

Town of Grove
County of Allegany, State of New York

Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 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
Michael Dieter, Councilmember Mark Ringelberg Highway Superintendent
Peggy Gelser-Web, Councilmember Richard Morris, Sole Assessor/Dog Control
Officer
Jesse Griffith, Councilmember James Myers, Code Enforcement Officer
Kelly Mann, Councilmember Alex Pierce Town Historian

Absent: Mark Ringelberg, Hwy Superintendent

Late:

Others present: Tom Hart, Colleen Osborn and Jerry & Sherry Gagne'

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

Public Participation:

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June board meeting were read.

Peggy Gelser-Web made the motion and Kelly Mann 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

No report

Audit of Claims

Bills were stated in the amounts of:
General Fund #59-69 \$ 4,108.89
Highway Fund #73-82 \$ 65,828.23

Town Official Reports:

Highway Report

2 roads left to grade and 2 seasonal roads. Dudley & Delude need lots of work.
We are skip paving Ames-Nichols road. Looking into signs for Osborn. Culverts have been put in except the one on Swain Hill.
Ford truck never made it back to the sheds fixed. Light came on as we were coming back to shop.
Will go back Thursday. New pickup is in and needs to be pickup.

Code Enforcement Report

6 new permits. I'm adding addition on my barn. Logging Company is taking down house on rte. 70.
Pole barn going up on goose Hollow. 3 permits closed and 1 expired.

Dog Control Officer Report

No dogs

Assessor's Report

Quiet

Town Historian

Gearing up on gatherings and conferences. Got some photos for collage. Doing more research on civil war service members.

Nunda Historical Society is doing interactive early activities in towns 1776 and forward. Re: Town of Grove's part in Nunda and the parting into the Town of Grove.

Could use photos of people enjoying our town and what it means for the collage.

Towns are doing moratoriums and local laws re: solar fields and the impact on communities.

Supervisor's Report

1. NYAOT - Would like us to join in the Bill of Rights Re: solar, wind, etc. and it's impact on our communities.

Peggy Gelser-Web made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to send resolution to those needed.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter
 Nays 0
 Absent 0

2. Hwy had to pick up garbage along Overview road before they could work on road. Renters were there but gone. Landlord needs to be charged. Bill to be sent as soon as we find an address.

Kelly Mann made the motion and Peggy Gelser-Webb seconded it to send bill.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter
 Nays 0
 Absent 0

3. Ron Swain putting dirt into ditch again. Tried talking to him to no avail. Called police. Took Law to his house, would not answer door. Left law in screen door.
4. Ron Swain was caught taking steel pipes from where the Hwy guys left them next to loader & tractor at the refuse. Called police. Have not heard anything.
5. Southern Tier West sent bill for the year which contains the GIS, website, etc. No longer using their services for website but the town still wants the services for the GIS.

Kelly Mann made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to send bill without website.

Carried. Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Web, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter
 Nays 0
 Absent 0

6. Budget meeting
Kelly, Mark and Ken to set up date.
7. Petty cash for Highway is no longer. Would like to set up a visa card for use.
Also to look into NYAOT Amazon acct. which we can use.
8. Foil requests coming in. This person wants all information from all the Towns in Allegany County.
9. Generator - Or service man came to fix due to a fault that occurred.
10. Email .gov is ready to use. Lots of information to transfer to the new website.
11. Union Contract - Kelly will do the negotiations again. Questions came up re: a contract the Town can do.
12. The Town is at 100% equalization rate again.

13. NYAOT sent a bill for the year at \$720 per year.

Kelly Mann made the motion and Peggy Gelser-Webb seconded it to accept another year.

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

Nays 0

Absent 0

14. Allegany County is putting on a Senior picnic in Angelica August 4th from 1-3pm.

15. Solar Conference in Herkimer County August 8th 9am-3pm

Old Business:

No

New Business:

No

Adjournment:

With no further business, Jesse Griffith made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to Adjourn.

Carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Susan Morris, Town Clerk