
Town of Angelica – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 8, 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, Elwyn Gordon

Town Staff Present:

- Town Clerk: Pamela Cockle
- Dog Control Officer Rick Abbott
- Town Attorney: Matthew Rosenbaum, Esq.
- Code Enforcement: Corey Burrows & Mike Unfus - MACE

Public Members Present: See attached sign in sheet

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the previous month's minutes from the May 11, 2026 Regular Town Board meeting. **Motion** to approve minutes 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): Abstract #6-2026 – including prepaids, Voucher #'s 109-132
 - General Townwide: \$33,673.19
 - General Outside: \$60.32
- Highway Town-Wide (DA): \$44,322.24 (Abstract #6-2026 Highway, **Voucher #'s 82-88 & 118**)
- Highway Outside (DB): \$8,977.64
- CAPITAL (H): -0-
- **Total Town Expenditures Approved: \$87,033.39**
- **Motion** to approve abstracts made by E. Gordon, Seconded by W. Weaver. **All Ayes, Carried unanimously.**

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

Supervisor Kelly thanked everyone for coming and announced there was a sign in sheet on the back table. Anyone wishing to have their concerns heard on the BESS facility should include their name, address, and phone number. Speakers are asked to keep to 3 minutes. Supervisor Kelly stated: “I want to be clear: the number one priority of the Angelica Town Board is the taxpayers of Angelica. The Town Board of Angelica also **OPPOSES** the proposed BESS facility. **Currently there is NO enacted BESS law or an application to place such a facility within the Town of Angelica.** The Town Board has been diligently working on and reviewing a proposed law along with our Town Attorney – M. Rosenbaum. At this time, there is a DRAFT proposal, but it is not yet finalized and remains a work in progress and is therefore not yet ready for publication. The draft law must first be finalized and then from there it **SHOULD** be approved by the Allegany County Planning Board. Once the AC Planning Board approves it, it will come back to the Town at which time a Public Hearing will be scheduled and everyone will have a chance to have their concerns heard. At this time, based on the schedule of the AC Planning Board, the Public Hearing will not occur until the later part of July to Early August 2026.

Supervisor Kelly then asked for the sign-in sheet and the floor was opened for public comment. He asked that everyone remain professional, courteous, and respectful throughout the meeting or they would be asked to leave.

A total of **14 Speakers** addressed the Board (see attached sign-in sheet for speaker's names). Public strongly concerned, as reflected by high attendance and sign-ups to speak. Main concerns were as follows:

- Environmental, Safety & Insurance Concerns
- Fire Department Training & Equipment
- Environmental Impact: Groundwater, wildlife (eagles, bats), expressway proximity
- Residents cited risks like fire, toxic chemical leaks, and influence on wells/agriculture.
- Request for environmental impact studies and greater transparency.
- Decommissioning and Financial Risk. Decommissioning plans will be embedded in law
- Impacts on property values, and the area's desirability (eco-tourism, recreation)
- Legal, Regulatory, and Zoning Discussion
- Home Rule & State Mandates
- Attorney cautioned that an outright ban on BESS could expose Town to lawsuits, could find developers have a right to place a BESS facility which would strip the Town of any regulatory authority. Pursuing a restrictive, narrow law is imperative.
- State classifies BESS as "public utility" with strong policy support.
- Zoning and Planning Board discussion.
- Comparative Laws in Other Towns/Counties. Attorney and board tracking actions in other NY counties (e.g., Monroe, Cattaraugus) for best practices on restrictions and regulations.
- Petition: Digital anti-BESS petition has over 640 signatures in a few days was shared.
- Calls for continuous information flow between residents and officials.
- Recommendations for Citizen Action from Board and Town Attorney: Inform and lobby state/government officials, e.g., Governor, assembly members, County Legislators, Congressman Nick Langworthy & Senator George Borello.
- It was noted that the Town Attorney, Matthew Rosenbaum and Code Enforcement Officials Cory Burrows and Mike Unfus attended the So. Tier West Conference and attended the session dedicated to BESS facilities.

