

TOWN OF SANFORD

REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2025

PRESENT:	Kenny Wist	Supervisor
	Jay Vandermark	Councilman
	Alice Ray	Councilman
	Shane Lester	Councilman
	Dan Andresen	Councilman

ALSO PRESENT:	Leo Shew	Highway Superintendent
	Pete Hathaway	Code Enforcement
	Scott Conklin	Oquaga lake Sewer
	Deborah Proffitt	Town Clerk

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.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Scott Conklin who presented the Oquaga Lake Sewer Report to the Board. Conklin responded to a backup call and found a Coupling Leaking which he scheduled to be fixed asap. Cells were raked and sprayed. He found issues with a Priming Pump running constantly which had to be reset and reprimed to get back on line. Smith Road had a Manhole Cover over 2 foot down of which the cover frame was encased in concrete. With the assistance of the Highway Department, corrections were made and due to closeness of the road grade, blacktopped around. Scott wished to express his thanks for the cooperation and assistance from Highway Superintendent Leo Shew and the Highway Department Crew. The Board reviewed the Oquaga Lake Sewer Report. On a Motion made by Dan Andresen and seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the Oquaga Lake Sewer Report.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Code Enforcement Officer Pete Hathaway who presented his report to the Board. Permits Issued: 38-25: 57 Johnson Rd Manufactured Home, 39-25: 620 Laurel Lake Roof Top Solar, 40-25: 58 S Laurel Lake Rd Roof Top Solar, 41-25: 60 Mountain View Dr 10x24 Addition, 42-25 195 Shaver Hill Rd 10x10 Deck Replacement, 43-25 362 Lumber Rd Roof Replacement, 44-25 206 Stilson Rd Generator, 45-25 164 Smith Rd 24x40 Garage, 46-25 80 Huggins Rd 25x40 Container Home, 47-25 95 Hanson Rd Reroofing, 48-25 206 Stilson Rd Rooftop Solar. Inspections consisted of: Carport 584 Melondy Hill Rd, Deck Replacement 195 Shaver Hill Rd, Reroofing 95 Hanson Rd, Framing 68 Hanson Rd, Blacktop New Highway Garage. Certificate of Occupancy: 164 Smith Rd manufactured Home. New Business consists of: Site Plan for 421 Oquaga Lake New Home, waiting on environmental short form and needs zoning variance. Letters sent to Business at 175 Farnham Rd, and to 220 Farnham Rd. The New De-Icing Permits are now located on the web site and available in the Code Enforcement and Clerks Offices. On a Motion made by Alice Ray and seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the Code Enforcement Report.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Highway Superintendent Leo Shew who presented his report to the Board. Shew stated that the spot blacktopping was almost complete The Crew had been busy loading

sand into the new Sand/Salt Storage facility. Salt is currently being brought in as well. The new truck cab and chassis are complete and waiting for the body shop to fit it with all the accessories. This could take several weeks due to timing so we will not see this truck until into the next year, which was expected. Shew stated as time and weather allow, they will be working on sections of gravel roads. Mechanic Scott Bowie has most of the sanders ready for the Winter Season and we will be putting a few plow frames on to start to prepare for the upcoming weather. Clark and Hawkins Road remain open although reduced to one lane where the pipe damage is located and Perry Road's temporary fix is doing well at this point. Supervisor Wist stated Clark Road is currently out to Bid until the 17th with the Bid being awarded October 21st. Clark Road is being fitted with a special Aluminum Box Structure with a construction time of approximately 8-10 weeks according to the supplier. Hawkins road should be out for Bid in January with a projected Construction date in April. Supervisor Wist stated it's a matter of locating Funds to cover costs while waiting for FEMA reimbursement. Supervisor Wists asked if there were any questions for the Highway Superintendent. Mr. Seymour asked again about the Railroad Crossings being painted. Highway Superintendent Shew thought it pertinent to pave Vinegar Hill first. Mr. Seymour asked again about the Warranty Work with the Windmills regarding the paving of Loomis Hill Road and stated his concern for the taxpayers. Supervisor Wist stated he would look into that and apologized for not having an answer as yet.

The Dog Control Report was presented to the Board. On a Motion made by Jay Vandermark and seconded by Alice Ray and all approved the DCO Report.

The Assessor's Report was presented to the Board. On a Motion made by Dan Andresen and seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the Assessor's Report.

The Minutes of the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. On a Motion made by Alice Ray and seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes of the September 23, 2025 Special Meeting were presented to the Board. On a Motion made by Shane Lester and seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the September 23, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes of October 7, 2025 Special Meeting were presented to the Board. On a Motion made by Dan Andresen and seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the October 7, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

The Clerks Report of September 2025 was presented to the Board. On a Motion made by Dan Andresen, and seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the Clerks Report for August 2025.

The Monthly Supervisors Report of August 2025 was presented to the Board. On a Motion made by Shane Lester and seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Supervisors Report for August 2025.

Supervisor Kenny Wist spoke on the Committee Reports. He stated he would be meeting with the Highway Superintendent in reference to the New Driveway Regulations provided by the Planning Board, with hopes to present that at the December meeting. The Regularly scheduled Board Meeting

for November 11, will be moved to Thursday, November 13, due to the Holiday. The Clark Road Project will have Bids turned in by Noon October 17th, and will be awarded Tuesday October 21, at the Special Board Meeting. This Project was posted, put on the Town Web Site and in the Contract Reporter. Supervisor Wist gave an update on the Highway Garage Project stating that the Parking Lot was paved, striped and inspected. The Salt/Sand Barn was completed and turned over to the Town, which is currently being filled by the Highway Department. The Site work is 99% complete. Considering weather, and early Spring site conditions, Gorrick, the Site Contractor, did a fantastic job. The Overhead Doors are being installed on the Main Building, and the Mechanical Engineering and Plumbing contract work is underway inside. The Cold Storage Building and Fuel Island Canopy are currently being put up. The Highway Garage Project is scheduled for completion the first of the Year and to date, is on schedule. Councilman Jay Vandermark confirmed there would still be a Firetruck and Ambulance on the premises and Councilman Shane Lester asked if there was to be some type of Opening Ceremonies, to which Supervisor Wist confirmed.

Clerk Deborah Proffitt spoke on the "Superintendent's Profile Magazine", August 2025 Issue and how they profiled the Town of Sanford's Highway Department Superintendent Leo Shew and the Crew: * Deputy Superintendent Dick Gifford * Tom Mills, HEO 38 years * Andy Dagati, HEO 17 years * Scott Bowie, Mechanic 15 years * Shaun Ryneason, HEO 14 years * Craig Card, HEO 10 years * Matt Barilla, MEO 5 years * Jason Eldred, HEO four years * Jesse Caskey, MEO three years * Steve Logue, MEO three years. This Publication is mailed 11 times a year to every Town, County, Village and City Highway Superintendent, Public Works Director and D.O.T. Official in New York State. The Deposit Courier did a story on it and the entire Article is posted on the Town's Web Site which is well worth the read.

Supervisor Wist opened the floor for Public Comment with restrictions.

Attorney Sarah Campbell, from Hinman, Howard & Kattell, stated she was hired by Mr. Jay Vandermark to assist in reviewing the letter received from Code Enforcement with respect to the storage of Equipment at his Residence. She wished to submit a Draft rewriting the Local Law allowing Heavy Equipment Storage in a Residential/Agricultural Zone. She did a quick survey of the surrounding area finding approximately 30 Residences with some type of heavy equipment located on their properties. As is common with many Municipalities, the practice doesn't seem to mesh with the Regulation. The question she asked was of the Town Board, and how they wished to proceed? To allow some or none? And to possibly use this Draft as a starting point. Supervisor Wist thanked Attorney Campbell. He stated that the Board would look at what she had provided and that any direction the Board would proceed with would be made with the Town Attorney. Supervisor Wist stated the need to resolve the current situation before proceeding with any permanent changes. Attorney Campbell stated she would be filing an Application with the ZBA to stay any enforcement. Julie Beyer spoke of Town Law and those grandfathered in under those laws. She doubted there were over 30 Residences existing to the extent of this paving company. She asked the Board to consider the people and zoning laws as they currently stand. She did not agree with the Code Enforcement Officers recommendation to have to wait 30 days. And asked the Board to consider the safety and the noise level. Supervisor Wist stated the Board is not interested in writing Laws around any certain business. If there is to be an update, it will be a well, thought out process with the Town Attorney. Vere Vandermark asked why the two parties couldn't meet with each other, or have their Attorneys meet with each other versus grieving their complaint in public. Supervisor Wist stated the reason for the Public Meeting Law was to allow the public the opportunity to grieve in that type of forum should they

choose to do so. Cork Macumber was not in favor of the suggested changes offered by Attorney Campbell with regard to acreage per equipment and suggested the Zoning Law should be left alone. Supervisor Wist stated there is a reason the Zoning Laws are in place. We cannot pick which ones we choose to follow. John Sabarin asked what the current Zoning Law was in reference to this situation. Supervisor Wist stated that this current situation was not allowed under the Zoning Law. Robert Beyer stated he could not enjoy his property and that what was happening was just wrong. Jay Vandermark Jr. asked if the rules set in last month's meeting, in regard to, no personal attacks, could be followed. Supervisor Wist then ended that portion of the Public Comment and allowed Leslie Cornwell to speak. Leslie Cornwell stated that she lives next to the Seymour's Ice Cream Shop and the lighting from the Sign and Pole light are on 24 hours a day. The pole light shines all the way into her yard which creates a glare and safety issue on the road as well. JD Seymour stated the pole light was always there. Leslie Cornwell stated it was not always there, not until the ice cream stand was built. It shines directly into her bedroom window and creates a safety issue from the glare while driving at night down the road. No other business in town is lit up like this. She proceeded to show Supervisor Wist pictures explaining her house is lit up like daylight. Mrs. Cornwell stated she spoke to the Owner and also to Code Enforcement. Jodie Seymour stated it was a dusk until dawn light for security purposes and that they did everything correctly by going thru the planning and zoning boards and asked why she didn't say anything then? Supervisor Wist told Leslie Cornwell he would do some research on it and get back to her.

Kermit Mott, Planning Board Chairman, wished to thank the Board for bringing Barbara Marko back as a Planning Board Member. Mr. Mott also hoped the Board would move forward in the Beyers situation by simply abiding by current Zoning Laws in place.

Supervisor Kenny Wist declared the Public Comment portion of the Meeting closed.

Bills were presented to the Board.

The Motion was made by Shane Lester and 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: 10/14/25 Abstract #10– General: \$42,196.75–Voucher #574-577,589,615-639,641,642. Highway: \$265,288.26– Voucher #594-614,640. Sewer O & M: \$12,889.16 Voucher #570-572,587,588,590-593, 642. CAPITAL: \$1,706,590.62-Voucher #569,578-586,643-648. T&A: \$19.56 Voucher#573

A motion to Adjourn was made by Shane Lester and seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05PM.

Deborah Proffitt, Town Clerk