
Town of Angelica – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2026

Location: Angelica Grange Hall, Meeting Room, 55 Park Circle Angelica NY
Time: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
Presiding: Supervisor Girard Kelly
Recorder: Pamela L. Cockle, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Kelly called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m.

2. Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Supervisor Girard Kelly
- Councilmembers: Jeremy Metatos, William Weaver, Brian Jones

Town Staff Present:

- Town Clerk: Pamela Cockle
- Dog Control Officer Rick Abbott

Public Members Present: See attached sign in sheet

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the previous month’s minutes from the July 13, 2026 Regular Town Board meeting. Casey Jones objected to the minutes as posted stating proposed local law 1-2026 was not in proper format. It is a *proposed law* and does not need to be in local law format until it goes

thru all approvals and is formally approved and filed with NYS. **Motion** to approve minutes as presented was made by W. Weaver, Seconded by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Carried unanimously.**

3. ABSTRACTS: General & Highway

Girard Kelly, Supervisor asked Pamela Cockle, Town Clerk to report on Expenditures:

- General Fund (A & B): Abstract #8-2026 – including prepaids, Voucher #'s 168-189
 - General Townwide (A): \$10,738.86
 - General Outside (B): \$35.17
- Highway Town-Wide (DA): \$176,178.56 (Abstract #8-2026 Highway, **Voucher #'s 111-116, 165-166, 173**)
- Highway Outside (DB): \$110,810.20 **Voucher #'s 106-110, 185**
- CAPITAL Courts Project (HCP): \$12,665.99
- **Total Town Expenditures Approved: \$310,428.78**
- **Motion** to approve abstracts made by B. Jones, Seconded by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Carried unanimously.**

4. Update on Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facility

Supervisor Kelly gave an update on proposed Law 1-2026 regulating BESS facilities within the Town of Angelica. The law was approved by the Allegany County Planning Board at which time they also approved Part 1 of the SEQR. Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 1-2026 will be held at 7 pm on August 24, 2026 in the meeting room of the Grange located at 55 Park Circle.

During the public comment period, several residents offered comments on the effects of BESS and presented a list of questions to the Board. The Board acknowledged the comments and moved on.

5. Privilege of the floor was given to Shawn Grusendorf.

Shawn Grusendorf requested to address the Board concerning a violation he received from MACE regarding a building permit. Mr. Grusendorf finds the fine assessed by MACE to be excessive and refused to pay the \$600 fine. He found MACE to be hard to deal with and wanted the Board to be aware of the situation. He urged residents present to become aware of all the things you need a building permit for on your own property. Board thanked Shawn for bringing his concerns forward.

6. Budget Sheets & Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Kelly reviewed July account activity based and reports prepared by BBS Accounting.

- General Fund: Revenues - \$8,098.17/ Expenses: \$51,182.63
- Highway: Revenues - \$4,868.79/ Expenses: \$194,371.89

Motion to approve reports by W. Weaver, Seconded by J. Metatos **All Ayes Motion Carried.**

- **CLASS Investment Account**
 - Total NYCLASS Earnings Current Month: \$13,553.44
 - Interest rate: **3.559%**
 - **TOTAL NYCLASS Balance: \$4,491,494.35**

Motion to approve by W. Weaver, Seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

7. Clerk and Department Reports

A. Town Clerk- Pamela Cockle

Town Clerk Report: \$1,634.88 was paid to Town Supervisor G. Kelley

- 1) Dogs: \$56
- 2) DECALS: \$1.38
- 3) ATV: \$50
- 4) Marriage Licenses: \$17.50
- 5) Cemetery Lot Sales: \$900
- 6) Grave Digging: \$600
- 7) Certified Copies: \$10
- 8) Dog Boarding Fees: \$0

Motion to approve Town Clerk report as presented was made by J. Metatos, and seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, motion carried.**

B. Town Justice June Monthly Report.

July monthly report was distributed and reviewed with no questions/comments. \$8,269 was received from Justice Szucs for July 2026 Fines/Fees. Motion made by W. Weaver to approve, Seconded by J. Metatos **All Ayes, Passed unanimously.**

C. Dog Control Report (Rick Abbott) Rick gave a brief update. He had 2 dogs for a few hours and was able to return them to their owners. No other concerns or complaints.

D. Assessor / Real Property. – no report received.

E. M.A.C.E. July report in packets.

Motion made by W. Weaver to accept MACE's report as submitted, Seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

8. Acceptance of Resignations:

- Elwyn Gordon, Councilman turned in his resignation effective 7/15/2026.
- Dawn Scott, Deputy Town Clerk turned in her resignation effective 7/31/2026 due to no longer meeting the residency requirement due to an upcoming move.

