State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026

Members Present:
Supervisor Edward Hayes; Town Board Members – Katrina Sullivan, Susan Smith, William McGovern, and J. Scott Markham, Tug Hill Commission Representative Christine Healt, Highway Superintendent Douglas Salmon

Town Supervisor Edward Hayes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Schindler read the minutes from the March 9, 2026 town board meeting. It was noted the JCAP amount granted to Judge Earl is $800.50 – not $850.00. The minutes were adopted as corrected on motion by Councilmember Markham, seconded by Councilmember Smith; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes opened the floor to Christine Healt who gave an update from the Tug Hill Commission and the opportunities available. This information may be found on their website or in their newsletter.

Supervisor Hayes and Superintendent Salmon reviewed the current finances on the snowplows. There is one payment left on the 2023 International in the amount of $55,210.08 which will be paid in September 2026. There is $38,149.79 to pay on the 2020 International snowplow which will be paid in February 2027. The majority will be paid with CHIPs monies leaving $1,161.43 paid out of town monies.

Superintendent Salmon presented Abstract No. 4-2026 (Vouchers 31-41) in the amount of $11,724.52. A motion to pay the abstract was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember McGovern; all ayes.

Superintendent Salmon presented the Section 284 agreement for expenditure of highway monies for the repair and improvement of highways. Permanent improvements will be made to the Crofoot Hill road commencing at the village line and leading to Plumber Road a distance of 1.59 miles for an estimated cost of $252,122.44. Additional roads to be improved are Cherry Street, Swackhammer Road, Duppert Road, Kraeger Road and Lyman Road for a distance of 4.96 miles for an estimated cost of $140,924.13. These expenditures will be covered by CHIPs.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check from Town Justice Earl for March 2026 fines and penalties in the amount of $5,916.00. The paid fines and penalties for March 2026 is $3,589.00. The paid fines and penalties for February 2026 is $1,531.00

A motion to approve the audit of the Town Clerk's records for the 2025 fiscal year was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan; all ayes.

A motion to approve the audit of the Town Supervisor's records for the 2025 fiscal year was made by Councilmember Markham, seconded by Councilmember McGovern; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes read a letter from the Town of Newcomb Supervisor Mary Lamphear. Supervisor Lamphear addressed abandoned state owned properties and is asking towns and villages to encourage Albany to transfer these properties so they can return to productive use for local housing and other community needs.

Superintendent Salmon submitted a list of highway surplus items for approval to be sent to auction. A motion to approve auctioning the surplus items was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Markham; all ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2026
TOWN OF WEST TURIN RESOLUTION
TO AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SURPLUS ITEMS BE SENT TO AUCTION

WHEREAS, the Town of West Turin Highway Department has surplus items in the equipment & machinery inventory that is no longer in use; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems is appropriate to auction these items; and

WHEREAS, this includes the following items – 1990 Mack (1M2P251C7LW006079); 1968 Mack (DM609S2230); Enclosed Trailer; Home-made Open Trailer; 2 Load Tires Used; Homemade Shoulder Machine, 300 Gallon Tank; Pressure Washer, and Harder in Box Sander;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of West Turin authorizes Superintendent Salmon to dispose of these surplus highway items through auction.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately.

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Markham, and adopted.

Warrant No. 4-2026 (Claim Nos. 55-76) in the amount of $10,819.00 was presented for payment. A motion to pay the warrant was made by Councilmember McGovern, seconded by Councilmember Markham; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes explained the budget transfer adopted at the March 2026 meeting was for tax payments of the quarry that was coded in the budget incorrectly.

Supervisor Hayes presented the financial reports as of March 31, 2026 as well as the March 2026 Supervisor's Report.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on motion by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember McGovern.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin