

## YORK TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmembers: Frank Rose Jr. & Jason Swede

Absent: Amos Smith and John Morgan.

Others: Dwight Kanyuck (Town Attorney), George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt), Davies Nagel, Dustin Geiger (ZBA Chair), Cindy Pond, David Deuel, Rev. Michelle Sumption-Stone, and Kirk Richenberg.

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. and invited Clerk Harris to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MINUTES:**

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

### **BILLS:**

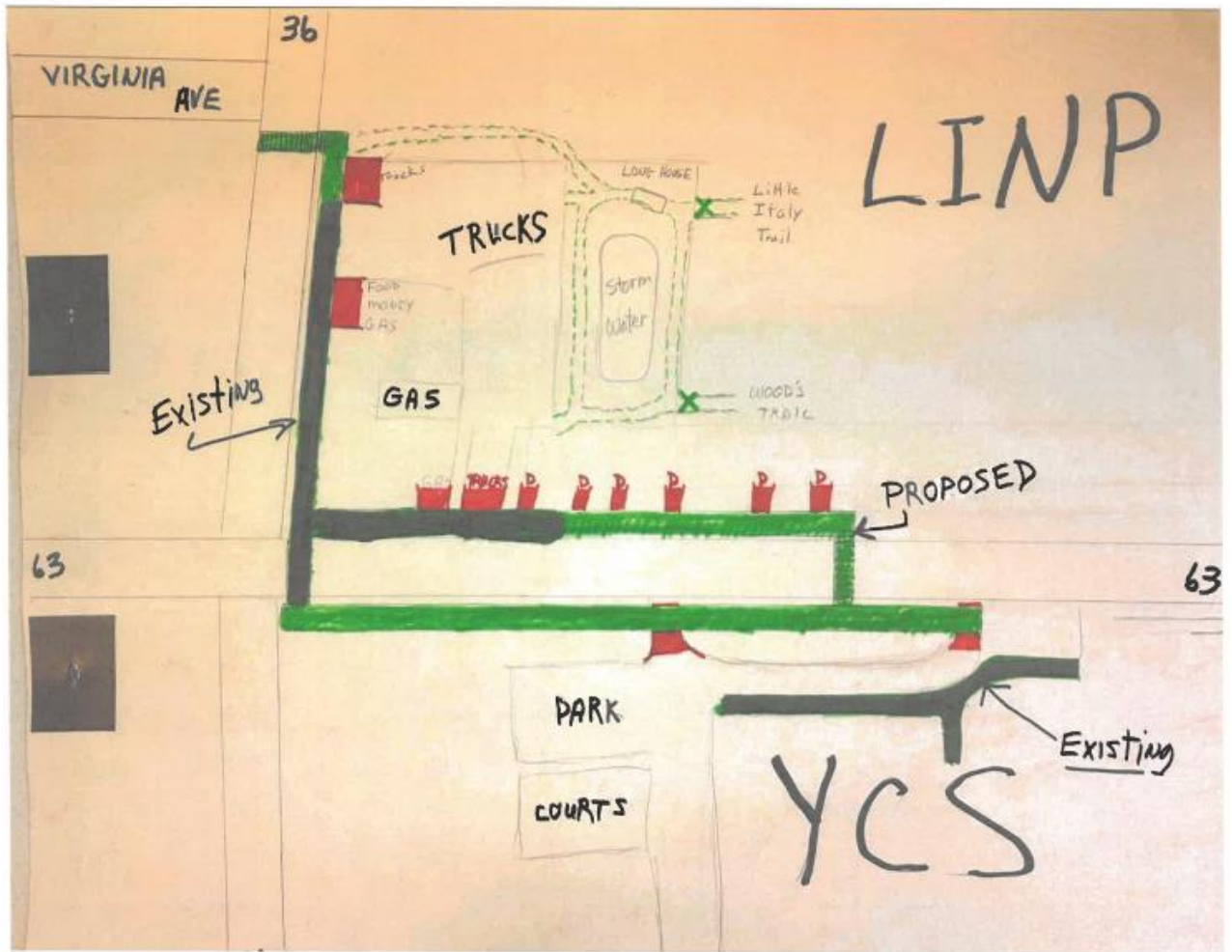
RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

• General Fund Claim	# 234-260	\$ 54,004.61
• Consolidated Water/Sewer	# 225-253	\$ 29,097.37
• Highway Fund	# 152-169	\$139,548.20
• Youth Fund	# 21	\$ 10,100.00

### **PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR:**

1) Davies Nagel:

Mr. Nagel discussed with the Board the Greigsville Transportation Plan, and the importance of mapping out crosswalk locations. Mr. Nagel stated that Little Italy Nature Preserve received the funds necessary to transfer the property do in large part to the distance to York Central School and the opportunity for the students to visit. Currently there is not a crosswalk that exists from the school to the Preserve, and he would like to address this matter further. When the original plan was prepared, the trailheads had not been established, so there is not a detailed way as to how and where the students will cross Route 63.



