



TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT

MAY 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Arkwright Town Hall

9543 Center Rd, Fredonia, NY 14063

6:30 PM May 11, 2026

In Attendance: Supervisor Brian McAvoy

Board Members Polly Gambino, Bruce Gustafson, Larry Ball, Chris Jackson

Town Clerk Jane Lindquist

Deputy Town Clerk Gina Vecchio

Absent:

Public: Braden Carmen, James Ziemba, Colleen Aldrich, Carol & Alex Gizowski,
Stephen & Laurie Mead, Doug Fairbanks, Jeff Milliman, Larry Wilcox & Rich Palmer

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Brian McAvoy.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

Public Comment-

Steve Mead- Lisa Waldron said we would rollover CHIPS money?

Brian McAvoy – No, we'll spend all of it. No money is being left on the table.

Colleen Aldrich- Why do we have public comments? It doesn't go anywhere, specifically to the question of why are we building a court house.

Brian McAvoy- We do listen but can't adhere to every comment. The board had decided that we want to keep a court in Arkwright, even though it is admittedly not a money maker. Once built, we hope to attract other neighboring courts to share our modern, compliant facility. Sorry if that hasn't been made clear before.

Review and Approval of April Regular Board Meeting & Special Meeting Minutes - Motion by Larry Ball & Polly Gambino 2nd. All in favor.

Swearing in of Deputy Clerk- Jane Lindquist to swear in the Deputy Clerk Gina Vecchio. See attached.

Report: Supervisor

Finance Report & Discussion Funding New Truck- \$1.3 million in the bank account. Q2 Sales tax came in \$70,527.54 plus Town Tax collector fees \$110.00. We have Sales tax coming two more times this year. Windmill PILOT check just arrived and host agreement payment will be later this year. Cash looks good.

New Truck- Plan to pay for the truck with reserves. The new Town Hall bids came in enough below our estimated price that we can pay for the truck now. We may have to bond part of the new building depending on its completion date but we should have ample cash when we receive

our 2027 property tax revenue. We just have to watch our cash and ensure we retain enough to fund our operations for the year. There is cemetery money we can borrow from ourselves and pay back also.

EDP: no complaints for April.

Motion to Adjourn Regular Meeting & Open Public Hearing- Motion by Chris Jackson & Polly Gambino 2nd. All in favor.

Public Hearing- Highway Superintendent Change to Appointed-

Introduced Law- The goal is to move the position of Highway Superintendent from elected to appointed. Benefits would include structuring a salary commensurate with involvement, easier sharing of the position with other municipalities, increasing the candidate pool and ability to stagger the term with that of the Supervisor.

Public Comment-

Alex Gizowski- Where are you qualified to appoint someone? You don't live on a town road. How are you qualified? Larry Ball lives on a town road. Concerned that the board would micromanage an appointed Highway Superintendent.

Brian McAvoy- When Craig Harrington was here, he was micromanaged and it was wrong. We initially appointed Lisa Waldron but don't believe she is micromanaged.

Steve Mead- Board or Supervisor could have an agenda. They could have more control than they should. Also, you are going to benefit a family member. Very concerned.

Larry Wilcox- It might be a slippery slope to make this job appointed. What is next? Also, perhaps the Town Attorney should be contacted if there is a concern about nepotism, since a family member of the Supervisor could benefit from this change.

Brian McAvoy- The family member is Jamie Hebner who is married to my niece. I purposely stay back from union negotiations due to this. Jamie happens to be the deputy but the only additional pay he receives was negotiated last year as part of the new contract. It went from 50 cents per hour to one dollar per hour, to be on par with neighboring towns, and was negotiated by Councilman Ball.

Doug Fairbanks- Is this a start to getting rid of the highway department? Not worried about residency but I want it to be an elected position.

Alex Gizowski- I want it to be elected.

Carol Gizowski- I want to be able to choose our Highway Superintendent.

Laurie Mead- Looks like you are trying to create a position to keep Lisa Waldron.

Colleen Aldrich- Highway Superintendent should be an elected position. Also, is this a project you really want to take on with everything else going on, such as the new building and the problems with the other building project?

Jeff Milliman- I ran the town for five months. No one wanted the job. I told you I would take the job.

