REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF DUNKIRK
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

PRESENT:
Supervisor Miller
Councilmember Crane
Councilmember Leone
Councilmember Pagano

ABSENT:
Councilmember Price

OTHER PRESENT: Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk, Town Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro, Braden Carmen, Observer Reporter, Irene Strychalski, Priscilla Penfold, Bill Jakubowski, Mike Mansfield

Supervisor Miller opened the Regular Town Board meeting at 5:00 P.M. with the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 22,2026
DULY MOVED by Councilmember Crane to accept the minutes of the January 22,2026 Regular Town Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leone and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS JANUARY 22,2026
DULY MOVED by Councilmember Leone to approve the abstract of audited vouchers as presented by the Town Clerk on February 17,2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Crane and carried unanimously.

Shorewood Capital Project	$1,193.30
Cash US200 Sewer	$9,791.09
Cash US200 Water	$41,710.65
SF200-Fire Checking	$244,459.00
General Fund	$38,494.42
Highway Fund	$2,257.89
Vineyard Light	$258.89
ELRS	$237.50

OPEN COMMENTS:
Pete Miller of Williams Street, Dunkirk congratulated Councilmember Pagano to the Town Board.
Pete Miller had brought to the board's attention that the Labyrinthine Ways Peace Park located in the Town of Dunkirk will be approaching 26 years and that is something that we may want to include in the History of the Town.
Pete Miller also expressed his interest in volunteering to sit on a committee if the Town has any plans for putting together ideas for the 250th Anniversary of America.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: (JANUARY 2026)

Clerk Fees	$750.00
Zoning Fees	$1,070.50
Dog Licenses	$72.00

Total amount transferred to Supervisor $1,892.50

JUSTICE REPORT END OF YEAR 2025

Total number of cases **2882**

TOTAL FINES and surcharges submitted to the Town Supervisor **$247,652.00**

JUSTICE REPORT: (JANUARY 2026)

Total number of cases **159**

TOTAL FINES and surcharges submitted to the Town Supervisor **$14,596.00**

Town Clerk Yacklon reported that we received our 1st Quarter Sales Tax for 2026 in the amount of $111,301.51 of that $66,780.91 went to the General Fund and $44,520.60 went to the Highway Fund.

- Supervisor Miller welcomed Councilmember Pagano to the Town Board and received his letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals with an effective date of 01/23/2026.

BOARD MEMBER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Crane

- Met with Supervisor Miller and the County Highway Superintendent to discuss the Highway Department. Looking for some relief or help taking care of the department.
- 2/2/2026 – Met with Deputy Town Clerk to work on ELRS billing.
- 2/5/2026 – Met with Supervisor Miller and a Grant Writer Specialist. We received some proposals from her and there is a lot of things that the Town needs that she will be willing to help us with.

Councilmember Leone

- Thanked the West Town Fire Department, Sheriff's Dept., and EMS for answering the call on January 23rd on Woodlands.
- Attended the BESS workshop on 1/23. All board members were present along with representatives from East and West Town Fire Departments.
- Attended the East Town of Dunkirk Fire Departments Banquet. Thank you for inviting the Town Board.
- Attended a meeting on 2/13 at the County with the with local Town & Village representatives to discuss certain options for the neighboring Towns, City and Villages. Another meeting has been scheduled.

SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT

- Addressed many concerns within the Town will continue to follow up on more.
- Received a letter from Chautauqua County informing us of the increase in fuel going up 5 cents effective March 1st.
- Attended the monthly North County water meeting.
- Received an invitation to attend the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Jackson & Hewitt on March 4th.

- Shared a list of concerns that were received and shared with the Code Enforcement Officer. Some have been addressed.
- Attended our BESS workshop. Reviewed the local law and compared it to other Towns.
- Been working with an Intern from SUNY Fredonia. He has been helping us out.
- Reported on where we are at with Government Efficiency Grants for the Dog Control Services and Highway that we are in with Town of Sheridan, City of Dunkirk, Town of Pomfret and Village of Fredonia. On the second round, which will now be presented to Legislature.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (JEFF FEINEN ABSENT)

Supervisor Miller read the January 2026 work report, and it is on file in the Clerk's office.

- Highway Supervisor Feinen will be attending the Advocacy in Albany in March this year again to help voice the need for an increase in CHIPS funding.
- Will be posting roads for weight limits within the next month and will have Town Clerk post in publish in the Observer 3 days before.

Supervisor Miller reported that we will be receiving a monthly report from the East Town Fire Department and it will be on file in the clerk's office.
Chief Sciarrino Jr submitted a report for the month of January outlining the response activity and training efforts for the month.

Supervisor Miller spoke on the number of calls that were responded to for 2025 and extended her thank you and appreciation for all they do to serve the Community.

ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: (RYAN MOURER ABSENT)

No Report Submitted
Supervisor Miller reported that she has been in contact with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding some issues within the Town and he is in the process of addressing them.

DOG CONTROL REPORT DECEMBER: (NICOLE WELKA)

No Report submitted

ATTORNEY REPORT

Town Attorney Passafaro reported Legal matters are on the agenda to be discussed.
Informed board members that he did draft up the Public Hearing notice to extend the BESS moratorium.

CORRESPONDENCE

None received

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EXTENSION OF BESS LAW

Councilmember Crane made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 3,2026 at 5:00 PM at the Dunkirk Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk NY 14048 for the purpose of considering a proposed Local Law of the Town of Dunkirk for the year 2026 which would extend the existing 6-

month moratorium on the Battery Energy Storage Systems. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leone and carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Councilmember Leone made a motion to schedule a Special Town Board Meeting following the Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 5:15 PM at the Dunkirk Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk NY 14048. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pagano and carried unanimously.

DUNKIRK CITY POLICE CONTRACT 2026

Supervisor Miller updated the board and audience on the City of Dunkirk Police Contract.
For the year 2025 the agreement was $27,660.00 with a monthly payment of $2,305.00.
For 2026 an agreement was submitted for $39,663.00 with a monthly payment of $3,305.25. Making that a 43% increase to the Town. Former Supervisor Penfold had reached out to the mayor in October, November and December to try and compromise and did not receive anything back. Supervisor Miller reached out in January and February to try and come to an agreement with no response.

Supervisor Penfold in attendance had informed board members that she has all the emails that were sent to the mayor and stated that she just wanted to compromise and that effective January 1, 2026, the new Supervisor will be Supervisor Shari Miller.

SCHEDULE WORKSHOPS FOR BESS

Supervisor Miller made a motion to schedule a workshop for Thursday, March 26,2026 at 5:30 P.M. at the Dunkirk Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk, for the purpose of updating our Battery Energy Storage Law. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pagano and carried unanimously.

DULY MOVED by Councilmember Leone to exit the Regular Town Board Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Miller and carried unanimously. Time: 6:03 P.M.

DULY MOVED by Supervisor Miller to close Executive Session and return to the Regular Town Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Leone and carried unanimously. Time: 7:11 P.M.

DULY MOVED by Supervisor Miller to adjourn the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:11 P.M., seconded by Councilmember Crane and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Yacklon
Town Clerk