

Minutes of the Franklinville Town Board Meeting held on March 10, 2026 at 7:00 P.M., at the Town Hall, 11 Park Square, Franklinville, NY.

ROLL CALL:

Catharyn Campbell.....Supervisor
Sharon Hahn.....Councilwoman
Dave Furman.....Councilman
Terry McClory.....Councilman
Mike Forward.....Councilman
Scott Stanbro.....Highway Supt.
Andrea Stanbro Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Campbell at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Petitions and requests from the floor

None

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Campbell made a motion to accept February 10, 2026, minutes, seconded by Mr. Forward.
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward
Nays-0

Approval of Abstracts

Mr. McClory made a motion to pay Abstract #3 General vouchers # 53-78 in the amount of \$21,388.48 and Highway vouchers # 29-41 in the amount of \$35,009.51 seconded by Mrs. Hahn.
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward
Nays-0

Public Hearing

Ms. Campbell made a motion to enter public hearing at 7:03, seconded by Mrs. Hahn.
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward
Nays-0

The local law establishes a temporary six-month moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of applications for commercial and industrial solar energy systems in the town of Franklinville.

The purpose is to give the Town board time to review and potentially update the town's zoning and solar regulations. The Town wants to evaluate potential impacts on agriculture, community character, public services and overall land use planning before allowing additional large scale solar development.

During the moratorium the Town will not accept or process permits, site plans, variances or other approvals related to commercial or industrial solar systems.

Residential solar systems are not affected and may continue to be permitted and installed.

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Ms. Campbell explained that this public hearing is to hear from the public about amendments to the Solar Law that already exists. This Local Law 1-2026 if passed will place a temporary hold for 6 months for commercial and or industrial solar fields. Violation during the moratorium would be subject to fines.

The Town Board heard questions and comments from residents of the Town of Franklinville.

Are there any applications currently?

No there are not any applications

Is there a current law for Solar right now?

Yes, we are making amendments to update the previous law for commercial and residential.

Is there going to be a public vote?

There will be a Town Board vote but after amendments are made another public hearing will take place to hear from the public again. There will be a workshop on March 23, 2026 from 5-7pm to discuss the amendments and make it is done right. All public is welcome to the workshop.

Where did the draft of the law come from?

The attorneys drew it up and the meetings and workshops will provide time to look it over and make sure it is done right.

Is there anything to stop battery storage if we are forced to host solar farms.

We have a battery storage law in place, if there was to be storage our Town does not have the capacity to control an accident.

Mrs. Hahn explained that the workshops are to make sure that as time goes on and changes happen, we are updating the Local Laws along with the changes.

During the workshops will people be heard from both sides of wanting the solar fields and those that don't?

We plan to talk to people from both sides, all are welcome to the workshops so the Town does their due diligence.

If this Law is passed and commercial business comes in, does the town get anything back in regards to, free energy, a stipend?

This would depend on the type of project and what there will be to offer. Another Town Supervisor was in the room and they have windmill host agreements and receive money then it is up to the Town to decide what to use the money for.

Supervisor Campbell asked the public three times if there were any more questions or comments, there were no more questions or comments.

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to exit public hearing and enter regular session at 7:18, seconded by Mr. Forward.

Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward
Nays-0

Highway Superintendent

Mr. Stanbro reported:

- February was a busy month the Village helped us along with Zuech's to alleviate frozen pipes at the Town Hall and the Highway Barns.
- The new 1-ton is at Viking with a finish date projected to be in the first week of June.
- A 10 wheeler body will be patched and painted in house.
- The broom is complete of being patched and repainted

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- The windows are all installed and there is a significant difference in warmth by them. Thank you to the Board for purchasing them.
- Mr. Stanbro asked to go into executive session.
- Mrs. Hahn asked Mr. Stanbro if he would like to see fencing around the Highway barn. Mr. Stanbro would like to see a vinyl fence for a maintenance free option.

Cemetery Sexton

Mrs. Stanbro reported:

-Mr. Easton requested to have the prices raised on the grave sites with a foundation from \$1,300.00 to \$1,500.

Discussion tabled

-The scan disk that was found and was thought to have all of the cemetery records transferred to it, it has one old book on it. The Chronicle is ok with this as the drone will pick up names on stones and be able to place who is there, All funeral Services was going to charge greatly for this.