Brian McAvoy- Yes, as deputy you did step up and I have thanked you for that. The Supervisor job was not going to work out for you. Before McAvoy could finish....

Alex Gizowski- You can't give a guy a shot like that. Jeff would have done fine in the job.

Steve Mead- (Paraphrasing) I didn't come here to get angry but I am angry. You have a whole room full of people mad. You talk over us and treat people badly. You have a real fire going in this town and I am concerned.

Larry Wilcox- If you go ahead with appointed position. Who decides on what roads? Does the board? Do five people say what roads will be worked on? Concerned about unintended consequences.

Larry Ball- An appointed position would give us the opportunity to change sooner if the person isn't doing a good job.

Jeff Milliman- Lisa Waldron has learned the job.

Jim Ziemba- I learned the job also.

Alex Gizowski- I worked with Steve Mead for 15 years. We knew everything about the town. The weather is totally different downtown than in Arkwright. How could somebody from out of Town know how the ditches work on Livermore Road?

Larry Ball- We did have an elected Highway Superintendent that lasted 28 days.

Steve Mead- I would like to hear what Bruce Gustafson has to say.

Bruce Gustafson – Well, I guess I would rather have it be an elected position. .

Brian McAvoy- I don't think we will move this forward.

The resolution was not put up for a vote.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing & Reopen Regular Meeting- Motion by Chris Jackson & Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Motion to Table Discussion on Law aimed at Changing Highway Superintendent to Appointed- Motion by Larry Ball & Bruce Gustafson 2nd. 4 in favor. 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Report: Highway Superintendent

Spending v. Budget Update (Monthly)- Spending & budgets doing well.

CHIPS 2025 Update – they are behind with the State budget but we should receive the cash soon.

Highway Plans Summer 2026- The Town will not be converting any roads to hard top this year. We will do the necessary chip sealing and maintenance to maintain current hard topped roads but no conversions. Brian McAvoy has reached out to county to get help on Ruttenbur Road due to its heavy use for nature tourism but, as of yet, there is no response. Brain McAvoy asked Lisa Waldron to put together a highway plan suitable for display.

284 Form- Motion to Accept- Motion to Accept Highway Superintendent's 284 Form and Authorize Spending on Town Highways. Motion by Polly Gambino & Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Milling from State- Lisa Waldron has made an agreement with the State to haul the millings when they mill Route 60. The millings will then be available for Arkwright's use.

Historic Cheese Factory Sign Replacement- Sign is back up.

AED Training -No she's coming here \$75.00 per person.

Lifecycle Road Cost Per Mile- McAvoy again reminded Waldron that this needs to be done before he will agree to additional funding for blacktopping in 2027. It's a good thing to have as part of our comprehensive plan.

Report: Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Jane Lindquist read the Town Clerk report. See attached appendix.

Certified Payroll for County is Complete- see attached.

Dog Control- There is a change in the dog licensing process that allows the individual to make a voluntary contribution to a shelter. For Arkwright, the contributions will go to the Chautauqua County Humane Society who is our contracted shelter.

Report: Town Justice

Jane Lindquist reported on behalf of Jeffrey Huyck- no report.

Report: Assessor – Brian McAvoy Reported -

Notice of Assessment Roll and BAR Meeting were Published- they were both put in the paper.

Board of Assessment Review Training- Molly Merrill got her Certificate of Attendance and completion of training.

Update on Address Changes, Corrections & Any Open Apportionments-
2026 Equalization Rate is .29

Report: Zoning – Brian McAvoy reported

Update on Drawing Clean Up-

Update on Derelict Properties- Chasing down

Update on Land Bank Plans for Grange Hall- The Land Bank requested a letter from the Town acknowledging that returning the property to unimproved land was acceptable under our Zoning Law. Yes, it is and the letter has been sent.

Report: Code Enforcement – Supervisor McAvoy gave report on behalf Warren Kelly.

Three building permits issued since last report, with one being for the new Town Hall.

Status on Law Adopting New Building Codes- Supervisor and Code Enforcement will prepare a draft law in Arkwright's standard template for Board review, eventual public hearing and adoption of a local law adopting 2025 NYS building code standards.

Update on Fire Inspections- Only two left to do for 2026.

