

Town of Scipio March 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The March 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, March 11, 2026.

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

1. Supervisor Mutchler called the March 2026 Town Board meeting to order at 7:00pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Approve the March 11, 2026 meeting agenda
Motion made by Allen, second by Hart. All in favor. 5/0
3. Issues from town residents – Anita Dungey inquired about the Agricola Wind Project’s Safety Plan concerning fire suppression systems. Attorney Eaton will ask for more specifics as it relates to air quality, PFAS on soil, sheltering in place, and potential well contamination.
4. **Resolution 2026-13** Approve February 18, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.
Motion made by Hart, second by McGarry was:

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| Adopted | Ayes | 4 | Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry |
| | Noes | 0 | |
| | Abstain | 1 | Pitman |
5. Officer Reports
 - a. Assessor – **Resolution 2026-14** Approve Support for an Intermunicipal Grant Application for a Local Government Efficiency Grant from New York State.
Motion made by Pitman, second by Hart was:

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| Adopted | Ayes | 5 | Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry, Pitman |
| | Noes | 0 | |
 - b. CEO – Printed report attached.
 - c. Clerk - \$1,918.00 was disbursed to the Town Supervisor from February 2026.
Correspondence shared: County Planning Department’s Electronics Recycling Event on March 21, 2026 with three drop off locations; County

Health Department's Septic System Inspector Training Course on March 26, 2026. Dog Control Report for February 2026 were two complaints, one dog seized, one sheltered and released after licensing. The Town's Contact List was updated with the new .gov email addresses. The town's website had a 12% increase in visitors in February 2026.

- d. Highway Superintendent – Reported the newly installed reactive plow blades are already saving the town with reduced salt usage. The Town Board was informed of a complaint called into the state DEC and the county Sheriff regarding 32 cars illegally parked on Ensenore Rd. by people on the lake. A new sensor has been installed on the town office's fuel propane tank for notification when fuel levels get low. Seventeen Town Highway Superintendents from Cayuga County traveled to Albany and met with state representatives at their Advocacy Day. DEC will be conducting municipal training on vehicles with weight permits. There was a Fire Extinguisher inspection within the town structures. Eight extinguishers needed to be repaired. Loaners were left in the interim.
- e. Attorney – Attended the AOT Annual Convention in NYC. It was advised that the Tax Collector build up a reserve of pennies as the coin is no longer minted. Representatives from the Towns of Venice and Scipio met with the county attorney, the county IDA and Liberty regarding the Host Community Agreement and the PILOT Agreement. Liberty is proposing to split \$9,000 per MW as follows: \$4,000/MW to each town pursuant to a HCA, \$4,000/MW to the Cayuga County IDA through the PILOT Agreement and \$1,000 per MW to be split between SCIA and the Scipio, Venice, Ledyard Fire District. Liberty will do a road survey this year with the project slated to start Q1 2027.

Resolution 2026-15 A Resolution Strongly Urging Immediate Review of Electric Delivery Charges, Demanding Improved Cost controls and Transparency, and authorizing Formal Complaints to the New York State

Public Service Commission Regarding the Escalating Cost of Electricity.

Motion made by Pitman, second by Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry, Pitman
 Noes 0

6. Board Member Reports

- a. Susan Allen – Upon review of Resolution 2023-4 Town of Scipio Procurement Policy: Guideline 2 (b) Public Works contracts over \$35,000 shall be formally bid pursuant to GML §103. Since the Public Works contract with Casella is not over \$35,000 there is no need to formally bid out this service.
- b. Nancy Hart – Reported on three events related with the Owasco Watershed Lake Association: The Bob Brower Scientific Symposium on March 14, 2026, the Rotary Pancake Breakfast at the Moravia Fire Department on March 28th and a Rotary Chicken BBQ on April 18th at the Moravia Modern Market. Proceeds from the Rotary events will be granted to the OWLA Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Campaign.
- c. Dan McGarry – No report.
- d. Melinda Pitman – Attended the AOT Annual Convention in NYC, representing the town as a voting member during the Business Meeting. NY State Senate Bill 2025-S7501A relating to the third party, county wide assessment of EMS providers throughout NYS has been stalled waiting on budget approval. Concern was expressed that the Southern Cayuga Instant Aide has not been adequately staffed with ALS certified personnel. It was suggested town residents get on the SCIA review committee to ensure quality of care. Open Space is lacking in Scipio. It was suggested to assess the town’s need, and availability of land and create a community recreational space. Professional grant writers would need to be involved in the process with cost projections, project phases and supportive documentation for grant submittal in April 2027. No action was taken.

7. Supervisor’s Report – No modifications to the financial report. AI Data Centers are an immerging topic state-wide. There is current legislation to declare a moratorium.

Town Attorney will study this topic and advise the town board at a future meeting.
Judge Dugan will be away for six weeks and arrangements with the state are progressing to hire a substitute judge for the interim.

8. Other Business - None

9. Review of 2026 Abstract 3

a. Resolution 2026-16 General Fund – vouchers 37-56; Total - \$13,823.71

Motion made by Allen, second by Pitman was:

Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry, Pitman

 Noes 0

b. Resolution 2026=17 Highway fund – vouchers 18-25; Total - \$5,622.26

Motion made by Pitman, second by Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 5 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry, Pitman

 Noes 0

10. Next Town Board meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 7pm

11. Adjournment - Motion made by Pitman at 9:06 pm. all in favor. 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson

Town of Scipio Clerk

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Monthly Report – March 2026 Town Board Meeting

PERMITS ISSUED:

26-1 Nathan Mitchell (Complete Dairy Properties, LLC), 4451 State Route 34, 76' x 80' pole barn.

26-2 Crist Peachey, 3236 Center Road, 60' x 40' pole barn.

26-3 Vansridge Dairy, LLC, 3003 Cork Street, interior alterations.

26-4 David & Marci Snider, 83 Fire Lane 21, addition/alterations.

Scipio Planning board review:

February 25th meeting moved to March 4, 2026. Approved site plan for a detached garage for Nicholas Atkins, 4134 State Route 38. Next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2026.

ZBA review:

March 3, 2026 meeting. Area variance request from Rick & Glenda Ford, Fire Lane 21, to construct a single-family dwelling. Public Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

I completed the New York State Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) Cyber Awareness Training Webinar on February 18, 2026, required for all NYS municipal employees.

Respectfully submitted 03/11/2026.

J. Patrick Doyle, Code Enforcement Officer

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