



TOWN OF ARKWRIGHT

July 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Arkwright Town Hall

9543 Center Rd, Fredonia, NY 14063

6:30 PM July 13th, 2026

In Attendance: Supervisor Brian McAvoy

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

Town Clerk Jane Lindquist

Public: Braden Carmen, James Ziemba, Alex Gizowski, Stephen Mead & David Szydlo

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- Alex Gizowski - Highway guys did a great job on Livermore Road.

Review and Approval June 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes- Motion by Larry Ball & Polly Gambino 2nd. All in favor.

Supervisor Report-

NYS Labor Statics Report- We were asked to do report on salaries for Town employees. This has been completed and accepted by the State.

NYS DOL Prevailing Wage Update for New Town Hall Project- For our Town Hall Project, the Town was required to inform the State who the four main contractors are so they can track prevailing wage. Supervisor McAvoy reported that the Town has complied.

Financial Report- The Town's combined bank balance in \$1.4 million, down 16% from last month. The check for new truck was cashed so this is expected. The Town received a mortgage tax distribution of \$7,659.75. See attached appendix.

Report: Highway Superintendent

Spending v. Budget Update (Monthly)- On track with all budget lines. See attached appendix.

CHIPS 2025 Update – CHIPS is still outstanding, but the State had the wrong phone number, trying to get an answer about the form. Superintendent Waldron confirmed that the problems have been corrected and the payment is on its way.

Highway Plans Summer 2026- Superintendent Waldron presented the summer plan. This will be on display in the Town Hall and reviewed at the monthly meetings.

Cowden's Cemetery Driveway Update- Trisha Timco is agreeable to the Town taking back her open lot for a driveway in exchange for a different lot. Supervisor McAvoy will manage the details with Mrs. Timco and again reminded Superintendent Waldron that the stump needs to be removed and the driveway installed.

Cabin in Balls Gulf- Lisa Waldron & Brian McAvoy both received calls from a potential buyer who wants to live there year round. Supervisor McAvoy has been in touch with the realtor and informed him that there has not been winter plowed for 50 or 60 years and, with the bridge out, plowing is nearly impossible. The realtor agrees and has used the term “three season access” in his discussions with McAvoy. It is questionable whether the cabin would pass the required County tests to be a permanent residence and the sale has not happened anyhow. Supervisor McAvoy suggested that the Town reclassify that section of Balls Gulf as a Minimum Maintenance Road, acknowledging that winter plowing does not and will not happen.

Lifecycle Road Cost Per Mile- working on.

Asset Tracking Process- Have to work with Gina Vecchio.

Large Pile of Fill- Started bringing in for new Town Hall.

Report: Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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

Received Certificate of Satisfaction- For 2026 Tax Collection. Turned final check over to the town for \$1500.00. See attached appendix.

DocuPet- Brian McAvoy received an email from them and the program can be limited to the Humane Society just being able to license dogs on behalf of Arkwright. Supervisor McAvoy again stated that he is not going forward with any program that requires sharing of resident PII. If, however, CCHS can sell a license and provide a one stop shop for an Arkwright resident, we would probably go forward.

Dog Control-

Improvements to Dog Shelter Required by State- Jane Lindquist reported for Karlie Stanfield. She was told by Ag & Markets that she needs a spot for dangerous and sick dogs. She does have a spot, but she would need to divide up the spaces for it. Karlie will provide a cost for presentation to the board. Councilman Ball and Steve Mead expressed concern about spending Town money in a private setting. Supervisor McAvoy reminded them that the Town always does its due diligence to ensure we comply with the law. Let’s get the numbers and then take the next step.

Report: Town Justice

Jane Lindquist reported no report.

Report: Assessor – Brian McAvoy Reported – Notice of final roll was published on the Observer.

Report: Zoning –

Update on Derelict Properties- no update

Report: Code Enforcement –Brian McAvoy reported. 1 building permit.

Update on Fire Inspections & Permits Issued –

Discussion on Town Decisions in Order to Adopt 2025 NYS Building Code- The Town needs to make a decision on smaller buildings. Supervisor McAvoy again stated that Code Enforcement Officer Kelly needs to attend a Board meeting to provide a summary of the code and have an open discussion about any Board concerns. Then, the Town can move forward with adopting the code. Nobody is expecting a disagreement with the code but an understanding, particularly around any decisions the Town needs to make, seems to be a pretty reasonable request. Councilman Ball commented that he has been very impressed with the inspections Officer Kelly has preformed.

Report: Board Members

Polly Gambino Roofing & Siding of Town Barns. Yes, the Town is holding back \$450.00 per week for lateness but we need a deadline. Brian McAvoy responded that we are watching their certified pays, the late fees and the balance of the contract to ensure they are not getting into negative territory. They definitely are not but, yeah - whatever, a deadline makes sense. It was agreed to set Labor Day as the deadline and for Supervisor McAvoy to address that with the contractor.

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 July 2026 Abstract and Pay bills- Motion by Chris Jackson & Larry Ball 2nd. All in Favor.

Motion to Approve Budget Modifications \$895 Contingent to Attorney Fees- Motion by Chris Jackson & Larry Ball 2nd. All in favor.

Resolution for Increase Interfund Transfer Budget \$237,000 for New Truck (Budget Line Clean Up Only)- read resolution & vote. See attached appendix.

Old Business

Plans for Tire Amnesty Day- Workers, Expected Attendance, Traffic Flow, Tables, Chairs, Etc. - Need volunteers. Stephen Mead & Alex Gizowski said they would be there. Jane Lindquist & Brian McAvoy said they would bring tables.

100 Dog Certificates- Brian McAvoy will print them out & get them ready.

Town Hall/Court/Community Center Update-

Furniture- Try for grant to help get. Brian McAvoy to send Polly Gambino details and asked her to work with Lacy Gross on furniture plans.

Salt Storage Shed & New State Requirements- Water Quality Improvement Project- Nothing happening.

Investment Policy Update- nothing

Comprehensive Plan Update- nothing.

New Business

Insurance Renewal- McAvoy and Waldron have been working to provide the agent with our updated footprint and equipment list. McAvoy asked for Board approval to accept if the offer fell within 5% of the budget and not delay the renewal. The Board declined to offer McAvoy that latitude so this decision will be pushed out until August. Stephen Mead commented that insurance, to his knowledge, needs quotes. Brian McAvoy & Larry Ball both commented that no, bids are not required for professional services.

Motion to Approve Supervisor Remove Town Owned Properties from Ag District- Brian McAvoy- I think it's the right thing to do. Motion to Approve Supervisor Remove Town owned Properties From ag District- Motion by Larry Ball & Polly Gambino 2nd. All in favor.

Resolution Supporting NYAOT Bill of Rights- Asked us to do. Went over Bill of Rights, changed some wording. But agree we should vote and do. See attached appendix.

Resolution for Public Hearing on Adopting 2025 NYS Building Code Law- Push out a month.

Revisit Veteran's Tax Exemption- Supervisor McAvoy suggested that the Town proceed with these exemptions. With the caps that are in place and the equalization effect, the money is not life changing but is still the right thing to do. McAvoy will have a draft law for review at the next board meeting. If we move quickly, Veterans could receive this for 2028.

Public Comment-

Stephen Mead- Somebody said we would be painting our current Town Hall chairs. They tip easily.

Brian McAvoy- It was just an idea. Agree we probably ought to invest in new and better chairs and probably don't need as many.

Motion to Adjourn Regular Meeting and Open Executive Session with No New Business to Follow- Motion by Larry Ball & Polly Gambino 2nd. All in favor.

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

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