Report: Board Members

Polly Gambino none

Chris Jackson none

Larry Ball none

Bruce Gustafson none

Acceptance of Reports

Motion to Accept Supervisor, Departments and Councilperson reports- Motion by Chris Jackson & Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Motion to accept April 2026 Abstract and Pay bills- Motion by Chris Jackson & Polly Gambino 2nd. All in Favor.

Motion to Approve Budget Modifications + \$500.00 Cemetery Maintenance & \$25.00

Moved from Contingent to Municipal Dues - Motion by Larry Ball & Chris Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

Resolution for Christian Meeting CD Closure- read resolution & vote. See attachment.

Old Business

Roofing and Siding Project Update- Voucher 2nd payment 60% done. Jim Ziemba- Have they been working? Brain McAvoy- Yes on the back of the building. Steve Mead- Sole proprietor not required to prevailing rate. Brain McAvoy- yes, it is. Public works jobs require certified pay forms even for sole proprietors.

Town Hall/Court/Community Center Update- Labella is preparing the contracts.

-Geotechnical Review Status- Have not heard anything.

- Color- Final Board Decision- Will remain gray- unanimously.

Motion to Approve Supervisor Inform Labella That the New Town Hall Color Will Remain Gray- Motion by Chris Jackson & Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Review & Discuss 250th Giveaway Plans, Rules and Sample Certificate- Must be resident or out of town property owner to drop off up to 10 passenger/light truck sized tires. Residents can also receive a certificate for a dog license, redeemable through the end of 2027. Regular dumpsters will be available for household garbage and the Town will provide food for guests. The event will be on July 25th from 9am to 3pm.

Motion to Authorize Supervisor & Highway Superintendent Go Forward with the 250th Anniversary Giveaway Per Latest Revision- Motion by Polly Gambino & Bruce Gustafson 2nd. All in favor.

Cowden's Cemetery Driveway Update- Schedule Tree Removal- Grind stump. Get driveway put in.

Update on Ethics Training: Kristen Lopian from Sheridan HR and Supervisor McAvoy have drafted an Ethics Policy for the Town. An important aspect is that Town officials are obligated to report known misconduct within the Town. The policy will be officially adopted at a future meeting and will be part of new employee and existing employee annual training.

New Business

Resolution to Accept 2025 Court Audit- Read resolution and vote. See attached.

Ball Road Speed Complaint- Lisa Waldron reported that there is no speed limit posted for Ball Road so 55 MPH is the legal limit. It would be up to the resident to petition the Board for a change in the speed limit.

Salt Storage Shed & New State Requirements- Water Quality Improvement Project- There may be water quality improvement grant money available.

Motion to Authorize Supervisor to Prepare Grant Request Through WQIP for Salt Shed 2027- Motion by Chris Jackson & Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Primary June 23rd- Just a reminder.

Public Comment-

Motion to Adjourn Regular Meeting- Motion by Chris Jackson & Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA
TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT

I, Gina Vecchio, do solemnly swear that I will support
the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State
of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of:

Deputy Town Clerk

According to the best of my ability.

(Signed) Jane Hindquest
Officer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11th Day of May, 2026.

Town Justice/ Town Supervisor/ Notary Public

Supervisor Report to Town of Arkwright Board

Month of	May-26		Nov-25		Dec-25		Jan-26		Feb-26		Mar-26		Apr-26
Bank Accounts	General Fund	\$	825,508	\$	682,905	\$	644,961	\$	1,037,350	\$	1,008,947	\$	965,611
	Highway	\$	454,596	\$	522,717	\$	428,605	\$	364,982	\$	311,871	\$	273,199
	Cemetery	\$	105,076	\$	105,087	\$	105,099	\$	105,204	\$	105,216	\$	105,229
		\$	1,385,180	\$	1,310,709	\$	1,178,665	\$	1,507,536	\$	1,426,034	\$	1,344,039
	Month to Month Change				-5%		-10%		28%		-5%		-6%
Significant Revenue Since Last Reported													
	Q2 Sales Tax Received in May (Not in Above Account Balances)								\$	70,637.54			
Open Items to Complete or of Interest													
	New Equalization Rate		0.29										

Cash Outlook	Actual	Budget	Variance
New Truck Payment Will Be Due In June	\$	273,543.59	
Suggest Using Highway & Machinery Reserve	\$	36,559	
Transfer From Town General Savings	\$	236,985	
Town Requires to Run for Balance of 2026	\$	400,000	
Town Cash Outlook	\$	328,626	Cash on Hand Minus 2026 Operating Minus New Truck
Three Quarters of Sales Tax	\$	210,000	
Wind Mill Money	\$	380,829	
Money for Building	\$	919,455	Not Counting Borrowing Internally

Submitted by:

Bernie McQuay

Town of Arkwright Supervisor

Chautauqua County ACH Invoice Payment - DO NOT REPLY

1 message

AccountsPayable@chqgov.com <AccountsPayable@chqgov.com>
To: Ark.Town.Clerk@gmail.com

Wed, May 6, 2026 at 1:25 PM

Chautauqua County ACH Invoice Payment - DO NOT REPLY**To:** ARKWRIGHT TOWN OF SUPERVISOR

From: Chautauqua County
Gerace Office Building
3 North Erie Street
Mayville, NY 14757-1007

Payment Date: 05/07/2026**Payment Amount:** \$70,637.54

You have received an ACH transaction from Chautauqua County for payment of an invoice. These funds will be direct deposited into your bank account. **THIS EMAIL IS NOT MONITORED.** If the amount does not match what you anticipated, please contact the department who you submit your invoice to. Your direct deposit information can be viewed on our eSupplier portal. <https://ccsuite.chautauquacounty.com/eSuite>.

Supplier/Shared/Default.aspx

Payment is for the following invoices:

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	InvoiceAmount
2nd QTR 2026	05/01/2026	2026 Sales Tax Distribution 2nd Quarter	\$70,527.54
Coll. Fees 2026	05/01/2026	Town Tax Collector Fees 2026	\$110.00

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Town of Arkwright Monthly Clerk Report

For Month of (MM/YY) Apr-26

Sales

	Quantity	Total Receipt
Dog Licenses	<u>17</u>	\$ <u>102.00</u>
Marriage Licenses	<u>2</u>	\$ <u>20.00</u>
Building Permits	<u>1</u>	\$ <u>10.00</u>
Genealogy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Birth Certificates	<u>0</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Death Certificates	<u>8</u>	\$ <u>80.00</u>
Cemetery Plots	<u>1</u> (opening)	\$ <u>500.00</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>	<u> </u>
Total		\$ <u>712.00</u>

Bank Deposits

Town Clerk	\$ <u>712.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>712.00</u>

Checks Written

Town of Arkwright	\$ <u>695.00</u>
NYS AG & Markets	\$ <u>17.00</u>
NYS Department of Health	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ <u>712.00</u>

Attach copy of latest bank statement

Submitted by

Jane Lindquist Town Clerk

Reviewed by

Bruce M. Aug Town Supervisor

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

GERACE OFFICE BUILDING, 3 NORTH ERIE STREET
MAYVILLE, NEW YORK 14757-1007

Payroll Certification Report

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2025 - 2026 Certification Report For:

Town of Arkwright

4/17/2026

Employee Name	Civil Service Title	Rate of Pay	Status	Jurisdictional Class	Certified
BALL, LAWRENCE	Councilman	1,500.00	Elected Official - No CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
BURGESS, FREDERICK A	Motor Equipment Operator	26.6	Active - Greater than 50	Non-Competitive	Yes
Gadewoltz, Eva Marie	Collector of Taxes	21	Permanent - CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
GAMBINO, POLLY A	Councilman	1,500.00	Elected Official - No CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
Gross, Lacy	Clerk to Justice	19	Permanent - CS Status	Exempt	Yes
GUSTAFSON, BRUCE R	Councilman	1,500.00	Elected Official - No CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
HEBNER, JAMIE R	Motor Equipment Operator	27.1	Permanent - CS Status	Non-Competitive	Yes
HUYCK, JEFFREY D	Justice of Peace	7,500.00	Elected Official - No CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
Jackson, Chris	Councilman	1,500.00	Elected Official - No CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
KELLY, WARREN M	Inspection Officer (Part-time)	8,000.00	Permanent - CS Status	Non-Competitive	Yes
LINDQUIST, JANE A	Registrar of Vital Statistics (Part-time)	0.01	Active - Less than 50	Non-Competitive	Yes
LINDQUIST, JANE A	Town Clerk	8,000.00	Elected Official - No CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
McAvoy, Brian	Town Supervisor	25.6	Active - Less than 50	Labor	Yes
MILLER, RICHARD L	Laborer	26.1	Permanent - CS Status	Non-Competitive	Yes
MILLIMAN, JEFFREY	Motor Equipment Operator	300	Active - Less than 50	Exempt	Yes
Nichols, Ruth	Town Historian (Part time)	10,000.00	Active - Less than 50	Non-Competitive	Yes
Pagano, Edward W, JR	Inspection Officer (Part-time)	2,500.00	Active - Greater than 50	Exempt	Yes
Stanfield, Karlie	Dog Control Officer	55,702.00	Elected Official - No CS Status	Unclassified	Yes
WALDRON, LISA M	Town Highway Superintendent				

