

MINUTES – TOWN OF ALLEGANY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026, 6:00 PM TOWN HALL

PRESENT WERE:

Supervisor McPherson	Town Clerk G. Straub
Councilman Nazemetz	Councilman Cooper
Councilman Giardini	Councilman Maguire
Comptroller D. Piccioli	Hwy. Superintendent Moshier
Cemetery Superintendent Guthrie	

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Ashby (Climate Smart), Alaina Ruffino (SBU), Rory Senft (SBU), Emma Affronti (SBU)

6:00 – PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT

The Public Hearing remains open.

Salute to the Flag opened the meeting

#63 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 14, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Supervisor McPherson to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing. 2nd by Councilman Nazemetz.

McPherson-aye, Nazemetz-aye, Maguire-aye, Cooper-aye, Giardini-aye. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

#64 – MOTION TO HIRE COLLIN ROUNSVILLE AS A MECHANIC

Motion by Supervisor McPherson to hire Collin Rounsville as a mechanic at a starting rate of \$29.53/hour, effective 4/6/2026. A 6-month probationary period from 4/6/2026 to 10/6/2026. 2nd by Councilman Cooper. McPherson-aye, Nazemetz-aye, Maguire-aye, Cooper-aye, Giardini-aye. CARRIED.

#65 – MOTION TO HIRE MARLENE LAYFIELD-ELLIS AS A PART-TIME RECREATION WORKER

Motion by Supervisor McPherson to hire Marlene Layfield-Ellis as a part-time recreation worker at an hourly rate of \$17.50/hour, effective 5/1/2026. A 6-month probationary period from 5/1/26-11/1/26. 2nd by Councilman Maguire. McPherson-aye, Nazemetz-aye, Maguire-aye, Cooper-aye, Giardini-aye. CARRIED.

#66 – MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON 5/12/2026 AT 6 PM ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2026

Motion by Supervisor McPherson to schedule a public hearing on 5/12/2026 at 6PM on proposed Local Law 3 of 2026, to prohibit the development of data centers in the town. 2nd by Councilman Nazemetz. McPherson-aye, Nazemetz-aye, Maguire-aye, Cooper-aye, Giardini-aye. CARRIED.

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- Discuss water line replacement at the cemetery

New construction at the cemetery has caused the water line to stop functioning. This will be fixed, and new hydrants to get water for flowers will be put in.

#67 – MOTION TO APPOINT RON GILBERT TO THE PLANNING BOARD TO FILL THE VACANCY ENDING 12/31/2028

Motion by Supervisor McPherson to appoint Ron Gilbert to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy ending 12/31/2028. 2nd by Councilman Nazemetz. McPherson-aye, Nazemetz-aye, Maguire-aye, Cooper-aye, Giardini-aye. CARRIED.

#68 – MOTION TO MEET THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH ONLY FROM MAY TO AUGUST OF 2026

Motion by Councilman Nazemetz to meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month only, from May to August of 2026. 2nd by Councilman Cooper. McPherson-aye, Nazemetz-aye, Maguire-aye, Cooper-aye, Giardini-aye. CARRIED.

- Olean Sewer Litigation

Supervisor McPherson reported that he sent a letter to the City of Olean requesting a meeting to discuss resolution of the ongoing sewer litigation. As part of the proposed settlement, the Town of Allegany offered to pay double the Town's current sewer bill to resolve the dispute. The City of Olean declined the request to meet.

- Little League parking on Birch Run

Supervisor McPherson will reach out to the County Sheriff's office to ask them not to write tickets for parking on Birch Run Road for the Little League opening day ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fourth of July celebration updates

Supervisor McPherson met with the Village of Allegany Mayor, John Kolkowski, as well as Gordon Scott from the Allegany Fire Department. They agreed on a Fourth of July Celebration to be held on July 3rd from 7-10pm. Main Street will be blocked off from 2nd Street to 5th Street, with live music at the Town Hall gazebo, and the open container law lifted.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Building/Grounds & Safety – Greg & Chris

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Highway – Chris & Craig

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Parks & Cemetery – Greg & Alex

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Personnel – Andy & Chris

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Recreation – Greg & Andy

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- Technology – Craig & Andy
- Union Negotiation – Chris & Alex
- Water/Sewer – Chris & Craig

FROM THE FLOOR - none

#69 – MOTION TO ADJOURN THE ENTIRE MEETING AT 6:26 PM

Motion by Councilman Nazemetz to adjourn the entire meeting at 6:26 PM. 2nd by Councilman Maguire. McPherson-aye, Nazemetz-aye, Maguire-aye, Cooper-aye, Giardini-aye. CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace C. Straub, Town Clerk

4/28/2026