

Town of Grove
County of Allegany, State of New York

Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall by Town Supervisor, Kenneth DeRitter.

Present: Kenneth DeRitter, Town Supervisor Susan Morris, Town Clerk/Collector
 Kelly Mann, Councilmember/ Mark Ringelberg Highway Superintendent
 Deputy Supervisor Richard Morris, Sole Assessor/Dog Control Officer
 Michael Dieter, Councilmember James Myers, Code Enforcement Officer
 Peggy Gelser-Web, Councilmember Alex Pierce Town Historian
 Jesse Griffith, Councilmember

Absent:

Late:

Others present: Troy Emke; Kevin Walsh; Barbara Welker; Jerry & Sherry Gagne'

All reports are filed in Town Clerk's office for review.

Public Participation:

Swain Hill Road- Barbra Welker reading statements for her and next door neighbors re: Swain Hill Plowing.

Kevin Walsh spoke as well re: snow plowing. Discussion ensued. Supervisor replied to all concerns. Supervisor to write a letter to people re: cars on road.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December board meeting were read.

Kelly Mann made the motion and Jesse Griffith seconded it to accept the minutes as read.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

 Nays 0

 Absent 0

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

BOE will be sending petitions in emails with instructions for those going up for election.

This election only Supervisor; Hwy Superintendent; Town Clerk/Collector and Justice only.

Audit of Claims

Bills were stated in the amounts of:

 General Fund #1 - 10 \$ 34,869.72

 Highway Fund # 1 - 17 \$ 30,515.45

Town Official Reports:

Highway Report

Plowing snow. Normal maintenance on trucks. Suggestion to call County to bring salt every now and then. Discussion on mix of salt & sand.

Code Enforcement Report

Issued 2 permits. Zoning board mtg. cancelled. Will call attorney for progress on Bugman. Challice has until the end of month to remove cars and excess stuff.

Dog Control Officer Report

No report

Assessor's Report

Working on 2026 eval. New land table is done every year.

Supervisor's Report

Talking with Belmont re: .gov which needs to get done. Office equip: Schrader, garbage can stapler, etc..

Phones: Talked with Armstrong. Supervisor presented cost and how they will work. Approved.

Motion to accept Kelly Mann as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Jesse Griffith made the motion and Mike Dieter seconded it to accept Kelly Mann as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion to accept Troy Emke to Zoning Board.

Kelly Mann made the motion and Mike Dieter seconded it to accept troy Emke to zoning Board.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 0

Town Historian

Still working on historical society. Looking for military records and such. Talked about file cabinet.

Would like to do a Photo shoot in March

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

RESOLUTION 1-2026

Acceptance of Amendment B for increase of \$9,350.36 of State Snow & Ice Agreement 2025/2026

Mike Dieter made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to accept the Amendment B increase. Jesse approved.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 0

New Business:

Humane Society Contract for 2026

Peggy Gelser-Web made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to accept the Humane Society Contract.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 0

Appointments for 2026

Supervisor read all appointments for approval

Motion to accept Appointments

Kelly Mann made the motion and Mike Dieter seconded it to accept the 2026 appointments.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 0

Adjournment:

With no further business, Jesse Griffith made the motion and Peggy Gelser-1web seconded it to Adjourn.
Carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Susan Morris, Town Clerk