

Town of Grove

County of Allegany, State of New York

Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 15, 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.

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

Absent: Jesse Griffith, Councilmember and Richard Morris, DCO

Late:

Others present: Sherry Gagne' and Colleen Osborn

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

Public Participation: Colleen Osborn gave thanks to Mark for his help.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July and August board meetings were read.

Peggy Gelser-Webb made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to accept the minutes as read. Carried.

Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Webb, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter Nays 0 Absent 0

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

STW emailed the town asking if we would like for them to Laserfiche all our documents and keep them in t library online?

Town Board stated not at this time.

Audit of Claims

Bills were stated in the amounts of:

General Fund # 76 - 82 \$ 1,735.45

Highway Fund # 93 - 103 \$ 54,942.31

Town Official Reports:

Highway Report

Will chip tomorrow if it doesn't rain. It's time to do oil and stoning. Changed more

pipes on Ames Nichols Road. Cleaned culvert pipes on English Hill. Will be doing Dudley Road. Will be putting blocks in culvert on Johnson Hill road. Trying to keep going on these roads before Winter.

Code Enforcement Report

Issue 4 permits. 2 expired. And 2 final inspections, closed. Owner wants place tagged as noncommercial rental. Discussion ensued.

Dog Control Officer Report

No report

Assessor's Report

No report

Supervisor's Report

1. 1.Had a meeting with the Union and will give a counter proposal next week.
2. 2.Budget was presented to Board. There was a few questions. There was then a vote (resolution below).
3. 3.Putting Business's on the web. Town Clerk to get ahold of our web IT Re: a business rectory on the web.
4. Solar law meeting date will be emailed to everyone.
5. Russ & Marie locked up refuse.
 1. 6.Notice re: addresses -write your name, then your road, then your po box, town, state, zip as directed by the USPS.
 2. 7.Baldwin Contract for 2027

Peggy Gelser-Webb made the motion and Kelly Mann seconded it to accept the 2027 Baldwin Contract. Carried.

Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Webb, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter Nays 0 Absent 0

8. Broadband - CBN Connect All Company wants to put broadband up 15A to Carl Spikes for those who can't get it. Lawyer says cyber security and harassment needs to be done. Can be done online.

Revenue sharing with County- will look into this

Town Historian

Doing a presentation at conferences. Panel on record keeping. Talking with Mary Norton re: museum etc. concern about artifacts in the Town. Discussion ensued on where court could be and where museum could be and how to use the old school house part of town hall.

New Business:

1. 1.Approval of the tentative budget, which then becomes the preliminary 2027 budget.

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

tentative 2027 budget and move it into the preliminary budget for 2027 to be voted on in October. Carried.

Ayes 5 Dieter, Gelser-Webb, Griffith, Mann, & DeRitter Nays 0 Absent 0

Public hearing for the 2027 preliminary budget will be before the October 20th, 2026 Board meeting.

2. Asked if Geocaching is ok in town? Yes, but not on Town Hall building.

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