CERTIFICATION OF THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

CERTIFICATION PERIOD 1/1/2026 TO 12/31/2026

I hereby certify that the persons named in this payroll, occupying positions in the classified service, have been appointed or employed in accordance with the Civil Service Law and Rules made in pursuance thereof, and are members of an appropriate retirement system where such persons are members by mandate in accordance with the Retirement and Social Security Law. There

Total names in payroll in classified service: 19 Certified: 19

Jessica Main Personnel Relations Assistant

April 17, 2026

Signature For the Director of Human Resources Title

Date Certified

Voluntary Shelter Contributions on Dog License Renewals

Updates to Law Effective Date: December 2025

Items in **Bold are additions to the law*

Section 109 of the agriculture and markets law, as amended by section 4 of part T of chapter 59 of the laws of 2010, paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 349 of the laws of 2018, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 446 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The application shall state the sex, actual or approximate age, breed, color, and municipal identification number of the dog, and other identification marks, if any, and the name, address, telephone number, county and town, city or village of residence of the owner. The application shall include space where an owner may elect to make a contribution in support of the pound or shelter managed by the municipality where the owner resides or any organization which is contracted by such municipality to provide animal shelter services. The space for contribution shall be clearly marked and distinct with bold lettering or on a separate page; to make clear it is a voluntary contribution and not a part of the license fee. **The application shall list the organization in which the contribution will be sent and may list suggested reasonable contribution amounts with an option for any amount.** Municipalities may also require additional information on such application as deemed appropriate.

(d) The application shall be accompanied by the license fee prescribed by section one hundred ten of this article, **the contribution, if elected by the owner,** and a certificate of rabies vaccination or statement in lieu thereof, as required by subdivision two of this section. In the case of a spayed or neutered dog, every application shall also be accompanied by a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian or an affidavit signed by the owner, showing that the dog has been spayed or neutered, provided such certificate or affidavit shall not be required if the same is already on file with the clerk or authorized dog control officer. In lieu of the spay or neuter certificate an owner may present a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian stating that **the veterinarian** has examined the dog and found that because of old age or other reason, the life of the dog would be endangered by spaying or neutering. In such case, the license fee for the dog shall be the same as for a spayed or neutered dog as set forth in subdivision one section one hundred ten of this article.

4. Municipalities shall deposit all monies collected from voluntary contributions pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section into a dedicated fund. The proceeds of such fund shall be properly accounted for and be given to the organization listed on the application annually. In no event shall the funds derived from voluntary contributions replace any existing funding commitments to such organizations.

Clerk Program Software:

- January 30, 2026 this additional change to the shelter law that went into effect in December 2025 was discovered. Once discovered contact was made with Clerk software companies, **Williamson Law Book** and **B.A.S./Edmunds GovTech** about this change.
- Both companies had recently been made aware of this change by clerks using their software and programmers were busy at work making the changes to the programs. The initial ETA from both companies at that time was mid-March for completion of the programming update.
- Upon follow-up in mid-March both companies said it was taking longer than expected since more than one area of the program required updating.
- On April 7, 2026 **Williamson Law Book** confirmed that they had completed the program changes and had begun to contact clerks using their program to have the update installed and they will continue to contact their customers until everyone is completed.
- As of April 15, 2026 **B.A.S./Edmunds GovTech** has the shelter contributions portion of the program update back on track, and are bundling it with a mandatory state change for rabies verification on 2- and 3- year renewals, so they only have one update to roll out. They expect to have their updates complete by mid-May and roll out the update to Clerks by the end of May.

