerk**