

September 9, 2026

Deputy Supervisor Gentry opened the meeting of the Sheridan Town Board at 7:00 PM in the Sheridan Town Hall. Those present: Councilwoman Yerico, Councilmen Sutton, and White; Highway Superintendent Feinen, and Code Enforcement Officer Crowell.

Deputy Supervisor Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The floor was opened to the public.

Marguerite Kaczor from Route 5 was present to discuss the top of soil erosion along Lake Erie from St. Columbans to her house. She asked if someone could call NYS to see if the drainage pipe under route 5 is clean. Highway Superintendent Feinen stated he called to ask about drainage after the last meeting, the sign on Newell Rd. that was blocking the view, and they weed eated at the pawn shop. He has not heard back from them about the drainage pipe on Route 5. Ms. Kaczor stated he was worried about flooding and asked if there was a way to get FEMA assistance. Highway Superintendent Feinen stated that FEMA only comes out when there is a declared emergency and they need, be believes, 15 million dollars worth in damage for our County. Ms. Kaczor brought up the issue of trees that had died and fallen in the creek and asked about getting them cleaned out. Hwy. Supt. Feinen stated that a municipality cannot go into the creek and clear it out.

Rick Heald from Route 20 stated he had just had a new furnace and hot water tank put in. He stated that two meetings ago the Town Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro. Deputy Superintendent Gentry stated he didn't have that information available to him. Mr. Heald questioned if Attorney Passafaro was contacted about getting involved with the drainage district. Due to Supervisor Roach not being available for the meeting, it was unknown what had been discussed prior to the meeting. Councilwoman Yerico stated she received a letter from Senator George Borello stated that the DOT is working on a solution. Town Clerk Schafer read from the August minutes "Supervisor Roach stated he had asked Attorney Passafaro that question, he was advised it was ideal to hook into the existing system but he is researching it further". Mr. Heald stated that Chautauqua County Water and Soil has done nothing, that they are upsetting the Hamlets. That no one has reached out to Agri-America. He stated he stepped up and stated that he is "lucky that Turf-Tenders services a lot of powerful people" and he reached out to "John Deere site one to give me a cost of what it would tie to Pitt Rd." and he reached out to a good friend of his Scott Marsh who can do it, and see how much it would cost. He plans

on approaching St. George as he has equipment and is local, and he wants to get it done. With the Hamlet Lake and other end, he watches as the heavy rains come, you can see it in summer with the run-off it can be easily tied in with the diversion ditch on the old Yonkers farm. He has a professional engineer coming out from New Jersey who deals with townships and municipalities. He stated they need to form a "water district" on their own. Highway Supt. Feinen stated he talked with Kathy Keddie and she is ok to move forward with the right of way through her rental property. He stated that the State is aware of that, and he hasn't heard back after informing them of the possibility of an easement with Kathy Keddie. Mr. Heald asked if there was "anything wrong with me reaching out with Jeffrey Passafaro. Since I'm not getting anything from the board can I do a personal". Councilwoman Yerico stated that he has every right to. Deputy Town Supervisor Gentry stated that if he was a good friend why wouldn't you. He stated he will follow up with Supervisor Roach on the subject. After significant back and forth discussion Deputy Town Supervisor Gentry stated that the designation three minutes had been over for quite some time and that the board needed to move on to other items of discussion. Mr. Heald then interrupted to the meeting stating "Hey Meta take a video". Marguerite Kaczor then asked if anyone sent out a letter for drainage on Route 5. Councilwoman Yerico stated that the letter regarding the Route 20 issues was written by the residents themselves.

Youth Recreation Coordinator Jasmine Swartz gave her report for Youth Recreation. She stated that the kids stated they want to come back and bring their friends as well. She would like to keep charging out of district kids. She is planning for next summer, and plans on changing up the format of the forms. Youth Recreation turned out great and the parents are giving great reviews. Councilwoman Yerico brought up the discussion about bussing for short trips and that the cost of the bus for Waldameer came out to \$502.00. Ms. Swartz stated that there are some costs from this year for supplies that should be able to continue over to next year allowing for some room in the budget for that. She stated that parents like the flexibility of the program, which allows kids to come and go as needed.