What do Clerks need to do?

- All dog license renewal forms will have a space provided where residents are able to make a contribution to the shelter that the municipality contracts with for shelter services.
- A separate budget line-item account (A2705.#) will need to be created for shelter donations which will accumulate throughout the year, and once per year the monies collected are to be paid to the contracted shelter.
- Clerks will enter the donation as part of the dog license renewal screen and record the donated amount where indicated.
- Donations will show as a separate account item on monthly reports and year-end reports. This will make reconciling the collected amounts clear and easy for clerks to determine the annual amount to pay out.
- If you are a Town that runs your own shelter service, the monies will become an annual revenue for the shelter services budget line (A2705.#).



The New York State Senate

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SECTION 109

Licensing of dogs required; rabies vaccination required

Agriculture & Markets (AGM) CHAPTER 69, ARTICLE 7

§ 109. Licensing of dogs required; rabies vaccination required. 1. (a) The owner of any dog reaching the age of four months shall immediately make application for a dog license. No license shall be required for any dog which is under the age of four months and which is not at large, or that is residing in a pound or shelter maintained by or under contract or agreement with the state or any county, city, town or village, duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, duly incorporated humane society or duly incorporated dog protective association. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, a license shall be issued or renewed for a period of at least one year, provided, that no license shall be issued for a period expiring after the last day of the eleventh month following the expiration date of the current rabies certificate for the dog being licensed. All licenses shall expire on the last day of the last month of the period for which they are issued. In the event an applicant for a license presents, in lieu of a rabies certificate, a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian, as provided in subdivision two of this section, a license shall be issued or renewed for a period of one year from the date of said statement. Any municipality may establish a common renewal date for all such licenses. A license issued by a municipality that has established a common renewal date shall expire no later than the common renewal date prior to the expiration date of the rabies certificate for the dog being licensed.

(b) Application for a dog license shall be made to the clerk of the town, city, or county or, in the counties of Nassau and Westchester, incorporated village in which the dog is harbored or to the village clerk of those villages in the county of Rockland with a population of fifteen thousand or more which have elected to accept applications pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph or to the village clerk of the village of Newark in the county of Wayne upon the election of the village of Newark pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

Provided, however, that in the counties of Nassau and Westchester, the board of trustees of any incorporated village may by resolution provide that applications for licenses shall no longer be made to the village clerk, but to the clerk of the town in which the village is situated.

Provided further, however, that in the county of Rockland, the board of trustees of any incorporated village with a population of fifteen thousand or more may by resolution provide that application for licenses shall be made to the village clerk. Provided further, however, that in the county of Wayne, the board of trustees of the village of Newark may by resolution provide that application for licenses shall be made to the village clerk. Provided further, however, that in the county of Montgomery, the board of trustees of the village of St. Johnsville may by resolution provide that application for licenses shall be made to the village clerk. The governing body of any town or city or, in the counties of Nassau and Westchester, incorporated village or in the county of Rockland, those villages with a population of fifteen thousand or more which have so elected to accept applications, in the county of Wayne, the village of Newark if such village has so elected to accept applications or, in the county of Montgomery, the village of St. Johnsville if such village has so elected to accept applications may, on resolution of such body, authorize that such application be made to one or more named dog control officers of any such town, city or village. The issuance of any license by any such officer shall be under the control and supervision of the clerk. In the case of a seized dog being redeemed or a dog being otherwise obtained from a county animal shelter or pound, such application may be made to the county dog control officer in charge of such facility. In the case of a dog being redeemed or a dog being adopted from a shelter or pound established, maintained or contracted for, pursuant to section one hundred fourteen of this article, such application may be made to the manager of such facility, provided such manager has been authorized by the municipality in which the prospective owner resides to accept such application. Such authorization shall be requested by the governing body of the pound or shelter and the granting or denial of such authorization shall be in the discretion of the municipality in which the prospective owner resides.

