



Town of Arkwright

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Chautauqua County, NY

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL M. WENDEL JR.'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY FUND TO ENCOURAGE SHARED SERVICES, MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS, AND DISSOLUTIONS

At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Arkwright, held on the 13th day of October, 2025, at the Arkwright Town Hall, the following resolution was duly adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town of Arkwright realized years ago that the family dairy farms which had been the economic engine of the municipality were sadly disappearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town grasped an opportunity to host one of the first wind farms in the area, solidifying a period of much needed additional revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Town's portion of taxpayer burden has been reduced 22% since the wind farm became operational; and

WHEREAS, the Town has increased miles of paved roadways, upgraded highway equipment and made improvements to the highway garage; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received positive feedback from residents to support building a new Town Hall/Courthouse/Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been approached by an adjacent Town with the interest of merging courts once a modern courthouse can be ready; and

WHEREAS, the Town is engaging with another adjacent Town to enter into a shared arrangement for the Assessor's Office as well as Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Arkwright believes that government efficiency doesn't need to come in the form of fewer *local* services to taxpaying residents but, rather, by smart sharing of administrative space and services; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. has proposed the creation of a Government Efficiency Fund to assist municipalities in covering the upfront costs associated with exploring shared services, consolidations, mergers, and dissolutions with the goal of this fund being to reduce redundancies, streamline operations, and eliminate duplicate efforts, ultimately leading to significant cost savings; and

WHEREAS, such a fund would provide critical financial support for feasibility studies, legal and administrative costs, and other necessary steps that often present a barrier to initiating conversations about restructuring and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Arkwright believes that a modern building in the heart of the Town would provide an ideal venue to host the administrative functions of a reimagined local government structure,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Arkwright hereby expresses its full support for County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr.'s proposal to establish a Government Efficiency Fund to aid local governments in pursuing shared services and structural reform initiatives; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Arkwright is committed to being an active and willing partner in future discussions and explorations of shared services, consolidations, mergers, or dissolutions, where such actions may benefit taxpayers and enhance government effectiveness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will send a certified copy of this resolution to all neighboring municipalities within Chautauqua County, inviting them to consider whether there may be mutual interest in exploring opportunities for shared services, consolidations, mergers, or dissolutions. The Town of Arkwright is open to engaging in discussions with any interested municipalities and is committed to working cooperatively to identify ways we can improve efficiency, reduce costs, and *better serve our residents*. We extend this invitation in the spirit of collaboration and fiscal responsibility, and welcome any communities who may wish to explore these possibilities together.

October 13, 2025

Moved: Larry Ball Seconded: Chris Jackson

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, Town Clerk Jane Lindquist 10-13-2025