Supervisor Deming asked how the children get to the trail now? Mr. Nagel replied he has a rental property on Rt. 63 (Genesee Street) and they proceed back to the trail from his property. Supervisor Deming commented to Mr. Nagel that he was on the committee when the original plan was created, why did we not address this at that time.

Councilman Rose added in that section of Genesee Street, it is all private property with 5-6 homes before the Travel Center where you can get to the trail, which would be additional walking on Route 63.

Mr. Nagel stated the main concern is to get students safely across from YCS to the trail and would like to speak with TY Lin to share his concern. When the plan was developed, they did not know there were two trailheads.

Councilman Rose commented that he brought preliminary drawings of the plan to view this evening for Mr. Nagel and anyone else who may be interested in seeing what is proposed.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT:**

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- The Department has been replacing signage in Retsof (Avenue & Tenth St)
- In Retsof, we are also working on driveway approaches
- We rented a roller and have paved Tuttle Road & Old State Road; on Monday we will return to oil & stone, to seal it.

### **WATER/SEWER REPORT:**

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Water & Sewer Department:

- Water department personnel have been reading meters for the Oct. billing cycle
- We repaired a water leak on Cowan Road today; the stainless meter had rotted.
- Sewer: routine maintenance as usual
- Doing more touch ups on the Retsof Sewer project
- We had a meeting regarding the Maggio drainage matter. The engineers confirmed what was discussed previously will work & wants us to connect to the catch basin. There is a section next to the swale on the Avenue that needs additional topsoil.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Swede to install 6-inch perforated drain tile from the last catch basin on Maggio property through Tilley property to Route 63. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0  
(\*Est. cost- \$2,200- 2,500)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1)Rt. 36 R/R Crossing Correspondence:

Supervisor Deming stated that we received correspondence from Peter Call of MY-T Acres, Inc/ Call Lands regarding the railroad crossing on Rt. 36, ½ mile south of Rt. 63. Supervisor Deming reported after receiving previous requests for this crossing as well as others throughout the Town, he reached out to Senator Pam Helming's office for assistance but will now contact Assemblywoman Andrea Bailey to see if her office may be able to help with this matter. Councilman Rose reported that he saw people last week at the crossing, surveying the situation so perhaps we will see some action shortly.



*My-T Acres, Inc.*  
*Call Lands*

8127 Lewiston Road  
Batavia, New York 14020  
585-343-1026

August 25, 2025

York Town Board  
2668 Main Street  
PO Box 187  
York, NY 14592

Re: Railroad Crossing on Rt. 36

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to bring to your attention the railroad crossing on Rt. 36, one half mile south of Route 63. It has been and is becoming more dangerous every day. Our trucks cross the tracks as many as 24 plus times per day, delivering red beets to the Seneca plant. Our drivers are very aware of the poor road conditions and cross it very slowly to keep from damaging our trucks. Drivers that are unaware of the issue are an accident waiting to happen. We would appreciate anything that can be done to make our roads safe for all.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Call

My-T Acres, Inc.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Assessor-reappointment:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Swede to re-appoint Gregg Torrey as Single Assessor for a six-year term, expiring September 30, 2031. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0

**\*Term: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2031**

2) State Assistance:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the following:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE ASSISTANCE FOR A  
REASSESSMENT PROJECT FOR THE TOWN OF York

ADOPTED September 9, 2025

**WHEREAS**, the Town of York has undergone the revaluation of real properties within the Town, the Town feels that it is necessary to conduct a reassessment project of all properties for the 2026 assessment roll to maintain a uniform standard of assessment for the Town; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, by the Town Board of the Town of York, New York, that the Town of York hereby requests State assistance, specifically from the NYS Office of Real Property Services, to do a reassessment project to maintain a uniform standard of assessment in accordance with Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to expend the necessary funds for the preparation of said plan and the establishment and maintenance of the Real Property Improvement Program.

Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0

3)BOAR Reappointment:

a-Chris Ward

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Swede to re-appoint Chris Ward to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of five (5) years The term will run from October 1, 2025- September 30, 2030. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0

\*Mr. Ward was filling a previous vacancy

4)NYS Retirement resolution:

a-Standard Work Days

RESOLUTION offered by Councilman Swede and seconded by Councilman Rose:

Supervisor  
GERALD L. DEMING  
Town Board  
FRANK ROSE JR.  
AMOS N. SMITH  
JASON E. SWEDE  
JOHN MORGAN  
Supervisor's Clerk  
PATTI BAREFOOT  
Zoning/Code Enforcement  
CARL PETER



TOWN OF YORK  
2668 Main Street, P O Box 187, York, NY 14592-0187  
Tel: (585) 243-3128 Fax: (585) 243-4618  
TTY NY: (800) 662-1220

Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
CHRISTINE M. HARRIS  
Highway Superintendent  
GEORGE WORDEN JR.  
Town Justices  
THOMAS A. PORTER  
DANIEL R. KOCH  
Assessor  
GREGG TORREY

### **New York State Retirement Resolution**

a- Standard Work Days:

**RESOLUTION** offered by Councilman Swede and seconded by Councilman Rose:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of York, Location Code 30450, hereby establishes the following Standard Work Days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their Record of Activities (ROA):

<b><u>ELECTED OFFICIALS</u></b>	<b><u>RECORD OF ACTIVITIES (ROA)</u></b>
Town Supervisor	4.42
Town Highway Superintendent	20
Town Clerk	20
Town Councilman	1
Town Justice	2.34
<b><u>APPOINTED OFFICIALS</u></b>	
Supervisor's Clerk	13.96
Zoning Officer	10.49
Town Assessor	6.75

Voted on and approved at the September 9, 2025 Town Board Meeting, Yes-3, No-0.

\*The approved resolution will be posted on the Official Town Clerk signboard effective: September 10, 2025 for 30 days.

*Christine M. Harris*  
Christine M. Harris,  
York Town Clerk

\* This is an Equal Opportunity Program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal law. Complaints of discrimination may be filed with USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410.\*

**Fowlerville - Greigsville - Linwood - Piffard - Retsof - Wadsworth - York**

Received Date

Standard Work Day and  
Reporting Resolution for  
Elected and Appointed Officials

Employer Location Code  
3 0 4 5 0

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the

Town of York

30450

hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will

report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYS SLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Gerald L. Denning			Supervisor	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	6	4.42	<input type="checkbox"/>	monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
George R. Worden Jr.			Highway Supt.	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	8	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	bi weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christine M. Harris			Town Clerk	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	6	20	<input type="checkbox"/>	bi weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointed Officials:									
Carl Peter			Zoning Officer	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	6	10.49	<input type="checkbox"/>	bi weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patricia Barefoot			Supr. Clerk	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	6	13.96	<input type="checkbox"/>	hourly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gregg Torrey			Assessor	10/1/2019-09/30/2025	6	6.75	<input type="checkbox"/>	bi weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Christine M. Harris

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

Secretary/Clerk of the governing board of the

Town of York

of the State of New York,

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 9th day of Sept, 2025 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the

Town of York

on this 9th day of Sept, 2025.

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Christine M. Harris

Sept. 10, 2025

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

(Date)

Employer's website at: www.yorkny.org

Official sign board at: The York Town Hall

Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: The York Town Hall

(seal)

# Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials Continuation Form

**RS 2417-B**

30450

[illegible]

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Town of York \_\_\_\_\_ Location Code: 30450 \_\_\_\_\_ Page 2 of 2 (use with form RS 2417-A) \_\_\_\_\_



5)YFD-New Membership:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the following as new members of the York Fire Department:

Dakota McLean	3612 Tenth Street (Retsof)
Sean Harclerod	3660 Retsof Road (Retsof)
Ryan Harclerod	3660 Retsof Road (Retsof)
Michelle Chapman	3259 Simpson Road (Fowlerville)
Carl Szczech	3786 Piffard Circle (Piffard)

Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0

6)Melissa Alber:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board of a recent correspondence received from Linwood resident, Melissa Alber regarding the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Mr. Deming stated that all board members received a copy of the letter expressing the need to fully support this service in our County.



Wednesday September 3, 2025

To: Jerry Demming and the York Town Board;  
Re: Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation and support for a valuable local resource that apparently is a rarity in New York State. I am referring to the Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, more commonly known as "Murray Hill".