(c) The application shall state the sex, actual or approximate age, breed, color, and municipal identification number of the dog, and other identification marks, if any, and the name, address, telephone number, county and town, city or village of residence of the owner. The application shall include space where an owner may elect to make a contribution in support of the pound or shelter managed by the municipality where the owner resides or any organization which is contracted by such municipality to provide animal shelter services. The space for contribution shall be clearly marked and distinct with bold lettering or on a separate page, to make clear it is a voluntary contribution and not a part of the license fee. The application shall list the organization in which the contribution will be sent and may list suggested reasonable contribution amounts with an option for any amount. Municipalities may also require additional information on such application as deemed appropriate.

(d) The application shall be accompanied by the license fee prescribed by section one hundred ten of this article, the contribution, if elected by the owner, and a certificate of rabies vaccination or statement in

lieu thereof, as required by subdivision two of this section. In the case of a spayed or neutered dog, every application shall also be accompanied by a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian or an affidavit signed by the owner, showing that the dog has been spayed or neutered, provided such certificate or affidavit shall not be required if the same is already on file with the clerk or authorized dog control officer. In lieu of the spay or neuter certificate an owner may present a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian stating that the veterinarian has examined the dog and found that because of old age or other reason, the life of the dog would be endangered by spaying or neutering. In such case, the license fee for the dog shall be the same as for a spayed or neutered dog as set forth in subdivision one of section one hundred ten of this article.

(e) Upon validation by the clerk, authorized dog control officer or authorized pound or shelter manager, the application shall become a license for the dog described therein.

(f) The clerk, authorized dog control officer or authorized pound or shelter manager shall: (i) provide a copy of the license to the owner; (ii) retain a record of the license that shall be made available upon request to the commissioner for purposes of rabies and other animal disease control efforts and actions. In addition, the authorized pound or shelter manager shall send, within forty-eight hours of validation, a copy of the license to the licensing municipality within which the dog is to be harbored.

(g) No license shall be transferable. Upon the transfer of ownership of any dog, the new owner shall immediately make application for a license for such dog.

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, or any rule or regulation to the contrary, the clerk, authorized dog control officer or authorized pound or shelter manager in municipalities having a population of less than one hundred thousand shall within five business days after the license has been validated, send a copy of the validated license to the licensing municipality in which the dog is to be harbored.

2. The clerk, authorized dog control officer or authorized pound or shelter manager, at the time of issuing any license pursuant to this article, shall require the applicant to present a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian showing that the dog or dogs have been vaccinated to prevent rabies or, in lieu thereof, a statement certified by a licensed veterinarian stating that because of old age or another reason, the life of the dog or dogs would be endangered by the administration of vaccine. The clerk, authorized dog control officer or authorized pound or shelter manager shall make or cause to be made from such statement a record of such information and shall file such record with a copy of the license. Such records shall be made available to the commissioner upon request for rabies and other animal disease control

efforts.

3. Municipalities may provide for the establishment and issuance of purebred licenses and, in the event they do so, shall provide for the assessment of a surcharge of at least three dollars for the purposes of carrying out animal population control efforts as provided in section one hundred seventeen-a of this article. Municipalities which issue purebred licenses shall remit such surcharge collected to the commissioner.

4. Municipalities shall deposit all monies collected from voluntary contributions pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section into a dedicated fund. The proceeds of such fund shall be properly accounted for and be given to the organization listed on the application annually. In no event shall the funds derived from voluntary contributions replace any existing funding commitments to such organizations.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE
OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

W.A. HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY, NY 12227

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW TRAINING

Member's Name: Molly Merrill
Town: Town of Arkwright
County: Chautauqua
Date of Training: May 5, 2026

This is to certify that, pursuant to Section 523 of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 8188-6.1(c) of Title 9 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, you attended a board of assessment review member training session on the above date. As a result, you are now authorized to participate in the forthcoming meeting(s) of the Board of Assessment Review.

Kimberly A. Mule
County Director of Real Property Tax Services

May 6, 2026
Date

cc: Town/City Clerk



Town of Arkwright Town Board Resolution

Closing Christian Cemetery CD

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Arkwright is granted authority over Town finances, and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor is the Financial Officer for the Town, and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Deposit, valued at **\$3,438.98** (Three Thousand, Four Hundred, Thirty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents) was due to mature automatically on May 3, 2026 if no action was taken by the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to maximize liquidity to support building projects, and

WHEREAS, the interest rate offered on a one-year certificate of deposit was only three tenths of a percent over the rate on a Town savings account, and

WHEREAS, the Town can, in the future, reinvest in certificate of deposits if the return justifies the investment,

Now Therefore Be It RESOLVED, that at the Town Board meeting held on May 11, 2026 at the Arkwright Town Hall, the Town Board of the Town of Arkwright resolved to support the moving of the former Christian Meeting Certificate of Deposit balance into the Town's combined **Christian Meeting/Cowdens Cemetery Escrow** Account.