W. Weaver made a motion to accept both resignations, Seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, Resignations accepted.** Supervisor Kelly thanked both Elwyn and Dawn for their service to the Town, they will be greatly missed.

9. Highway Department Report:

- Highway report was included in Board Member packets. A motion was made by J. Metatos to approve the Highway Superintendents report, Seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, motion carried.**
- Request to sell a 2015 Peterbilt Dump Truck with an approximate value of \$125,000. A motion was made by J. Metatos and Seconded by B. Jones to look in to selling 2015 Peterbilt. Notices will be sent out to interested Town. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**
- A quote in the amount of \$4,500 was received from Raymond Carroll to paint and repair the Town Highway Shop Roof. It is tin and very rusty and in need of repair ASAP. A copy of his certificate of insurance was received and his references checked out. A motion to approve R. Carroll to paint/repair Highway Shop roof in the amount of \$4,500 was made by W. Weaver, Seconded by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

10. Request to use Park Circle, October 10, 2026 for a 5K

- A request was received from Alexis Drake and Chelsea George to hold the Annual Jackie Starck/Amy Drake Memorial 5K run/walk in the Park Circle on October 10, 2026. They are moving the location this year to the Park Circle from the Village offices. A motion was made by B. Jones, Seconded by J. Metatos to approve. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

11. Resolution #10-2026: Creating the Position of Cemetery Sexton, Establish Compensation and appointment.

- Supervisor Kelly read Resolution 10-2026 and stressed this is a position the Town has been considering creating for several years now.
- The Salary of the Sexton has been set at \$6,000/year
- The Board appoints Pamela Cockle, Cemetery Sexton effective immediately.
- A motion was made by J. Metatos to approve Res. 10-2026 and to appoint Pamela Cockle as Sexton. Seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

12. ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS:

A. Salt Storage Shed Update (Wm. Weaver)

- Nothing new to report.

D. Cemetery Signage (J. Metatos)

- Rules & Regulations and Speed limit signs have been installed. This project is now complete and hence closed.

E. Sewage Treatment Plant Update (B. Jones)

- We have received the comprehensive plan back from the County – it is extremely long. It looks like they are recommending a joint sewage treatment plant with either the County or the Town of Belfast.

F. Catherine Schuler Chapter DAR Monument Update:

- A request was received from Joan Sinclair and the local DAR Chapter asking the Town to help fund the shortfall they have for the recently placed DAR Monument located in the Park Circle. The amount of said shortfall after donations and fund raising is \$1,668.75. A motion was made by J. Metatos, Seconded by W. Weaver. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

G. Pickleball/Town Courts Update:

- Girard Kelly gave an update. The committee continues to work with Labella Engineers and trying to finalize some numbers as the projected cost came in much higher than anticipated. Grant funding is still being sought after.

H. Croquet Court Cover/Roof: (W. Weaver, B. Jones) Nothing new to report. Will work on this more over the winter months.

I. Grange Acoustics (J. Metatos) Nothing new to report.

J. 83 Center Street, formerly owned by M. Whitney/A. Gregory-Kielbasa:

- Girard Kelly is waiting to hear back from Terri Ross, Executor. The Town has already paid out \$5000 on this property to Mr. Kielbasa's mother. The property is currently condemned and no longer holds as much usefulness to the Town. We will wait to hear from Executor Ross who only has until Dec. 31, 2026, as per NYS Courts, to settle this Estate.

13. Audience

Dave Haggstrom asked about the Vacant Board seat. The Board may potentially fill it before the November Election. We have received one letter on interest from Robbie Ford. If there is anyone else interested, they should contact the Board and Board of Elections.

Dave Haggstrom also noted that the painting of the old School Buildings that were on exhibit in the Grange during Heritage Days were still in the Grange Hall and there had been some talk amongst locals of having them hung in the Grange. The Board will look at them and consider it.

Casey Jones questioned the Board on said "Bess Project" and their intent to provide information to the Public. Councilman William Weaver responded What Project are you talking about? There is NO PROJECT! No application has been received by MACE or the Town Board to place a Battery Energy Storage Facility within the Town Limits of Angelica.

Mr. Jones then once again questioned the Local Law. It was reiterated to Mr. Jones that this is a proposed law in draft form and therefore he is wrong in his assumptions. The law will be placed in Local Law format when it goes before the Board for final approval and it is filed with the NYS Dept of State.

Mr. Jones questioned the Board on his questionnaire he submitted. The Board will review with their attorney.

14. Executive Session

A motion was made by J. Metatos, and seconded by B. Jones to enter in to Executive Session to discuss the acquisition, sale or lease of real property by the Town. Roll Call: All Ayes. Executive session was entered into at 7:36 p.m.

At 7:52 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session. No further business was carried out.