Unfortunately, I have had a wide range of experiences with nursing homes both in this area and in the Capital District. In most of these facilities the staff is overworked, under paid and therefore disengaged. For the past two years, before her passing, my sister was a patient at Murray Hill where I found none of these traits to be exhibited.

I truly cannot say enough good things about the care she received at our county nursing home. From the direct care staff, to social workers, OT, PT, nursing, and even reception staff, I found the employees there to be kind, attentive, and helpful with residents and families alike.

Where in many facilities, staff are pre-occupied with their phones or are difficult to reach, the staff at Murray Hill communicated regularly with me when necessary and always returned my calls in a timely manner. When visiting the facility, I found the employees (right down to the younger staff who were delivering meals etc.) to be polite and engaging with both residents and visitors. My sister was well cared for and provided with much personal attention.

We are truly fortunate to have such a high quality care facility in our community, and it is my hope, that should the need arise, our local town board will do everything in its power to ensure that we maintain this service. I believe it is one of only three county homes left in the state as privatization of this industry has taken over. Having a safe, caring, and affordable environment to provide care for our loved ones (and ourselves) as we age is imperative.

Please do whatever is necessary to support this vital service in our county. You are welcome to use this letter however you deem appropriate to further this objective. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Melissa Alber  
Linwood, New York

#### 7)Community Meeting:

Supervisor Deming stated that we received a letter from York resident, Fran Frood regarding an upcoming community meeting at the York Town Hall on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to discuss food programs available for our community. Mr. Deming asked Mr. Deuel if he would like to elaborate further.

Mr. Deuel reported that Franny mailed out roughly 20 letters to local churches, food pantries, Towns of York & Leicester and Village of Leicester, Y-L Kiwanis, and State representatives to discuss food insecurities in our area and to try to get people involved. This meet and greet is a way we hope to get others involved to support this necessary endeavor. The goal is to make people aware of where to locate assistance when needed.

September 2, 2025

To: York Town Board

*"A JOURNEY OF 1000 STEPS STARTS WITH ONE"*

A group of concerned citizens in the York – Leicester Townships, invite you to attend a meeting to introduce and discuss food programs available to our communities. Our goal is to address food insecurity, and how we, area programs, can work together to bring supplemental food to individuals and families, attempting to find a path forward given the uncertainties around federal funding cuts to SNAP and other programs.

We would like to share the information gathered with the town boards so that they can be active and supportive in meeting the constituents' needs.

This informational meeting is scheduled for:

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
York Town Hall  
7 pm

For further information please contact:

David Deuel, resident 750-1537; dsdeuel@gmail.com  
Franny Froot, Christmas Sharing Program, resident 245-3725;  
neanny@rochester.rr.com

We hope to see you and/or a representative of your group/organization at this meeting.

Sincerely,  
Daviid Deuel  
Franny Froot

cc. Celebrate Family Church; Covington United Presbyterian Church; Holy Ground Ministries; Leicester Evangelical Church; New Life Baptist Church; St. Lucy's Catholic Church; York Baptist Church; York United Presbyterian Church; Pavilion Central School; York Central School; Kiwanis Club of York-Leicester; Leicester Town Board; Village of Leicester; York Town Board; Molly Cunningham; Cindy Pond; Irene Sick; Assemblywoman Andrea Bailey; State Senator Pamela Helming; and Livingston County Dept, of Social Services;

8)Town Clerk Appointment:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Swede to appoint Tara Johnson as York Town Clerk with the official start date January 1, 2026. Ms. Johnson will begin training on October 14, 2025. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

**OTHER:**

1)Tax Cap

Supervisor Deming reported, after review of the upcoming 2026 budget numbers, the Town may be over the tax cap threshold for 2026, which would require a Local Law Public Hearing. Mr. Deming stated once the Board conducts a budget work session to finalize the numbers, we will know at that time if we are over. If we are over the tax cap, we could schedule the public hearing for Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, prior to our regular meeting.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Rose to tentatively schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of considering public opinion and comment on proposed Local Law # 1 of 2025, to override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-C. Voted on and approved, Yes-3, No-0.

\*If after the budget work session, the Town is under the tax cap, the Local Law Public Hearing will not be required.

Mr. Richenberg inquired what are some of the overages the Board is dealing with in the Tentative budget. Supervisor Deming replied utilities are the biggest concern, they have increased significantly.

Supervisor Deming also reported that the new pickup truck for the Highway Department will be arriving this Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board meeting until October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Voted on and approved, Yes- 3, No- 0.

Town Board meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
*Christine M. Harris*  
Christine M. Harris, Clerk