

**Town of Bennington
September 9, 2026
DRAFT #1**

Workshop Session 6:30 p.m.
Audit of bills; Highway Dept report; review Board meeting agenda

In attendance: Supervisor Mark Prior, Council Members Deborah Anstett, Lynn Dusen, Danielle Lampart, Maria Prior, Clerk Joanne Rosenthal

Regular Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order by Supervisor Prior at 7:31 p.m.
Pledge of allegiance led by Council Member D. Anstett

Moment of silence for Marilla Town Supervisor Earl "Skip" Gingerich

Conflict of Interest - none

Open Public Hearing - Bennington Volunteer Fire Company Proposed 2027 Contract Fire & Rescue Services

<u>Financial Matters</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>\$ Totals</u>
	General	#554 to #570.	8,878.50.
	Highway	#363 to #370.	11,916.91.
	Cowlesville Water	#51 to #52.	4,125.59.
	Cowlesville Light	#8.	<u>195.82.</u>
			25,126.82.

Motion by D. Anstett, seconded by Maria Prior to approve vouchers for payment.
Ayes: 5. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Financial Report

Supervisor's Monthly Report – Supervisor Prior presented month ending August 2026.

Motion to approve Supervisor's Monthly Report ending August 30, 2026.
Ayes: 5. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Hear Comments on Proposed 2027 Contract with Bennington Volunteer Fire Company.

2027 proposed contract \$115,000. 2 payments (January, March)

The Town Board has questions on contract detail breakdown and will schedule a meeting with the Bennington Fire Co. Board members to review.

Motion to table until October 14, 2026 and to keep Public Hearing open.
Motion by: L. Dusen. Second: D. Lampart
Ayes: 5. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

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Petitions and public concerns

None.

Agenda questions to the Town Board should be presented via email to the Supervisor or Clerk.
supervisor@benningtonny.gov. clerk@benningtonny.gov.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Resolution #2026-9-1 Set Date of 2027 Budget Workshop Session

Be it Resolved, that the Bennington Town Board will meet on October 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall, 905 Old Alleghany Road, Attica NY 14011 to review and make changes to the tentative 2027 Town Budget; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same in the legal newspaper of the Town. Completed 9/14/26.

Motion : D. Lampart. Second: D. Anstett.
Ayes: 5. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

**Resolution #2026-9-2 Hold Public Hearing & Make 239-M Referral Regarding
Wind Energy Systems Moratorium**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Bennington met at a regular board meeting at the Town Offices of the Town of Bennington, located at 905 Old Allegany Road, Attica, in the Town of Bennington, New York on the 9th day of September, 2026, commencing at 7:30 P.M., at which time and place the following members were present: Supervisor Prior, Council Members Prior, Anstett, Lampart & Dusen

Whereas, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, Section 104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Bennington is considering a proposed local law known as "A Local Law to Extend the Temporary Moratorium on Wind Energy Systems in the Town of Bennington" to temporarily halt development of wind energy system installations, for an additional period of six (6) months, while the Town continues to consider comprehensive zoning changes and the enactment of zoning measures to specifically address the matters of community concern; and

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Hold Public Hearing & Make 239-M Referral Regarding
Wind Energy Systems Moratorium

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Bennington has made meaningful and reasonable efforts to update and amend its zoning ordinance and local legislation during the course of the previous six (6) month moratorium by consulting with municipal attorneys, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, reviewing wind energy conversion laws adopted by other municipalities, as well as the research conducted by the Town of Bennington Wind Energy Committee—a six (6) month extension to the initial moratorium on wind energy systems having been filed with the Department of State on May 26, 2026 and shall expire on October 12, 2026; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Bennington recognizes that this local law is a Type II Action under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(36), and therefore SEQR review will not be required as there are no adverse environmental impacts; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section 239-M of the General Municipal Law, said local law with all supporting documents shall be submitted to the Wyoming County Planning Board on for its comments; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Bennington finds it in the best interest of the Town of Bennington to hold a public hearing on the adoption of said local law.

Now on the motion of Maria Prior which has been duly seconded by D. Anstett

Be it Resolved, by the Town Board of the Town of Bennington will hold a public hearing on the proposed local law on the 14th day of October, 2026, at 7:30 P.M., at which time and place all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law will be heard; and it be further

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Bennington shall make referral to the Wyoming County Planning Board as required by Section 239-M of General Municipal Law; and it be further

Resolved, that the Town Board determines that such action shall not be subject to SEQR pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(36); and it be further

Resolved, that the Town Clerk shall hereby post notice of such public hearing and publish the notice of such public hearing in the Town's Official Paper. Completed 9/14/26.

Ayes: 5. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

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Resolution #2026-9-3

Adoption of Town Access Policy

The Town Board of the Town of Bennington hereby adopts the *Town Hall Facility Access & Office Security Policy* establishing authorized access to Town Hall office spaces, assessing records, and key-control requirements; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the policy shall take effect immediately and be incorporated into the Town's Administrative Policy Manual.

Motion: D. Lampart. Second: Maria Prior.

Ayes: 5. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Minutes of Previous Meetings – accepted as presented by the Clerk

August 4, 2026 Town Board Special Session meeting.

August 12, 2026 Town Board meeting.

Communications

Clerk

- Certificate of Workers Compensation Insurance renewal by KCM Custom Built Garages, Inc.
- Reminder to residents that School Tax Bills are not accepted or paid to the Town Clerk.
- September 19, 2026 Wyoming Co. Paint Collection.
- September 26, 2026 Wyoming Co. Electronic Collection.

Supervisor Address

- Highway/Roads update.
- Speedy COW testing underway in Bennington; services partially available.
- No update on grant for purchase of Camp WYOMOCO.
- Update on Pine Tree Park, Town Hall and Museum.
Park: evaluating 2027 budget and maintenance schedule, positive comments on social media, interest from travelling leagues in 2027, grant application for \$1,300-1,500 in progress.
Museum: facelift on grounds, September 20, 2026 fall event for resident participation with Halloween displays.

Departments

Highway

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- see Supervisor address.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- Presented to the Board the Town Clerk monthly report ending August 30, 2026.
- 2026 YTD Vital Statistics. Births: 0. Deaths: 6. Marriage licenses issued: 11.

Assessor

- no report.

Zoning/Planning

- Presented Wyoming County Zoning Department monthly report for August 2026.

Recreation/Park

- see Supervisor address.

Water District

- no report.

Historical Society

- See Supervisor address

Any other Business to Come before the Board/County Matters

Motion by Supervisor Prior to display a Buffalo Bills flag from the Town Hall flag pole

Ayes: 4. Noes: 1 (I. Dusen). Abstain: 0. Absent: 0.

Adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Motion: L. Dusen

Attendance: 11.