

Town of Scipio February 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The February 2026 meeting of the Town Board of Scipio, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Scipio Town Office, 3705 State Rte. 34, Scipio Center, NY 13147, on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. It had been rescheduled from February 11, 2026 due to inclement weather and travel advisory for the area.

Present: Gary Mutchler, Supervisor Susan Allen, Councilperson
Nancy Hart, Councilperson Dan McGarry, Councilperson
Excused: Melinda Pitman, Councilperson
Others: Rolland Dodge, Bill Hall, Ann Robson, Jeff Eaton, Cody Rossbach

1. Supervisor Mutchler called the February 2026 Town Board meeting to order at 7pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Approve the February 18, 2026 meeting agenda.
Motion made by Allen, second by Hart. All in favor 4/0
3. Issues from town residents: Cody Rossbach, 2716 Sherwood Rd. spoke on the rising electricity rates and delivery costs. He referred to the Town of Cincinnatus who passed a resolution urging immediate review of electricity delivery charges, demanding improved cost control and transparency and authorizing formal complaints to the NYS Public Service Commission regarding the escalating cost of electricity. Town Attorney Eaton explained the town has no power to set rates and charges with the energy companies. The Town Board requested he prepare a similar resolution to be reviewed and discussed next month.
4. **Resolution 2026-10** Approve January 14, 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes
Motion by Allen, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0
5. Officer Reports
 - a. Assessor – Reported processing exemption renewal applications for seniors and agland. Deadline is March 2.
 - b. CEO – Printed report attached.
 - c. Clerk - \$3605.75 was disbursed to the Town Supervisor from January 2026. Local Laws #1 and #2 of 2026 were approved and filed with the NYS Department of State. 79% of the tax bills have been paid and processed to date. The town’s website had 259 people visit the site for a total of 334 visits in December 2025. The Dog Control officer reported 2 complaints and 1 lost and found.
 - d. Highway Superintendent – The crew has been busy snow plowing and repairing equipment, The REACT Blade System was explained to members of the town board. These blades are outfitted with 12" blade sections that independently conform to the changing road surface. These smaller 12" blades maintain better contact with the crowned road surface, ensuring better removal of snow. Grant monies are available through the county SWCD to cover 75% of the cost of this new type of blade. One set has been ordered with the grant funding available. Plans are to order a second set of blades after the initial set comes in. It was announced that Advocacy Day in Albany, NY is March 4, 2026.
 - e. Attorney – It was reported the Solar Array project on Center Rd. has requested a landscaping change order to plant 416 skyrocket junipers and 415 ink berry holly trees along the perimeter. There has been no movement regarding the Agricola Wind Project Appeal, while there have been two productive discussions on the Road Use Agreement. The Host Community Agreement draft is mostly complete and conversation on the PILOT

plan is progressing. These agreements should be in place before the project gets approved. It is forecasted the Agricola project may start during Q1 of 2027.

6. Board Member Reports
 - a. Susan Allen – With the current Casella contract expiring in April 2026, requests are being sent to other vendors to bid on providing service to the town for recyclable and trash removal.
 - b. Nancy Hart – Reported the OWLA Bob Brower Scientific Symposium is planned for Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 9 am-noon at the Auburn Public Theater with hybrid option. Register at owla.org, CWIO and the Citizens Science Institute, Ithaca, NY are providing free bottles for water testing,
 - c. Dan McGarry – No report
 - d. Melinda Pitman – No report
7. Supervisor’s Report – Reported the new townofscipiony.gov emails are in effect. The town’s website has been updated to www.townofscipiony.gov.
8. Other Business – Highway Superintendent Hall informed the Town Board of his concerns with activities on Ensenore Rd. First concern is with the dozens of cars parking on Ensenore Rd where ice fisherman gain access to the lake. No parking signs have been installed. Second concern regards land use activities adjacent to the boat launch area and the landowner to the south. Town Attorney Eaton was asked to contact Region 7 DEC to question any permit applications from the property owner. Supervisor Mutchler announced grant monies for energy efficient heat pumps and will be reviewing the feasibility for the town’s grant application.
9. Review of 2026 Abstract 2
 - a. **Resolution 2026-11** General Fund – vouchers 21-36, Total: \$6,369.80
Motion made by McGarry, second by Allen was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
 Noes 0
 - b. **Resolution 2026-12** Highway Fund – vouchers 11-17, Total: \$2,943.49
Motion by Mutchler, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
 Noes 0
10. Next Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 7pm
11. Adjournment – Motion made by Hart at 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson
Town of Scipio Clerk

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Monthly Report – February 2026 Town Board Meeting

PERMITS ISSUED:

None.

Scipio Planning board review:

No meeting in January 2026. Next meeting scheduled for February 25, 2026.

ZBA review:

No meeting in February 2026. Next meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Completed 24 hours of NYS approved in-service Code Enforcement Officer training on January 26-29, 2026, in Buffalo, New York. The training was sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association, and provided the training required annually to maintain NYS Code Enforcement certification.

Respectfully submitted 02/11/2026.

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