

Town of Grove
County of Allegany, State of New York

Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 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
Mark Ringelberg Highway Superintendent
Peggy Gelser-Web, Councilmember Richard Morris, Sole Assessor/Dog Control
Officer
Jesse Griffith, Councilmember James K Myers, Code Enforcement Officer
Kelly Mann, Councilmember Alex Pierce Town Historian

Absent: Michael Dieter, Councilmember

Late:

Others present: Sherry & Jerry Gagne'

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

Public Participation: None

Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the April board meeting were read.

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

Carried. Ayes 4 Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 1 Dieter

Approval of Public Hearing Minutes

The minutes of the public hearing were read.

Jesse Griffith made the motion and Peggy Gelser-Webb seconded it to accept the Public Hearing minutes as read.

Carried. Ayes 4 Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 1 Dieter

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

No report

Audit of Claims

Bills were stated in the amounts of:

General Fund # 37 - 46 \$ 2,386.52

Highway Fund # 54 - 59 \$ 6,108.80

Town Official Reports:

Highway Report

Working on old state road. Went to training, learned a lot. Got a lot of dirt from the creek. Started grading, Swain hill is done. Started 24, going good but damp spots. A few slues pipes to change. Kevin Walsh called re: a cabin, water coming in. Paul on Johnson hill called about road. As soon as the cylinder is back we will work on the church. Will set block on Thurs. Waiting for the

extra money coming in to be used for oil & stone. Would like to get a trailer to move mower for the cemeteries. Tom Hart is to be Deputy Superintendent.

Kelly Mann made motion and Peggy Gelser-Webb seconded to be accept Tom Hart as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Code Enforcement Report

2 final inspections. Several letters went out. 3 permit applications received and issued.

Dog Control Officer Report

No report

Assessor's Report

Sat for 4 hrs. and no one called or came for grievance hours. Quiet.

Supervisor's Report

1. Transfer of funds

From AUB (unexpended Balance) to A1420.4 Attorney Contr.

Kelly Mann made the motion and Jesse Griffith seconded it to accept the transfers.

Carried. Ayes 4 Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter

Nays 0

Absent 1 Dieter

2. NYMIR Management signage

No video

3. NYS DMV - LENS (license event notification service) - Board stated No need.

SEQR

Will be going to a meeting to see what it consists of. Getting panel together June 16th, 6pm before the next board meeting.

Town Historian

Big Boy train coming through June 11th maybe 12-2pm. Also in 1953 it was required to have spotters for airplanes here in Swain.

Kier Durham suggests me to get in touch with DOT Hornell water & soil for a meeting re: flooding.

In Avon May 28 there will be strategy get together.

Correspondence:

Angelia is having a celebration with parade, Saturday July 11, 2026. Starting at noon in park.

Old Business:

GENERAC

Was actually a warrant plan.

Supervisor to see about a maintenance plan.

Cutters starts may 21st.

Still working on .gov.

Social Media Policies signed, Highway's signed policies stay with Hwy Superintendent.

Solar Moratorium taken care of in the public hearing. See those minutes.

New Business

No new business

Adjournment:

With no further business, Kelly Mann made the motion and Peggy Gelser-Webb seconded it to Adjourn.

Carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Susan Morris, Town Clerk