State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Public Hearing Minutes – July 9, 2025

Members Present: Supervisor Edward Hayes; Councilmembers – Katrina Sullivan, Susan Smith, William McGovern, J. Scott Markham; BAC Engineer Casey Dickinson; Village of Constableville Mayor Samantha Brown; Community Members-Judy Sweeney, Tom Metott, Richard Miller, Robert & Nichola Bronson

Town Supervisor Edward Hayes opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the creation of Constableville Water District No. 1.

BAC Engineer Casey Dickinson gave an overview of the proposed water district. For the current water users, nothing will change. For those that will be included in the water district who are not currently accessing water, they do not have to use the water. The Village of Constableville will continue to do the billing. There are no improvements proposed, no new infrastructure, and no plans for expansion.

Mr. Dickinson explained that after the proposed resolution is adopted a 30-day permissive referendum begins the following day. The resolution is also published in the newspaper. After the 30 days, if there is no petition, then outside users will vote on the creation of the water district.

Supervisor Hayes opened the floor to public comments and questions.

Mr. Richard Miller voiced his concerns about a letter he received from the Department of Health. Mr. Miller is not currently a user and does not want to use the water. He also expressed his concerns about the water pressure. Village Mayor Brown addressed Mr. Miller's questions indicating he does not need to hook up to the water.

Mr. Robert Bronson asked for clarification about the water district regarding any changes. He also asked about new infrastructure. Village Mayor Brown said the new infrastructure is a separate project. The creation of this water district is so there are means to collect unpaid water bills. Mayor Brown confirmed the billing will remain as it has in the past.

Mr. Tom Metott wanted clarification that he did not have to hook up to the water district which he does not have to utilize the water.

With no further comments, the hearing closed at 7:34 p.m. on motion by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Markham.

Supervisor Hayes read Resolution No. 24-2025 "Establishing Constableville Water District No. 1 Pursuant to NY Town Law Section 209-e."

The resolution was adopted on motion by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and upon a roll call vote was adopted on July 9, 2025.

Town of West Turin

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RESOLUTION # 24-2025
ESTABLISHING CONSTABLEVILLE WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 PURSUANT TO NY TOWN LAW §209-e

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of West Turin, held at the Town of West Turin Highway Department located at 5968 James St., Constableville, NY 13325, on June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., there were:

PRESENT:
Ed Hayes
Susan Smith
William McGovern
John (Scott) Markham
Katrina Sullivan

ABSENT:
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WHEREAS, by Order of this Board dated June 10, 2025, a public hearing was scheduled to consider the creation of the Constableville Water District No. 1 (the "Water District"), pursuant to a certain Map, Plan and Report filed with the Town Clerk all pursuant to NY Town Law Article 12-A; and

WHEREAS, the Order scheduling the public hearing was posted and published on June 25, 2025 and an initial public hearing was conducted on July 9, 2025 to consider all persons interested in the formation of Constableville Water District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure already exists and is located within the proposed Water District within a part of the Town outside the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board learned during the public hearing that support for the Water District exists and Town Engineers have estimated that no new or additional infrastructure/capital improvements are necessary at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to adopt this Resolution to establish Constableville Water District No. 1 effective July 9, 2025, subject to Permissive Referendum, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of West Turin has determined to proceed with the creation of the Constableville Water District No. 1.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion duly made and seconded, this Board makes the following determinations, and it is hereby Resolved:

1. The most recent Notice of Public Hearing and Order setting the Public Hearing, were duly published and posted as required by law and are otherwise sufficient.

2. The Water District encompasses part of the Town, outside any Village, and shall be created to include eighteen (18) parcels identified therein. See the Map, Plan and Report available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk for details.

3. All property and property owners to be benefited by the proposed Water District are included within the limits of the proposed Water District.

4. All of the property owners and all of the property located within the proposed Water District are benefited thereby.

5. The formation and creation of Constableville Water District No. 1 pursuant to the Map, Plan and Report, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and upon which the public hearing was held on July 9, 2025 is in the public interest.

6. No new infrastructure is proposed at this time. The estimated cost to a typical property annually is $450 per EDU and is expected to increase to $540 per EDU on September 1, 2025 all calculated on a benefit basis.

7. No Financing is required as all infrastructure exists. Any debt(s) will be paid by assessment upon the several lots and parcels of land which the Town Board shall determine and specify to be especially benefited by the improvement, so much upon and from each as shall be in just proportion to the amount of benefit which the improvements shall confer upon the same.

8. The formation and creation of the boundaries of the Water District to include the parcels as described in the Map, Plan, Report and providing for the service as described therein is hereby approved.

9. This Resolution is subject to Permissive Referendum.

10. The review and permission of the NYS Comptroller is not required.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

	YES	NO
Ed Hayes, Supervisor	X	
Susan Smith	X	
William McGovern	X	
John (Scott) Markham	X	
Katrina Sullivan	X	

Dated: July 9, 2025
By Order of the Town of West Turin Town Board
Bethany L. Schindler
Town Clerk

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on motion by Councilmember Markham, seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin