

August 12th 2026

Supervisor Roach opened the meeting of the Sheridan Town Board at 7:00 PM in the Sheridan Town Hall. Those present: Councilwoman Yerico, Councilmen Sutton, White, and Gentry; and Highway Supt Feinen (arrived 7:30). There were 6 residents present, 1 reporter from the Dunkirk Observer.

Councilwoman Yerico led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The floor was opened to the public.

Cheryl Lokietek-Hilliker and Mrs. Cash addressed the Rt. 20 drainage situation, any updates? Supervisor Roach stated that not much was new since the last meeting and that he, Hwy. Supervisor Feinen and Councilman White had a Webx meeting on Monday 8/10/26 that explained what the DOT plans were – Jeff Feinen will have more info on that. He also stated that the town needs to get easements to proceed with new drainage and ditch work and he is hoping that that work will resolve a lot of the problems. Jeff Feinen will be working on contacting residents about the easements. Mr. Feinen has also been in touch with NYS Soil and Water for info and help. Council stated that they felt NYS is acting quicker than anticipated and finds that encouraging. The residents asked if there was a timeline for any movement and are hopeful things will be moving by this fall. Mrs. Cash said she will follow up on timeline info. Supervisor Roach also stated that they are hoping to redo what's there rather than it all be completely new work for cost effectiveness, the pipe will be new however. Mrs. Cash asked if the Hamlets and Agri America had been contacted, Supervisor Roach said they had been but did not know what was determined. He said Jeff Feinen might know more on that. Mrs. Cash asked if the drainage district could be expanded or could they form their own drainage district. Supervisor Roach stated that he had asked Attorney Passafaro that question and he was advised that it was ideal to hook into the existing system but he is researching it further as well. Councilwoman Yerico stated that there is lots happening quickly and we have to wait a bit and see how things begin to play out. Mrs. Cash was recognized for all of the work and research she has done – contacting County and State representatives and people affected in this situation. Councilman White stated that he had been informed that certain property owners in the Rt. 20 drainage situation had added fill on their property that diverted the water in a way that adds to the drainage problem potentially with no permit to make the changes. Soil and Water will have to look into that. It was also stated that there are 3 Beaver Dams that may also be adding to the problem and that if the dams are 3 years old or older they cannot be destroyed or removed. In closing

the drainage topic Supervisor Roach stated again that there are lots of factors in play, also credited George Borello for his responsiveness. Supervisor Roach said he will update residents and that Highway Supervisor Feinen will also be reaching out and working on the easements.

Marge Kaczor from Route 5 stated that a flood had washed out her boat launch, the erosion continues, brown water and that NYS has not been helpful – not trenched any ditches or resolved any of the issues. Mrs. Kaczor asked Mrs. Cash how she contacted people and agencies and received help because she felt that their project was moving quickly. She asked if petitions had been signed. She was informed that no petitions had been signed but names and info had been sent to offices of Borello, Langworthy, and many others and that she continues to follow up. Mrs. Cash offered to share her information with Mrs. Kaczor. Supervisor Roach stated that it all takes time. He also stated that the LWRP (Local Waterfront Revitalization Project) and the county economic development agency have money to begin a study on the waterfront from Dunkirk to Silver Creek studying the shoreline stabilization and erosion, also including Eagle Bay improvements, DOT Vegetation control, ATV and snowmobile trails, and possible industrial development on the north and south sides of the railway. Mrs. Kaczor went on to state that she is planning on reopening her boat launch for non- motorized lake vessels – such as kayaks. She also intends to open a bait shop and have kayak rentals. She plans on replacing the building that was destroyed by the flooding that occurred in December. She is looking into grants for revitalization projects along the waterfront. Supervisor Roach informed her that this falls under the LWRP but Mrs. Kaczor said she can't see any information for Dunkirk or Sheridan and was advised to contact the IDA. Mrs. Kaczor reiterated that she feels NYS isn't doing enough for storm damage, Supervisor Roach stated he had flooding 3 x at his home on Swamp Road and nothing can be done – she is not the only one affected. Mrs. Kaczor stated that she doesn't feel it's the same thing because of her location on Rt. 5 and it being a highway and it being closed due to flooding isn't good. Councilman White suggested that Mrs. Kaczor also contact Senator Borello, she said she has and they sent Soil and Water but that they can't help her. Supervisor Roach said we (Town of Sheridan) really have no control over the situation, she stated we need to ask for more help.

Mrs. Lokietek-Hillker at this time expressed her thanks for all of the help and work the town is providing to the Rt. 20 residents who are having the drainage issues.

At this time Pam Burmaster from Liberty Vineyards stating that the Wicked Wine Run that was cancelled this past July due to air quality wanted to be rescheduled for October. The board approved the reschedule stating it had previously been approved,

this was just a reschedule. Mrs. Burmaster stated that the committee is already interested in next year – July 2027 for the second run. The board said to get through this first run and then they will readdress next year.

Tom Saletta mentioned that some of the flags in town look shabby and need to be replaced. He also asked if he could donate towards them but Councilwoman Yerico said we have a budget for them.

As there was no one wishing to speak further, Supervisor Roach closed the floor to the public at 7:35 PM.