11. Adjournment

G. Kelly made a motion to adjourn Town Board meeting as all business was now concluded. A motion to adjourn the August Board meeting was made and seconded by J. Metatos. All Ayes, Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next regular meeting scheduled meeting will be held on **September 14, 2026 at 7 p.m.** in the meeting room of the Grange Hall, 55 Park Circle, Angelica, NY.

Special Board meeting to discuss Local Law 1-2026 creating Regulation for Battery Energy Storage Systems to be held on **August 24 @ 7 p.m.** in the meeting room of the Grange Hall, 55 Park Circle, Angelica, NY

Respectively Submitted:

Pamela L. Cockle, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela L. Cockle".

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 BY THE ANGELICA TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF ANGELICA

ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

Resolution No. 10-2026

A Resolution Creating the Position of Cemetery Sexton for the Town of Angelica, Establishing Compensation, and Appointing a Cemetery Sexton

Adopted: August 10, 2026

WHEREAS,

The Town Board of the Town of Angelica is responsible for the care, maintenance, administration, and operation of the Town-owned Until the Day Dawn Cemetery; and

WHEREAS,

The Town Board has determined that the efficient management and administration of the cemetery requires the establishment of a designated Cemetery Sexton to oversee cemetery operations, coordinate burials, maintain official cemetery records, work with monument companies and funeral homes, and perform other duties assigned by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS,

The Town Board finds that establishing this position is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Angelica and will improve the administration of Town cemetery operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Town Board hereby creates the position of Cemetery Sexton for the Town of Angelica.
2. The Cemetery Sexton shall be appointed by the Town Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

3. The annual salary for the position of Cemetery Sexton is hereby established at Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the 2026 fiscal year and will be paid out of A8810.1 – Cemetery Personal Services.
4. The Town Board hereby approves all necessary budget modifications to fund the salary for the remainder of the 2026 fiscal year.
5. The Town Board hereby appoints Pamela L. Cockle to serve as Cemetery Sexton for the Town of Angelica, effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution.
6. The Cemetery Sexton shall perform all duties assigned by the Town Board relating to the operation and administration of the Town's cemetery, including maintaining cemetery records, coordinating burials, assigning grave locations, working with funeral directors, monument companies, contractors, and the public, ensuring compliance with Town rules and regulations, and performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Town Board.
7. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution and record the appointment in the official records of the Town.

Motion by: JM Seconded by: BT

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

Board Member	Vote
Girard Kelly, Supervisor	☒
William Weaver, Councilman	☒
Jeremy Metatos, Councilman	☒
Brian Jones, Councilman	☒
Vacant, Council Member	☐

Resolution declared adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Pamela L. Cockle**, Town Clerk of the Town of Angelica, Allegany County, New York, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10-2026 duly adopted by the Town Board at a meeting held on August 10, 2026.

Pamela L. Cockle
Pamela L. Cockle
Town Clerk

Pamela L. Cockle 8/10/26

**TOWN OF ANGELICA
COUNTY OF ALLEGANY, NEW YORK**

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Angelica, Allegany County, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, August 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Angelica Grange Building, 55 Park Circle, Angelica, New York**, for the purpose of receiving public comment on proposed **Local Law No. 1 of 2026**, entitled:

“A Local Law Creating Regulations for Battery Energy Storage Systems.”

A copy of the proposed Local Law is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Angelica, and may also be reviewed on the Town’s website at **www.angelicany.org**.

At such time and place, all persons interested in the proposed Local Law will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to or at the Public Hearing.

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Angelica

Dated: August 3, 2026

Pamela L. Cockle
Town Clerk
Town of Angelica

Angelica Town Highway Department Report

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Supervisor Kelly and Town Board Members,

The HMEO position in the Highway Department has been filled by Adrian Woodruff who moved over from Cemetery and Grounds. The position of MEO in the Cemetery and Grounds has been advertised with a return date by August 10th for applications.

The crew has helped the Towns of Granger, New Hudson, Belfast, and Caneadea with mix pave, chip seal, and hot mix paving. The shoulders on County Hill have been cut and a wash out on the outlet end of the large crossover pipe near the intersection of Peacock Hill Road has been repaired. We cleaned up a tree that came down and blocked one lane of Frace Road. Excavated the site and poured the pad under the new monument in the park. Helped the village water department cover and build a diversion wall to protect a water line that became exposed in one of the heavy rain storms. Completed roadside mowing on all town roads and have started the second round.

We currently have a date of August 19th to grind County Hill Road, subject to change due to weather conditions and a chip seal date of September 10th also subject to change.

Michael Trivisondoli,

Highway Superintendent

TOWN OF ANGELICA BOARD MEETING

8/10/2026

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