Ms. Campbell went over the survey results from the people pertaining to the cemetery programs to digitize the records and map the cemetery out. Ms. Campbell also reiterated the main reason for this is the retaining of records and having GPS coordinates to find graves, along with being able to show work orders, burial dates, and mowing would be a bonus. We are looking at other options and grants and will discuss them again next month.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. McDonnell reported:

- Business is picking up
- Spoke with Chris Holewinski regarding the cemetery program, if the files are compatible the County could store the GPS information for the Cemetery.
- 2 permits a lean-to and a roof
- Office will be closed on the 21st and 28th.

Dog Control Officer

None

Town Clerk

Mrs. Stanbro mentioned the Town Clerk Office will be closed April 9th and 10th and there will be extended hours for tax collections March 31 6-8pm.

- Received notice regarding a trade in option for the AED unit at Town Hall. Discussion

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to purchase an AED unit for the Highway Barns and to upgrade and trade in the AED unit at Town Hall and add pediatric pads, seconded by Mr. McClory.

Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Justices

Judge Graham reported:

- 2 nights of Court a month are still working to retrieve money.
- A new points system is now in place for the State of New York

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Supervisor

Supervisor Campbell reported:

- The supervisor presented a monthly financial snapshot for the Board's review.
- The Town Board received a letter from the IVHS historian Bruce Fredrickson, and the Town Board was notified of the replacement. Holly Zendarski has been appointed by resolution. Ms. Zendarski introduced her self and noted they do have junior members now.

Law Review Workshop dates for the local zoning laws:

- **Workshop date: None**
- These workshops are open to the public
- Law Review Committee Workshop dates for the local zoning laws:
- Because we have limited time during these workshops, it would be helpful to receive any suggestions regarding the zoning laws in writing or email prior to the meetings.

Communications/Calendar

- Town Clerks office will be closed April 9th & 10th
- Tax Collection extra hours will be March 31, 2026, 6-8pm
- Case Lake Park rented for Private Event:
 - No upcoming dates
- Veterans Service Agency:
 - No appointment for March

Reports from Board members

Mrs. Hahn researched and quoted rubber mulch for the Case Lake Playground, Mr. Forward researched non rubber material for the playground.

Mrs. Hahn received three different quotes from three different companies; however they all utilized the same product, therefore there was one quote and it was the same as last year. Superintendent would like to place the mulch before Maple Fest weekend as that is usually when the docks go in.

Mrs. Hahn made a motion to purchase 6 ton of rubber mulch at \$3,412.50, seconded by Ms. Campbell. Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Old Business

Pam Tilton questioned and commented about the position of the insurance for the ongoing lawsuit, on behalf of a family member in the Town of Franklinville.

Ms. Campbell responded there are 2 claims remaining in this litigation and that we are actively working through a separate coverage matter with its insurance carrier regarding defense of those claims. While that process is going on, the Town is required to continue defending the lawsuit. The board, in consultation with legal counsel, is taking steps intended to manage costs and protect the interests of the taxpayers to the greatest extent possible. As this involves litigation, the Town is limited on what can be discussed publicly at this time. However, the board remains committed to handling the matter responsibly and in the best interest of the community.

The Town understands the concern this raises for residents, and we share that concern. This is not a situation the Town initiated, but it is one that we are obligated to address responsibly.

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New Business

None

Resolutions

Resolution # 44-2026

On a motion of Mr. McClory, seconded by Mr. Forward, the following resolution was
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. _1_ OF 2026

Resolution # 45-2026

On a motion of Mr. McClory, seconded by Mr. Furman, the following resolution was
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Note for plow equipment highway

Resolution # 46-2026

On a motion of Mr. McClory, seconded by Mr. Furman, the following resolution was
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Immediate Review of Electric Delivery Charges

Resolution # 47-2026

On a motion of Mrs. Hahn, seconded by Mr. Forward, the following resolution was
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Accepting the resignation of the Town historian Bruce Frederickson

Resolution # 48-2026

On a motion of Mrs. Hahn, seconded by Mr. McClory, the following resolution was
Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Appointing a Town Historian

Ms. Campbell made a motion to enter executive session 8:18, seconded by Mr. Forward.

Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Ms. Campbell made a motion to exit executive session and enter regular session at 8:42, seconded by Mr. McClory.

Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0

Ms. Campbell reported that as soon as Tim Hutter passes his CDL test he will be moved to Step 1 CDL out of Laborer.

Mr. Stanbro reported Lonnie looked at the bathroom's, replaced the light sensor, replaced toilet parts and will have to call Springville door for the handicap button.

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Adjournment

Mr. McClory made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, seconded by Mrs. Hahn.

Motion carried Ayes-5 Campbell, McClory, Furman, Hahn, Forward

Nays-0


Town Clerk



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Elizabeth Lerow, Assessor

Assessor@cattco.org

TO: Town of Franklinville Supervisor & Board
FROM: Your Assessor
DATE: March 4, 2026
RE: Monthly Report for February

The February report is as follows:

- Because exemption renewal applications are due March 1, February is always one of our busiest months answering tax payer questions, processing applications, contacting applicants for additional information, etc. In order to best serve these applicants, we also take time to call those who have not returned sufficient backup with their renewal applications. Reminder letters were sent in early February to all applicants who's application had not yet been received.
- Renewal applications for Agricultural Assessment and Senior Citizen Exemption are being submitted and processed. So far, 93% of Agricultural Assessment and 92% of Senior Citizen renewal applications have been processed.
- 50 properties were reviewed for Roll Year 2026, this includes building permits as well as internal reviews flagged by our office for various reasons.
- The Assessing Office has corresponded with several property owners about their assessments, tax bills, and exemptions.
- There were two property transfers in January. You can find more information about these sales here: <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/sales>

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Constant Contact Survey Results**Campaign Name:** Untitled Survey Page created at Wed Feb 11 09:44:24 EST 2026**Survey Starts:** 47**Survey Submits:** 34**Export Date:** 03/07/2026 12:36 PM**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

Do you or your family currently own cemetery plots at Mount Prospect Cemetery?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			22	64%
No			10	29%
Not Sure			2	5%
Total Responses			34	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Do you visit the cemetery at least once per year?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			23	67%
No			11	32%
Total Responses			34	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Have you ever needed assistance locating a grave or confirming burial records?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			11	32%
No			23	67%
Total Responses			34	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How would you rate the current accessibility of cemetery records?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Very easy			4	11%
Somewhat easy			4	11%
Somewhat difficult			5	14%
I've never needed access			21	61%
Total Responses			34	100%

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OPEN QUESTION

If you've interacted with cemetery records before, what challenges (if any) did you experience?

More of an inconvenience than a challenge. To contact a person, set up an appointment, etc.

Finding who is buried in plots or random places outside of the cemetery.

Between Babbitt & Easton Funeral Home, the Ischua Valley Historical Society, and Find a Grave, there have been no challenges. These resources are ALL free. "Find a Grave" memorials for individuals often include their biography, the coordinates of the grave, and photographs of any gravestone. If there is no grave photograph, one can be requested and fulfilled by a contributor - for FREE.

4 Response(s)

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How important is it to you that cemetery records be preserved digitally for long-term protection and accuracy?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Very important			14	41%
Somewhat important			10	29%
Not important			7	20%
Unsure			3	8%
Total Responses			34	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Would you personally use an online cemetery search tool?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			17	50%
Maybe			9	26%
No			8	23%
Total Responses			34	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Do you believe this type of upgrade would benefit the community overall?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			22	64%
No			7	20%
Unsure			5	14%
Total Responses			34	100%

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

How should the town prioritize this project?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
High priority			3	8%
Moderate priority			15	44%
Low priority			8	23%
Not a priority			8	23%
Total Responses			34	100%

CHECKBOXES

Would you support funding of this project if it required:

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
No additional tax impact (absorbed in existing budget)			17	50%
A small increase in cemetery-related fees			14	41%
A small increase in general taxes			3	8%
I would not support it			6	17%
Total Responses			34	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Any additional thoughts or concerns about digitizing cemetery records?

It's a digital world! Yes, let's get up to date. I would often refer to records if they were more accessible.

Will only two bids be accepted? Perhaps more research into digital records company needs to be done?

As a person who grew up here and have much family in the cemetery and also do a lot of genealogy, I see great value in the preservation of cemetery records.

12 Response(s)