Weston Hillegas from RIC Energy, he is asking for a one-year extension on his special use permit as it has taken more time than anticipated working with National Grid. Deputy Town Supervisor Gentry stated it is on the agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting.

As there was no one wishing to speak further, Deputy Town Supervisor Gentry closed the floor to the public at 7:29 PM.

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

Copies of the Financial Report were also distributed prior to this meeting. Councilman White made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilwoman Yerico 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 219 through 241 for a total of \$24,648.93, Highway fund voucher numbers 115 through 131 for a total of \$195,523.55, Special District Voucher numbers 22 to 24 for a total of \$6,180.63, and Capital District Voucher number 29 for a total of \$800.00. Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Resolution #45-9/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", Councilman White votes "aye", and Deputy Town Supervisor Gentry votes "aye".

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Justice Szumigala reports 149 Vehicle and Traffic law cases received, 141 disposed of; 4 Penal law cases received, 7 disposed of for the month of August. A total of \$15,949.00 was collected and turned over for distribution.

Code Enforcement Officer Crowell reports 10 building permit applications received, 6 certificates of occupancy, 1 certificate of compliance, 18 inspections on construction, 1 public safety inspection, 2 investigations of a complaint, 1 notice of violation, 1 stop work order, 1 address change, and 1 property investigation; travelled 73 miles, and worked 66.5 hours. A total of \$555.00 was taken in and turned over for distribution.

Highway Superintendent Feinen reports crews fixed a driveway pipe on Middle Rd. Cut some shoulders, put some check dams in, need to do more shoulder cutting up there, there is a high ridge and it will be a little more involved. The Newell Rd. pipe is pretty much complete, put the rails in. Westfield came out and helped us, they had a plate damper for the excavator, that worked really nice. The only thing left to do there is pour concrete on the head wall and that will be complete. Today crews paved a section of East Middle Rd. from Aldrich to the dead end. Truck 17 that he thought the hydraulic pump was bad was taken to FPS Hydraulics in Sardinia and asked them if they could run some pressure tests on the hydraulic pump, it tested perfect. They did some trouble shooting and there is a toggle switch under the plow controls which

shuts off the flow of oil, that was switched on for some reason. Truck 58 is at DeMarco's getting a clutch put in, they are just finishing that up. Did talked with Kathy Keddie about establishing a right-of-way through her rental property between her and Hohenstein, she is ok with that. Need the board's permission to pursue that. Sure we will have to do a survey and some legal wranglings. Don't know if we need a resolution for that. Unknown what it is going to cost. The state would like him to secure the right-of-way. Some discussion was held on the proper steps going forward. Hwy. Supt. Feinen stated he brought up attending the fall conference in Saratoga Springs last month. It is September 29th through October 2nd. He doesn't have an exact cost. Would like a resolution to allow him to go. There is a resolution to be brought up later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Reports had been made earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Sutton made a motion to approve a one-year extension of approval issue to Sheridan II, PV, LLC. Councilwoman Yerico seconded the motion. Resolution #46-9/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", Councilman White votes "aye", and Deputy Supervisor Gentry votes "aye".

Councilwoman Yerico made a motion to allow Code Enforcement Officer Crowell to attend Code Enforcement training September 16th through the 18th at a total cost of \$350. Councilman White seconded the motion. Resolution #47-9/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", Councilman White votes "aye", and Deputy Supervisor Gentry votes "aye".

Councilman White made a motion to allow Highway Superintendent Feinen to attend the Fall Conference in Saratoga Springs at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00 that would come from his Highway Budget. Councilwoman Yerico seconded the motion. Resolution #48-9/2026 passed with the following roll-call vote: Councilwoman Yerico votes "aye", Councilman Sutton votes "aye", Councilman White votes "aye", and Deputy Supervisor Gentry votes "aye".

Budget information is forthcoming.

Teamsters Contract is not done yet, but on the way to getting it straightened out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Workshop meeting will be September 23rd at 7 PM.

Next Board meeting will be October 14th at 7 PM.

Councilman White made a motion to end the meeting. Councilman Sutton seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk Schafer