No Action Taken; Board Reiterated No Action Would Occur Until Legal and Procedural Steps are Met and Allegany County Planning Board had approved the new local law. Public Hearing date will be established once the AC Planning Board has reviewed & approved. Public notices will be made in the Towns Legal Newspapers, on our website, and posted at Town Hall. Was stressed once again that we have NO ACTIVE APPLICATION for a BESS facility on the HESS Road or anywhere else in the Town of Angelica.

5. Budget Sheets & Supervisor's Report

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

- General Fund: Revenues - \$84,067.82/ Expenses: \$52,149.11
- Highway: Revenues - \$5,078.53/ Expenses: \$41,280.83

Motion to approve reports by J. Metatos, Seconded by B. Jones **4 Ayes, 1 Absent** (E. Gordon stepped away for a few mins. **Motion Carried.**)

- **CLASS Investment Account**

- Total NYCLASS Earnings Current Month: \$13,271.39
- Interest rate: **3.505%**
- **TOTAL NYCLASS Balance as of April 31, 2026: \$4,465,002.94**

Motion to approve by E. Gordon, Seconded by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

6. Clerk and Department Reports

A. Town Clerk

Town Clerk Report: \$4,689 was received during the month of May 2026 with \$4,496.46 paid to Town Supervisor G. Kelley

- 1) Dogs: \$169 (\$149 Town/\$20 to NYS Animal Population Control)
- 2) DECALS: \$135 (\$7.46 Town/\$127.54 NYSDEC)
- 3) ATV: \$85
- 4) Marriage Licenses: \$105 (\$60 to Town/\$45 to NYS DOH)
- 5) Cemetery Lot Sales: \$900
- 6) Memorial Bases: \$2,145
- 7) Grave Digging: \$1,150

Motion to approve Town Clerk report was made by J. Metatos, and seconded by W. Weaver. **All Ayes, motion carried.**

Pam noted she had recently attended the Southern Tier West Local Government Conference held in Houghton NY and found it very informative. Encourages others to go next year.

Pam continues to add to the curb appeal of the town with flowers and buntings. Feedback from constituents has been very positive – she has received many compliments.

B. Town Justice May Monthly Report.

May monthly report was distributed and reviewed with no questions/comments. \$13,663 received from Justice Szucs for May 2026 Fines/Fees. Motion made by E. Gordon to approve, Seconded by W. Weaver **All Ayes, Passed unanimously.**

C. Dog Control Report (Rick Abbott) Rick gave a brief update. NYS Ag and Markets completed their inspection of the Town's Dog Shelter and it successfully passed.

D. Assessor / Real Property. – no report received. Grievance Day was held on June 4, 2026 in the Meeting room of the Grange from 5-9 PM.

E. M.A.C.E. May report in packets (3 Construction Inspections, 1 Fire Safety Inspection, 3 Program Inspections, 3 other/meetings).

- Completed their fire inspection of the Town Hall and Grange Hall. Both passed respectively. Fire Extinguishers were found to need servicing. That has since been completed and everything is within compliance.

Motion made by E. Gordon to accept MACE report as submitted, Seconded by J. Metatos All Ayes, **Motion Carried.**

7. Highway Department Report:

- Highway report was included in Board Member packets. Highlights were that road maintenance continues throughout the Town, Shuttleworth Sealcoating will be sealing Town parking lots soon, Cemetery crew working on headstone bases as weather permits. 1 recent burial. Plow Truck from Valley Fab will be delivered soon.
- **RESOLUTION #5-2026.** Resolution authorizing the use of \$84,500 in fund Balance for chip coat sealing of a 1.1-mile section of Buerhings Road. Motion to approve Resolution #5-2026 in the amount of \$84,500 was made by E. Gordon, Seconded by J. Metatos. All Ayes, **Motion Carried**

8. ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS:

A. Salt Storage Shed Update (Wm. Weaver)

- Not much new to report. Pad has been completed by Town Crew.

B. Cemetery Signage (J. Metatos)

- Signs (Rules & Regulation and Speed limit signs) are in the process of being printed and will be installed soon.

