Town of Grove
County of Allegany, State of New York

Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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:

Late:

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

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

Public Participation: Tyler from Nunda Fire Co. came to present contract that needs to be approved in December for 2 years. $1475 for Fire and $425 for ambulance.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the July board meeting were read.

Peggy Gelser-Webb 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 # 70 - 75 $ 1,878.04
Highway Fund # 83 - 92 $ 21,671.65

Town Official Reports:

Highway Report
Working on Bryer Hill. Waiting on part for grader. Fixed a driveway that washed away. Got pipes that needs to be reset. Got gravel ordered, 4,000 ton for Spring. Will be doing the creek again. Got the new truck. Next week the Ford will be ready. Will be doing cemeteries next week. Ford 1 ton to be tabled until next year. Got 3 quotes with mower: Massey Ferguson $178,000 with mower: Champaine Valley $167,895: Messick $ 82,040. Supervisor to look into funds.
Kelly made motion and Peggy Gelser-Webb seconded it that if Messick is good then ok to purchase.

Code Enforcement Report
3 new permits and closed 5 permits.

Dog Control Officer Report
Got complaint this morning about 2 dogs roaming the town and looked into it.

Assessor's Report
Assessor's Association has come up with 100% exemption for property taxes for certain totally disabled veterans. NYS Veterans Services has since deemed it is for a local municipality to adopt. Assessor's Association has come up with alternative option that this exemption is for during military service.

County is increasing over 65 limited low-income limits. Right now it is $19,000 so waiting for amount with more information.

Because of 100% assessment has been kept, the town should be getting $1,519.48 check.

Town Historian
Going to conferences and doing extra research.

Supervisor's Report

Budget meeting 27th 8pm. Credit cards came and being put into use. Assoc. of Towns has Amazon accounts for each member of Towns. Looking into how we can use the amazon account.
Foil – Will look into what needs to be done and if we can refuse for any reason.
Oil & Stone Bid – Ready to put in bid for oil & stone- for Swain Hill, Parker Swain, and Isaman Hill. Will work on Ames-Nichols in October.
Security – After discussing this, Board feels it is not needed through a company.
Union Meeting – Meeting on the 27th after 3:30pm.
MEGA energy – will bring this up at Supervisor's meeting.

Correspondence:

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment:
With no further business, Mike Dieter made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to Adjourn. Carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Susan Morris, Town Clerk