May 11, 2026

Moved by: Larry Ball Seconded: Polly Gambino

Brian McAvoy, Supervisor Brian McAvoy Vote ☒ (Y) ☐ (N)

Bruce Gustafson, Councilman Bruce Gustafson Vote ☒ (Y) ☐ (N)

Chris Jackson, Councilman Chris Jackson Vote ☒ (Y) ☐ (N)

Larry Ball, Councilman Larry Ball Vote ☒ (Y) ☐ (N)

Polly Gambino, Councilman Polly Gambino Vote ☒ (Y) ☐ (N)

Certified Jane Lindquist Jane Lindquist, Town Clerk 5-11-2026



Town of Arkwright

2026 Semiquincentennial Celebration Day Rules

9543 Center Road
Fredonia, NY 14063

1. Purpose and Timing:

- a. In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America and as a show of appreciation to the Tax Payers of our community, the Town Board of the Town of Arkwright has decided to offer, for free: **Tire Drop Off, Garbage Drop Off and Dog Licenses** to residents and non-resident tax payers.
- b. This will be a one-day event, on **Saturday, July 25th 2026 at the Town Highway Barns from 9AM to 3 PM.**
- c. Each **residence/household** in the Town will be eligible to dispose of up to **10 passenger car/light truck** or smaller **tires** at our Town garage and receive a certificate for a **free dog license**, redeemable until December 31, 2027.
 - i. Prior sales of dog licenses are excluded.
 - ii. Dog licenses are only available to residents, on a one per household basis.
- d. In addition, dumpsters will be available for the disposal of household garbage.
 - i. The same restrictions will apply as are used by the Chautauqua County Landfill or Transfer Station:
 1. No chemicals,
 2. No appliances. The Town will, however, accept electronic recycling.

2. Non-resident Taxpayer Eligibility:

- a. Tire disposal will be allowed by the individual whose name appears on the tax roll.
 - i. When multiple owners appear on the tax roll, disposal will be on a first come, first serve basis.
 - ii. For family trusts held by non-resident tax payers, disposal will be allowed to **any member of the named family only**, again, on a first come, first serve basis.
- b. Corporations may designate an individual to dispose of tires on their behalf. Authority to do so must be documented on company letter head, with instructions, and signed by an official of the Corporation.

3. Tire Disposal:

- a. Only tires up to 22 inches in diameter will be accepted.
- b. No tires on rims.
- c. Tires must only be dropped off during the designated time.
 - i. Special arrangements may be considered by calling the Town Supervisor at 716 785-4975.
 - ii. Dropping off tires during at any other time will be considered dumping and reported accordingly.

4. General:

- a. The Town does reserve the right to ask for identification as proof of residence or ownership.
- b. The Town of Arkwright encourages participation and will be prepared to the extent possible. We will, however, end the event early if demand far exceeds expectations.





Resolution Approving 2025 Town Court Financial Audit

Town Board, Town of Arkwright

Whereas, in regards to financial records, the Court is required to make available and the Town Board is required to perform an annual audit and report the results to State of New York Unified Court System, at the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Arkwright, held on the 11th day of May 2026, at the Arkwright Town Hall, the following resolution was duly adopted:

Be it Resolved, that the Town Board accepts the results of the annual Justice Court audit of 2025 records and, in doing so, cites no abnormalities or concerns.

May 11, 2026

Moved by: Bruce Gustafson

Seconded by Larry Ball

Polly Gambino ☒ Polly Gambino

Larry Ball ☒ Larry Ball

Chris Jackson ☒ Chris Jackson

Bruce Gustafson ☒ Bruce Gustafson

Brian McAvoy ☒ Brian McAvoy

Certified By Jane Lindquist, Jane Lindquist Town Clerk

5-11-2026