

**Town of Bennington
July 8, 2026
Draft #2**

Workshop session: 6:00 pm. Audit of bills, review Board meeting agenda.

Regular Board meeting: 7:30 pm.

Attendance: Supervisor Prior, Council Member Bernard Frounick, Maria Prior, Clerk Joanne Rosenthal. Absent: Deb Anstett.

Call Meeting to Order by Supervisor Prior 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Bernard Frounick.

Set agenda – no changes. Conflict of interest: none.

Financial Matters

	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>\$Totals</u>
General Fund	#511 to #532	22,842.25.
Highway Fund	#336 to #350	24,726.60.
Cowlesville Water	# 43 to # 46	3,923.58.
Cowlesville Light	# 6	<u>179.88.</u>
		51,672.31.

Motion by Maria Prior, seconded by B. Frounick to approve vouchers for payment.
Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. (D. Anstett). Vacant: 1.

Financial Reports Supervisor report as presented by Supervisor Prior.

Motion by Maria Prior, seconded by B. Frounick to financial reports ending June 30, 2026.
Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. (D. Anstett). Vacant: 1.

Petitions and Public Concerns: none presented.

Unfinished Business

**Resolution #2026-7-1 Amend Resolution 2026-6-7 Authorizing Fees and Charges for
Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Service**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Bennington previously adopted Resolution #2026-6-7 on June 10, 2026, which addressed fees and charges for emergency medical and ambulance service provided by the Cowlesville Fire Company; and

Whereas, the Town Board has determined that certain provisions of Resolution #2026-6-7 should be amended to better reflect current circumstances and the needs of the Town; and

Whereas, the Town Board is authorized under New York Town Law to amend prior resolutions by majority vote at a duly convened meeting;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that Resolution #2026-6-7 is, hereby, amended as follows to include the billing schedule A for fees and charges pursuant to general municipal law 209-d(4)(a):

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**Resolution #2026-7-1
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**Amend Resolution 2026-6-7 Authorizing Fees and Charges for
Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Service**

Schedule A
2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges

Pursuant to General Municipal law 209-d(4)(a)
BLS Emergency \$1,960
ALS Emergency \$2,440

ALS2 \$3,400

Loaded Mile \$52/mile

Any remaining provisions of Resolution #2026-6-7 not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Be it Further Resolved, that this amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Motion: Maria Prior. Second: B. Frounick.

Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. (D. Anstett). Vacant: 1.

New Business

Resolution #2026-7-2 Create and Set Salary of Lifeguards and Senior Lifeguard

Be it Resolved, that the Town Board, hereby, creates the following positions in the Youth Recreation Program, effective July 7, 2026:

Lifeguard/Swim Instructor (part-time 5)	\$18.00/hour.
Senior Lifeguard/Swim Instructor (part-time 1)	\$20.00/hour.

Motion by Maria Prior. Second: B. Frounick.

Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. (D. Anstett). Vacant: 1.

**Resolution #2026-7-3 Authorizing the Town Supervisor to make cosmetic
Improvements to Town Hall**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Bennington recognizes the importance of maintaining a clean, welcoming, and professional appearance at Town Hall for residents, employees, and visitors; and

Whereas, routine cosmetic improvements such as painting, minor repairs, décor updates, signage adjustments, and general aesthetic enhancements are necessary from time to time to preserve the buildings' condition and ensure a positive public environment; and

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Resolution #2026-7-3
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Authorizing the Town Supervisor to make cosmetic
Improvements to Town Hall

Whereas, the Town Board finds it appropriate and efficient to authorize the Town Supervisor to oversee and implement such cosmetic improvements without requiring separate Town Board approval for each minor change; and

Whereas, all expenditures related to cosmetic improvements shall comply with the Town's procurement policies and shall remain within the budgeted appropriations approved by the Town Board;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Bennington is, hereby, authorized to plan, direct, and carry out cosmetic improvements to Town Hall, including, but not limited to painting, wall décor, furniture adjustments, minor repairs, landscaping touch-ups, signage updates, provided such improvements do not alter the structural integrity or functional layout of the building; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Town Supervisor shall keep the Town Board informed of any significant cosmetic changes and shall report expenditures as part of regular financial updates; and

Be it Further Resolved, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Motion by Maria Prior. Second: B. Frounick.

Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. (D. Anstett). Vacant: 1.

Minutes of previous meetings

June 10, 2026 Town Board meeting accepted as presented by Clerk.

Communications

Clerk – none

Supervisor

1. Home Town Hero presentation
2. 2026 Summer Swim Program at Bryncliff Resort.
3. Town emails for each Town Board member
 - a. supervisor@benningtonny.gov
 - b. clerk@benningtonny.gov
 - c. maria@benningtonny.gov
 - d. debbie@benningtonny.gov
 - e. bernad@benningtonny.gov
 - f. townboard@benningtonny.gov

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Supervisor Address

1. Home Town Heros banners (14) installed in Cowlesville and Bennington.
2. 2026 Summer Swim Program kicked off July 7 – August 13, 2026 at Bryncliff Resort
3. Town Board vacancy. Resumes being accepted.
4. Fall Festivities – calling all volunteers.
5. Social media growth.
6. Concerts in the Park.
7. Cowlesville Flea Market July 12, 2026 9 am to 4 pm
8. Update on Speedy Cow internet service. Speedycow.net
9. Camp Wyomoco grant still waiting approval, no other updates.

Departments

Highway – no report.

Town Clerk

1. Monthly report for June 2026.
2. Vital statistics YTD. Births: 0. Deaths: 3. Certificates of Marriage issued: 5.

Zoning

1. Renewal requests for Permits

Special Use Permits

Robert Kaminski – Kaminski Plumbing & Heating

Home Occupation Permits

Cynthia Ciupek – C. Shore Design

Mary Jan Durfee – MJ Graphics

Mark Dusen – LDusen Marketing

**Motion by: B. Frounick. Second: Maria Prior to grant renewals on permit applications.
Ayes: 3. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1. (D. Anstett). Vacant: 1.**

Planning – submitted approved Planning Board June 17 2026 meeting minutes.

Assessor – Monthly report for June 2026.

Recreation – Cowlesville Flea Market July 11 2026 in downtown Cowlesville 9 am – 4 pm.

Water District – no report.

Historical Society – Saturday, July 11, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am. at the Bennington Historical Society, downtown Cowlesville will feature their Annual Strawberry Social. At 12:30 pm, Town Historian Michael Mohun will give a talk regarding United States Revolutionary Soldiers of Bennington, NY; who they are and where they are buried in the community.

Any other Business to come before the Board/County matters

None to report.

Adjourn: 7:53 pm. Motion: Maria Prior. Attendance : 9.