C. Sewage Treatment Plant Update (B. Jones)

- Project at standstill pending county feedback.

D. Catherine Schuler Chapter DAR Monument Update:

- Works continues, on track for dedication the weekend of Heritage Days.

F. America's 250th Birthday (July 11, 2026):

- Approval to move \$2,100 from General unallocated fund Balance to Celebration A7550.4 for expenditures incurred by the 250th Celebration Committee. Funding will be paid to Village of Angelica.
- W. Weaver made a motion to approve, J. Metatos seconded. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

G. Croquet Court Cover/Roof: (W. Weaver, B. Jones)

- Willy and Brian will work with David Haggstrom on a design for cover over croquet court.

H. Grange Acoustics (J. Metatos)

- Jeremy has been in contact with staff at the Palmer Opera House in Cuba to see what they have done and will report back.

I. Cemetery Survey (G. Kelly)

- G. Kelly made a request to get an updated survey done of the cemetery. Motion made by J. Metatos to approve, Seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

J. Acknowledgement of Skip Hecker. G. Kelly thanked Skip Hecker for the recent purchase of all the flags for the Veterans Memorial. Skip personally paid for the flags. Thank You Skip!!!!

9. Audience

Concerns were brought up about upkeep in the Cemetery by M. Warner and J. Finnemore. Not all recent burials were raked and seeded before Memorial Day. Why? What's taking so long on Memorial Foundation bases? G. Kelley apologized and shared his displeasure with this occurring. Will talk to M. Trivisonoli ASAP to have taken care of. UPDATE: Memorial bases are scheduled to be poured on June 25, 2026 and lot was raked and seeded the next day.

10. Adjournment

G. Kelly made a request to adjourn Town Board meeting as all business was now concluded. Motion made by W. Weaver to Adjourn, Seconded by E. Gordon. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Next regular meeting scheduled meeting will be held on **July 13, 2026 at 7 p.m.** in the meeting room of the Grange Hall, 55 Park Circle, Angelica, NY.

Respectively Submitted:

Pamela L. Cockle, Town Clerk

Approved by Angelica Town Board on July 13, 2026 at their regularly scheduled Board meeting.

TOWN OF ANGELICA

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Girard Kelly, Supervisor • Pamela L. Cockle, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2026

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE FOR THE CHIP SEALING OF A 1.1
MILE PORTION OF BUEHRINGS ROAD**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Angelica, Allegany County, New York, held on June 8, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Town of Angelica seeks funding to chip seal a 1.1-mile section of Buehrings Road;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that this portion of Buehrings Road is in need of chip sealing and continued maintenance;

WHEREAS, sufficient unassigned fund balance exists to finance a portion of this Highway Outside Village expenditure without the issuance of debt;

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to appropriate Eighty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$84,500.00) for said project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Angelica hereby authorizes the use of \$84,500.00 from General Fund Part Town (B) Unassigned Balance to the Highway Outside Village (DB) Fund balance to finance the chip sealing project described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes all necessary budgetary transfers, accounting entries, and modifications required to complete the project in accordance with New York State Comptroller accounting requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Bookkeeper are authorized and directed to make all accounting entries necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all expenditures made pursuant to this Resolution shall be subject to applicable procurement policies, audit, and all applicable laws and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

MOVED BY: E. Gordon

SECONDED BY: J. Metatos

Board Member	Yea	Nay
Girard Kelly, Supervisor	✓	
William Weaver, Councilman	✓	
Elwyn Gordon, Councilman	✓	
Brian Jones, Councilman	✓	
Jeremy Metatos, Councilman	✓	

AYES: (5) NAYS: — ABSENT: —

ADOPTED: 6/8/2024

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Angelica and recorded in the official minutes.

Pamela L. Cockle

Pamela L. Cockle, Town Clerk

TOWN SEAL

TOWN OF ANGELICA BOARD MEETING

6/8/2026

SIGN IN SHEET TO ADDRESS BOARD IN REGARDS TO BESS FACILITY

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TOWN OF ANGELICA BOARD MEETING

JUNE 8, 2026 - SIGN IN SHEET

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