Copies of the minutes of from last month's meeting had been distributed to all Town Board members prior to the meeting. Councilman Gentry made a motion to accept the minutes as reviewed. Councilman White seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

Copies of the Financial Report were also distributed prior to this meeting. Councilwoman Yerico made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilman White seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of "aye".

After having reviewed the bills, Councilwoman Yerico made a motion to pay General Fund vouchers 194 through 213 for a total of \$75,655.47, Highway Fund vouchers 100 through 114 for a total of \$136,543.29, Special District voucher numbers 20 to 21 for a total of \$22,282.38, and Capital District Voucher number 28 for a total of \$318,555.00. Councilman Gentry seconded the motion. Resolution #40-8/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", Councilman White votes "aye", Councilman Gentry votes "aye", and Supervisor Roach votes "aye".

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Justice Szumigala reports 149 Vehicle and Traffic law cases received, 150 disposed of; 3 REG laws received; 2 Penal laws received, 5 disposed of; 1 PHL disposed of; and 1 Environmental Conservation Law disposed of for the month of July. A total of \$16,801.00 was collected and turned over for distribution.

Code Enforcement Officer Crowell reports 12 building permit applications, 4 certificates of occupancy, 3 certificates of compliance, 18 inspections on construction, 6 public safety

inspection, 5 investigations of a complaint, and 5 notices of violation. 53 miles travelled, 123.5 hours worked, and took in a total of \$1,282.50 for the month of July.

Highway Superintendent Feinen reported that crews installed the pipe on Newell Rd., paved it and it's ready to open fully once guard rails are set. Oiled Christy, Stone Quarry and Straight Rds. Finished and sent an application for the salt building grant with soil and water. August 3rd Mitchell Gage started. Had a meeting with the State regarding the drainage issues on Route 20. Helped other towns and the county oil and pave.

Dog Control Officer Welka reported for July, 13 calls and 5 dogs picked up 1 Shar Pei transferred to Lakeshore Humane Society and adopted, a German Shepherd also adopted, 2 Pitbulls that were returned to their owner and a husky mix returned to its owner.

Town Clerk Schafer reports a total of \$341.50 was taken in for the month of July. \$335.00 was turned over to the General Fund, \$29.00 was sent out to NYS Department of Ag and Markets for dog licenses, \$22.50 was sent out the NYS Department of Health.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

North County Water: Councilman Gentry stated when he tried to refill the Sheridan Fire Department Tanker from the hydrant at Christy Rd. and Route 20, there was extremely low pressure and it needs to be addressed quickly. He said if there was ever a fire at Sullivans that the hydrant would be of no use. He also stated that he went to the airport to refill and was told by Bryan Purol that they couldn't use their hydrant. Councilman Gentry stated that is something that needs to be talked about.

OLD BUSINESS:

The brickwork at the Community Center is complete along with the eaves on the Court House that had been damaged by snow and ice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman White made a motion to lease a Ricoh IM3500 copier at the same monthly rate plus a one-time \$95.00 documentation fee. Councilman Gentry seconded the motion. Resolution #41-8/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", Councilman White votes "aye", Councilman Gentry votes "aye", and Supervisor Roach votes "aye".

Councilman Gentry made a motion to correct Resolution #15-2/2026 “Jasmine Swartz, Youth Recreation Director at a salary of \$10,500”, to reflect the appropriate pay rate as follows; Jasmine Swartz Youth Recreation Director to be paid \$20.00 an hour, and helpers to receive minimum wage. Councilwoman Yerico seconded the motion. Resolution #42-8/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Councilman Sutton made a motion to authorize reducing the bond from \$487,000 to \$445,000. Process schedule as follows 8/18 Approval of Sale Notice, 8/19 Notice of Sale to Potential Bidders, 8/27 Sale of Bonds and make award, 8/28 Supervisor and Town Clerk to sign closing documents, 9/15 Closing and Funds into our bank account. Councilman White seconded the motion. Resolution #43-8/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Councilman Sutton made a motion to hire Mitchell Gage for the open full-time Motor Equipment Operator position, at a rate of \$22.52 an hour. Councilman White seconded the motion. Resolution #44-8/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes “aye”, Councilman Sutton votes “aye”, Councilman White votes “aye”, Councilman Gentry votes “aye”, and Supervisor Roach votes “aye”.

Councilman Gentry stated that a sign erected by Mr. Nalbene on Route 20 needs to be moved as it obstructs the view on Route 20 and is dangerous.

Councilmen White, Gentry, and Councilwoman Yerico will be attending a NYS Battery Storage workshop Friday 8/14/2026 in Celoron, NY.

Highway Supervisor Feinen would like to attend the Fall Conference in Saratoga Springs at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00 that would come from his Highway Budget. He stated that he attended last year and felt it was worthwhile to attend again. It was suggested that he make the reservation.

Councilman White asked if there was any progress on the Farmingdale Rd. (Szukala) situation – still in progress. Mr. Szukala stated he has a dumpster on the property to start cleaning up. Sheriffs were called to move a car that was parked in the roadway but they notified Mr. Szukala who did move the vehicle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Workshop meeting will be August 26th at 7 PM.

Next Board meeting September 9th at 7 PM.

Councilman Gentry made a motion to end the meeting. Councilman White seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Town Clerk Mleczko