Town of Bennington

Octoberber 14, 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, Clerk Frank Brombos

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

Conflict of Interest - none

Open Public Hearing – Local Law to Extend Moratorium on Wind Energy Systems

Open Public Hearing on Cowlesville Fire Company contract for 2027-2028-2029

Services

Financial Matters	Fund	Voucher #	$ Totals
	General	#571 to #586	$8,196.52
	Highway	#371 to #379	$41,510.44
	Cowlesville Water	#53 to #56	$4,220.52
	Cowlesville Light	#9	$195.82.

Motion by D. Anstett, seconded by Danielle Lampart to approve vouchers for payment.

Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1.

Financial Report

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

Motion to approve Supervisor's Monthly Report ending August 30, 2026.

Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1.

Hear Comments on Proposed Local Law to Extend Moratorium on Wind Energy Systems

Motion to close public hearing by Lynn Dusen Seconded by Debbie Anstett

Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 0. Absent: 1.

Hear Comments on Cowlesville Fire Company contract for 2027-2028-2029

Motion to Close Public Hearing Lynn Dusen Second: Danielle Lampart

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent:1

Unfinished Business:

Resolution #2026-10-3 Resolution Establishing an Additional Six (6) Month Moratorium on Applications, Approval, and/or Construction or Installation of wind energy systems and/or wind farms and/or wind energy storage systems.

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, held public hearing on the proposed adoption of said Local Law on the 14th day of October 2026 at 7:30 p.m., at which time all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed local law were heard; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Bennington wishes to establish a temporary land use moratorium prohibiting the development of new wind energy and elated energy storage projects within the Town of Bennington, and the Town of Bennington recognizes and acknowledges that the Town needs to further analyze many considerations that affect the preparation of local legislation to regulate all wind energy installations; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Bennington recognizes that this local law is a Type II Action under SEQR, and therefore a SEQR review will not be required as there are no adverse environmental impacts; and

NOW, on a Motion by Lynn Dusen, which has been duly Seconded by Debbie Anstett,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Town Board of the Town of Bennington, that it feels it is in the best interests of the Town to adopt a proposed Local Law entitled “A Local Law to Extend the Temporary Moratorium on Wind Energy Systems in the Town of Bennington.”

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent:1

Motion by Debbie Anstett Seconded by Danielle Lampart to Close Public Hearing BVFC

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent:1

Resolution #2026-10-4 Approve 2027 Contract with Bennington Fire Company

Whereas the Bennington Town Board has held a duly advertised Public Hearing on this 14th day of October, 2026 regarding the 2027 Contract between the Town and the Bennington Fire Company for fire and emergency medical services, now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves a contract for services in the following amount: 2027 - $115,000.00., and

Be it Further Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the above agreement for the Town.

Motion : Danielle Lampart Second : Debbie Anstett

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Petitions and public concerns: Request for copy of Supervisors report

New Business:

Resolution #2026-10-5

Town Board of the Town of Bennington, New York

Resolution filling Town Highway Superintendent

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The following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, Jake Jensen has vacated her position as Bennington Town Highway Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, New York Town Law § 64(5) provides the procedures for Town Boards to fill vacancies of elected officers such as Town Highway Superintendent as follows:

Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy shall occur or exist in any town office, the town board or a majority of the members thereof, may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy. If the appointment be made to fill a vacancy in an appointive office, the person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the appointment be made to fill a vacancy in an elective office, the person so appointed shall hold office until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled. A person, otherwise qualified, who is a member of the town board at the time the vacancy occurs may be appointed to fill the vacancy provided that he shall have resigned prior to such appointment.

WHEREAS, the Bennington Town Board finds it in the public interest to fill the position of Town Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BENNINGTON TOWN BOARD hereby finds Brent Snyder to be a qualified person to fill the vacancy of Bennington Town Highway Superintendent and hereby appoints Brent Snyder to the position of Bennington Town Highway Superintendent until the commencement of the calendar year next succeeding the first annual election at which the vacancy may be filled, with said date being January 1, 2027.

Motion by: Lynn Dusen

Seconded by: Danielle Lampart

Upon roll call vote:

	Vote (Aye, Nay, Abstain or Absent)
Mark Prior, Town Supervisor	AYE
Deborah Anstett, Town Council Member	AYE
Lynn Dusen, Town Council Member	AYE
Danielle Lampart, Town Council Member	AYE
Maria Prior, Town Council Member	Absent

Resolution #2026-10-6 Approve 2027-2029 Contract with Cowlesville Fire Company

Whereas the Bennington Town Board has held a duly advertised Public Hearing on this 14th day of October, 2026 regarding the 2027 Contract between the Town and the Cowlesville Fire Company for fire and emergency medical services, now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves a contract for services in the following amount: 2027 - $103,370.00, 2028 - $107,250.00, 2029 - $111,270.00 and

Be it Further Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to sign the above agreement for the Town.

Motion : Debbie Anstett Second : Danielle Lampart

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Resolution #2026-10-7 NY State and Local Retirement System Standard Work Day

Be it Resolved, that the Town of Bennington/30722 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:

Title	Standard Work Day	Name	SSN	Reg #	Term	Record of Activities
Justice	6	Mark Linsey	**-2456	**317	12/25	3.1666
Assessor	6	James Kirsch	**-0088	**977	09/25	4.444

Motion: Lynn Dusen Second: Danielle Lampart

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Resolution #2026-10-8 Set Date of Public Hearing for Proposed 2027 Town Budget

Be it Resolved, that the Town Board hereby sets the time and date for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2027 Town Budget to be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bennington Town Hall, 905 Old Allegany Rd., Attica NY 14011; and

Be it Further Resolved, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same in the legal newspaper of the Town.

Motion: Danielle Lampart Second: Lynn Dusen

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Resolution #2026-10-9 Advertise Seasonal Use Roads & Overnight Parking Ban

Be it Resolved, that the Bennington Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise in local publications that certain roads (namely Geise Road between Clinton and Stedman, Hodge Road and Graff Road between Poland Hill and Hodge) within the Town of Bennington are designated seasonal maintenance during the months of November 1 through April 30, as posted; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Bennington Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise in local publications that there is a legal parking restriction on all roads in the Town of Bennington during winter months November 1 through April 30, from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. as per Local Law No. 1, Year 1978.

Motion by: Debbie Anstett Seconded by: Lynn Dusen

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Resolution #2026-10-10 Set Date and Times for Trick or Treating in the Town

Be it Resolved that the Bennington Town Board hereby declares that the times for Halloween Trick or Treating throughout the town shall be Saturday October 31, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and that the Town Clerk is directed to advertise the same.

Motion: Danielle Lampart Second: Debbie Anstett

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Minutes of Previous Meetings – accepted as presented by the Clerk

September 9, 2026 Town Board meeting.

Communications

Councilwoman Lampart reviewed Meet and Greet Event at town hall with residents

Supervisor Address of town and county matters

Departments

Highway NONE

Town Clerk/Tax Collector NONE

Assessor NONE

Zoning/Planning NONE

Recreation/Park NONE

Water District NONE

Historical Society NONE

Any other Business to Come before the Board/County Matters NONE

Adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Motion: L. Dusen

Attendance: 14.