State of New York
County of Lewis
Town of West Turin Board Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2026

Members Present:
Supervisor Edward Hayes; Town Board Members – Katrina Sullivan, Susan Smith, William McGovern, J. Scott Markham; Tug Hill Commission Representative Christine Healt; Highway Superintendent Douglas Salmon; Boonville Herald Writer Mary Ann Wilton; Dawn Zagurski, Town of Lewis Supervisor; Joe & Carrie Dolan; Martha Pocchiari; Legislator Larry Dolhof

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

Supervisor Hayes opened the floor to Town of Lewis Supervisor Dawn Zagurski. She presented information regarding a Bi-County Turbine project. She encouraged towns to come together as a group to be pro-active. She said the Town of Lewis and the Town of Ava are signing letters of engagement with a knowledgeable attorney who would help establish appropriate land use laws and host agreements for the best interest of the community members in regards to any future wind turbine projects. Both Tracy Salmon and Martha Pocchiari are on the Town of Lewis advisory committee to reevaluate land use laws. They presented additional information about the wind turbines in regards to the safety, the well-being, and the health of our community members.

Supervisor Hayes then opened the floor to Legislator Larry Dolhof. Legislator Dolhof explained the environmental studies that are being completed and the reason ORES (Office of Renewable Energy Siting) was established. ORES has taken much of the town's local control away. After further discussion, the town board opted to postpone a formal decision regarding future wind turbine projects at this time.

Supervisor Hayes then 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.

Clerk Schindler read the minutes from the September 14, 2026 town board meeting. There was one correction to the minutes. The amount for Worker's Compensation for the 2027 fiscal year is $6,205.00 – not $4,205.00. The minutes were approved with correction on motion by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Markham; all ayes.

Superintendent Salmon reported the high bid for the 2022 Ford F250 with a Viking Plow on Auctions International was $30,300.00 The bid was accepted on motion by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan; all ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2026
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID SALE OF
THE 2022 FORD F250 PICK-UP TRUCK WITH A FISHER PLOW
ON AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL

WHEREAS, the Town of West Turin owns certain equipment described as one 2022 Ford F250 Pick-up Truck with a Fisher Plow which is no longer required for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Turin has advertised the sale of the 2022 Ford F250 Pick-up Truck with a Fisher Plow on Auctions International;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. The Town of West Turin does hereby wish to accept the high bid for the 2022 Ford F250 Pick-up Truck with a Fisher Plow in the amount of $30,300.00.

Section 2. The Town of West Turin Highway Superintendent is authorized to accept this high bid from Auctions International.

Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately.

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan, and adopted on October 12, 2026.

Superintendent Salmon presented Abstract No. 10-2026 (Vouchers 101-111) in the amount of $13,875.26. A motion to pay the abstract was made by Councilmember Markham, seconded by Councilmember McGovern; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes reported he received a check from Town Justice Earl for September 2026 fines and penalties in the amount of $4,101.50. He has not received a bill for September 2026 fines and penalties. The paid fines & penalties for August 2026 was $2,382.00.

Supervisor Hayes reported Town Justice Deborah Earl is working with Spectrum to secure phone lines and internet for the Town Justice and Town Clerk offices. This is due to the fact that Frontier will no longer be providing service. The approximate cost for all is $200.00 per month.

Supervisor Hayes reported paying off the anticipation note for the Salt Shed in the amount of $627,811.27.

Warrant No. 10-2026 (Claim Nos. 171-186) in the amount of $4,735.17 was presented for payment. A motion to pay the warrant was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Markam; all ayes.

Supervisor Hayes indicated the highway employees would receive a 4% increase in their hourly wage in the proposed tentative budget for fiscal year 2027. The hourly rate would increase from $25.00/hour to $26.00/hour. Longevity will be $1.00/hour for 15 years; $2.00/hour for 20 years; and $3.00/hour for 25 years.

Supervisor Hayes then presented and reviewed the tentative budget for fiscal year 2027.

The public hearing for the proposed tentative budget for fiscal year 2027 will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. This will also be the regular monthly meeting for the town board.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2026
TOWN OF WEST TURIN BUDGET TRANSFER
GENERAL FUND TOWN WIDE

Account	Code	Increase	Decrease
Unclass Exp Taxes Assessments	A1950.4	569.61	
Contractual – Engineer	A1440.4		569.61

Approved on motion by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember McGovern, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2026
TOWN OF WEST TURIN BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
HIGHWAY FUND TOWN WIDE

Account	Code	Increase	Increase
Equip and Cap Outlay	DA5142.2	160,426.61	
Other State Aid	DA3089		160,426.61

Approved on motion by Councilmember Markham, seconded by Councilmember Smith, and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2026
TOWN OF WEST TURIN BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
HIGHWAY FUND TOWN WIDE

Account	Code	Increase	Decrease
Principal Install Deb	DA9785.6	59,247.99	
Appropriations from Reserve	DA511N		59,247.99

Approved on motion by Councilmember Markham, seconded by Councilmember McGovern, and adopted.

Supervisor Hayes presented the financial reports for January-September 2026 as well as the September 2026 Supervisor's Report.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. on motion by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Markham.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany L. Schindler, Clerk
Town of West Turin