

TOWN OF SANFORD

REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2025

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

ALSO PRESENT:	Leo Shew	Highway Superintendent
	Deborah Proffitt	Town Clerk
	Pete Hathaway	Code Enforcement
	Emily Baldauff/FUDR	Guest

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 presented the Oquaga Lake Sewer report for March 2025. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Oquaga Lake Sewer report.

Supervisor Wist discussed the latest update on the EFC Grant and that more work was to follow starting next week, April 14th. A team of contractors from Delaware Engineering will be on site at Oquaga Lake doing clean out and camera work as part of their study.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to the Code Enforcement Officer, Pete Hathaway. Hathaway stated he is continuing to work with the Owner of 63 Sherman Creek Road on clean up and has suggested a dumpster. Hathaway issued 5 permits which included, 251 NYS RT 41 Highway Maintenance Complex to Demo a Pole barn and Salt Shed, 402 Lumber Rd for a Shed, 538 N Sanford Rd Single Story Home, 150 Big Hollow Rd Conversion of a Storage Shed to an Ice Cream Shop and 1691 NYS RT 41 for a Pole Barn. Inspections were done on the Framing of an Enclosed Porch at 53 Lord Rd. New Business included speaking to Delta Engineering in reference to 68 Hanson Rd and, Site Plan and Zoning for 735 Oquaga Lake Rd of which was sent to the Planning and Zoning Boards. On a motion made by Shane Lester and seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the Code Enforcement Officer’s Report.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Highway Superintendent, Leo Shew. Shew spoke on the NYS Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan and Grants that might be offered to include Galvanization, Friction and Signage. Shew is seeking more information to see if this is something the Town might qualify for. The Crew has been brooming, ditching and replaced cross pipes, that were damaged during the winter. Clean up in the area of Walker and Obrien roads was needed due to possible shear winds. Highway Superintendent Shew asked for the public’s patience during their continued Road Repairs and stated it is still early in the Season and remains a safety issue for certain types of Equipment and Construction Traffic to be on these roads. Shew addressed the issue of Sand being removed from the pit at the New Highway Garage Site. The usable sand was removed, and the remaining sand was unusable and not feasible to screen or crush gravel. Supervisor Wist agreed stating this type of sand is not conducive to the Facility and will be removed by Gorick Construction. Jodie Seymour asked if there was a plan for Lumber Road other than the placement of a Construction Cone. Highway Superintendent Shew stated his Crew had fixed the issue yesterday with plans to blacktop at a later date.

Shew asked the Town Board for permission to attend the 2025 Highway School, June 2-4 2025 in Ithaca NY. On a Motion made by Shane Lester and seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved for Highway Superintendent Leo Shew to attend Highway School June 2-4, 2025.

**#47-RESOLUTION-2025
APPROVAL FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT LEO SHEW
TO ATTEND HIGHWAY SCHOOL JUNE 2-4, 2025**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sanford, Broome County, New York, do hereby approve Highway Superintendent Leo Shew to attend Highway School June 2-4, 2025 at Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y.

A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Jay Vandermark: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; NOES: None; CARRIED: Dated: April 8, 2025

JD Seymour asked about a FEMA update from the Storm that occurred last year. Supervisor Wist stated the Town is in the process of submitting the paperwork for the completion of the temporary repairs at Clark and Perry Roads, and are moving forward toward the more Permanent Repairs they are now designing.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Emily Baldauff, Director of Watershed Programs for, Friends of the Upper Delaware River. She stated that the Organization had been written into the 2024-2025 State Budget to create a regrant program thru DEC to find projects and assist Organizations that were looking for funding from State monies for Federal Match Programs. The Upper Delaware River Network is a steering committee offering each Town and Village a seat. Supervisor Wist said he would be interested in more information. To which Emily Baldauff stated she would email the Clerks Office. Her contact information will also be located at the Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Wist opened the Floor for Public Comment.

Kermit Mott asked if the Town had received any requests for Applications for Planning Board Members. Supervisor Wist stated they had not. Kermit Mott also asked about how many meetings a Councilperson can miss. Supervisor Wist stated that there was no numerical number, possibly due to the fact it is an Elected Position and that he would look into this further. JD, Jodie and Danielle Seymour said they would like to thank the Planning/Zoning Boards and the Town of Sanford for help with the Ice Cream Shop they are planning to open on Memorial Day. Kurt Acker asked about the Ice Eater progress and Supervisor Wist stated that the Board was interested in instituting some type of Local Law and that there will be another Public Hearing possibly in June. Leo Race inquired about the progress of the Oquaga Lake Sewer Project. Supervisor Wist stated that Contractors from Delaware Engineers will be on site starting April 14, for that portion of the study and to proceed with clean out and camera work. A report should be submitted by the end of May. A Meeting with the Engineer and Sewer Committee Members will review and try to determine the Specified Capital Project. The last phase of the project is providing a report for New York State. Anne Lawrence asked about the Lights on the Windmill Turbine Systems. Supervisor Wist stated that they are in the process of being connected to the motion detection systems and approximately half are up and running with the other half to be completed by the beginning of May. Councilman Jay Vandermark confirmed they are being worked on every day, weather permitting and scheduled for completion the beginning of May.

The Dog Control Officers Report was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the DCO report.

There was no Assessor's Report.

The Clerk's report of March 2025 was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Clerk's Report.

The Monthly Report was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Shane Lester and seconded by Jay Vandermark and all approved the Monthly Report.

The Minutes of March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the board. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. The Minutes of March 27, 2025 Special Meeting, were presented to the board. On a motion made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the March 27, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

The Supervisor's Report was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the Supervisors Report.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Clerk Deborah Proffitt who let the Board know she had received a Scholarship from the New York State Town Clerks Association towards further education at the Annual Conference in Syracuse New York.

Supervisor Kenny Wist spoke of April 17th as the closing date for the Bond Anticipation Note with Green County Commercial Bank for the Highway Maintenance Facility Project. This initial Ban for 8.5 million dollars with an interest rate of 3.85 will take us to the end of 2025. It is to be placed in an interest-bearing account of 4% interest, to earn interest on a daily basis. In 2026, plans for another small Ban to help near completion of the Construction process will be taken out. And in 2027, we are hoping to convert this to a Bond, at a lower interest rate to take us to the Final Completion of Construction.

Supervisor Wist spoke of the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the New Highway Maintenance Facility to be scheduled for Tuesday April 22, at 830 am. Construction progress at the Site has all buildings removed, drainage ditches at the top of the property, shaping of the banks and a driveway currently under construction. Supervisor Wist wished to thank Land Owners willing to take fill at no cost.

Bills were presented to the Board.

The Motion was made by Jay Vandermark, seconded by Shane Lester 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: 4/08/25 Abstract #4– General: \$40,639.92–Voucher #159,165-

167,170,171,173,175-177,179-198,220. Highway: \$61,561.76– Voucher #172,203-219.

Sewer O & M: \$6,731.52– Voucher #160,161,168,174,199-202. CAPITAL: \$177,843.57--

Voucher #169,221-223.

Since no further business was at hand, on a motion made by Dan Andresen seconded by Shane Lester and all approved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10PM.

Deborah Proffitt, Town Clerk