

The March meeting of the Town of Scipio, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Office, 3705 State Rte. 34, Scipio Center, NY 13147, on March 12, 2025.

Present:

Gary Mutchler, Supervisor Susan Allen, Councilperson Jason Botsford, Councilperson
Nancy Hart, Councilperson Melinda Pitman, Councilperson

Others:

Jeff Eaton, Anita Dungey, Ann Robson, Lori Kunert, Connie O'Hearn,

1. Meeting called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Mutchler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Announcements - None
3. Approved the March 2025 meeting agenda.
Motion made by Hart, second by Allen. All in favor. 5/0
4. Issues from town residents – Anita Dungey brought to the board's attention a petition from a group of concerned citizens in Western New York. They are petitioning to immediately suspend, review and revoke Federal Authorization on ongoing permitting processes in connection with the Alle-Catt Wind Project slated for their area and to address constitutional, environmental and health issues.
Lori Kunert, Development Manager for Cordelia, introduced herself and reported their company has purchased the Scipio solar project from SunEast. The permit application is currently under review by the town's engineer and Code Enforcement Officer.
5. **Resolution 2025-23** Approve February 12, 2025 Town Board Meeting minutes.
Motion made by Botsford, second by Allen was:
Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart, Pitman
 Noes 0
6. Officers Reports
 - a. Assessor – No report
 - b. CEO – Report attached to meeting minutes. A proposed revision to the Town of Scipio's Building Permit Fee Schedule was passed out for review, with vote next month.
 - c. Clerk - \$1,714.00 was disbursed to the Town Supervisor for February 2025. The Dog Control Officer reported four stray dogs. Two were collected by their owner and two were transferred to "Fetch A Friend" for adoption. The town's Webmaster submitted a recommendation to upgrade monthly email capacity. This will allow for an increased number of emails to be sent to an increasing number of subscribers/town residents.
Resolution 2025-24 Approve renewing annual subscription with Wix to host the town's website, with the addition of a rider to increase email capacity.
Motion made by Hart, seconded by Pitman was:
Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart, Pitman
 Noes 0
 - d. Highway Superintendent – The Highway crew are checking and washing equipment when not out maintaining town roads. Thanks to the MRB Group

grant writers for assisting the town being awarded a NYSDEC QWIP grant for \$600,000 to replace the dilapidating salt shed.

- e. Attorney – The Local Area Assistance Fund (LAAF), formerly known as the Intervenor Fund for the Agricola Wind Project will be determined/awarded by the Administrative Law Judge within the next few days. The Road Use Agreement continues to be discussed/revised between counsel for Liberty-Renewables and the towns and their attorneys. Regarding the Sholinsky Article 7 Tax Case, the county will be filing a join motion for summary judgement if not settled. The registration for the Renewable Action Through Project Interconnection and Deployment (RAPID) Act meetings is coming to an end. The Scipio Solar Project, now owned by Cordelia, is seeking a six-month extension on their site plan approval from the town’s Planning Board and a minor lot alteration application to enlarge area for the substation on Center Rd.

7. Board Member Reports

- a. Susan Allen – No report
- b. Jason Botsford – Attended the 2025 AOT Conference in NYC, and gathered information on Record Retention Management, and Green Energy.
- c. Nancy Hart – On 4.4.25 the OWLA Public Forum will host Alyssa Johnson, with Community Science Institute, Ithaca, NY., who will present CSI’s programs for Citizen Scientists.
- d. Melinda Pitman – No report

8. Supervisor’s Report

- a. **Resolution 2025 – 25** Amend Budget for Purchasing Red Truck
Debit DA 5112.2 Improvements Capital Outlay \$111,000.00
Credit DA 5130.2 Machinery Equipment
Motion made by Botsford, second by Pitman Was:
Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart, Pitman
 Noes 0

9. Other Business - None

10. Approve the 2025 Abstract 3

- a. **Resolution 2025-26** Approved General Fund; vouchers 33-50, total \$25,125.84
Motion made by Pitman, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart, Pitman
 Noes 0
- b. **Resolution 2025 – 27** Approved Highway Fund; vouchers 21-25, total \$1,425.13.
Motion made by Allen, second by Pitman was:
Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart, Pitman
 Noes 0

11. Next meeting – Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7pm.

12. Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn by Pitman at 8:28pm. All in favor 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Robson, Town Clerk

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PERMITS ISSUED:

25-2 Scipio Fire Company, 3550 State Route 34, 54" x 96"
Electronic sign to replace existing 34" x 96" sign.

Scipio Planning board review:

February 26, 2025 meeting – approved site plan for a proposed Addition from David and Marci Snyder, 83 Fire Lane 21. Approved minor lot alterations for Lavern Kurtz – 1798 Center Road and Matthew and Susan Peachey – 145 Woodland Drive. Next meeting scheduled for March 26, 2025.

ZBA review:

No meeting held in March 2025. Next meeting scheduled for April 1, 2025, if needed.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

I prepared an updated permit fee schedule for the Town Board to consider adopting. The permit fee schedule was last updated on March 13, 2014.

I attended online training – Water Based Fire Protection Systems – Part 1 on February 20, 2025, sponsored by the Central Chapter of NYSBOC (New York State Building Officials Conference).

I attended online training – Navigating the New Freshwater Wetlands Regulations (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) on February 27, 2025, sponsored by the New York State Planning Federation.

Respectfully submitted 03/12/2025.

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