

Town of Scipio May 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The May 2026 meeting of the Town 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, May 13, 2026.

Present: Gary Mutchler, Supervisor Susan Allen, Councilperson
Nancy Hart, Councilperson Dan McGarry, Councilperson
Absent: Melinda Pitman, Councilperson
Others: Rachel Brenner, Rolland Dodge, Bill Hall, Ann Robson, Melissa Alford, Jackie Dickinson, Jay Franklin, Ron Curvin, Anita Dungey

1. Supervisor Mutchler called the May 2026 Town Board meeting to order at 7:00pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the May 2026 Town Board Meeting Agenda. Motion made by Allen, second by Hart. 4/0 All in favor.
3. Issues from Town Residents – None
4. **Resolution 2026-27** Approve April 8, 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes
Motion made by Hart, second by McGarry was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0
5. **Resolution 2026-28** Approve April 9, 2026 Emergency Town Board Meeting minutes. Motion made by McGarry, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0
6. Discussion: Advanced non-renewable energy generators will be necessary for Data Centers. Nuclear reactor technologies are gaining acceptance as power sources for Data Centers. Nuclear reactor siting requires large sites and low populations. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission controls licensing and siting is governed by Article 10 of the Public Service Law in NYS. Town of Scipio Planning Board Chair Melissa Alford addressed the Town Board requesting the town’s consideration to impose a moratorium, to give the town time to review the impacts and to approach this with a level of caution.
7. **Resolution 2026-29** Introducing Local Law #3 of 2026, A Local Law Imposing a Twelve (12) Month Moratorium on the Development or Construction of Data Centers, Accessory Data Centers and Cryptocurrency Data Mines Within the Town of Scipio.
Motion made by Allen, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0
8. Officer Reports
 - a. Assessor - Under NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 301(8) when agricultural land is converted to a nonagricultural use, such as the Scipio Solar NY LLC site, a conversion penalty to recover the tax savings from the agricultural

assessment will apply. The ~124.91 acres of land rented by Scipio Solar NY LLC will have a conversion penalty levied on the 2027 Town/County tax bill of \$99,015.61. Grievance Day 2026 is May 28, 2026 at the town office. NYS has taken over the administration of STAR program. Forty-nine change of assessment notices were mailed to all property owners whose assessment changed from the 2025 Final Assessment Roll.

- b. CEO – Written report attached.
 - c. Clerk - \$20,298.00 was disbursed to the town supervisor from April 2026. Dog Control Officer's Report list four complaints, two dogs were seized and sheltered, one was adopted. Effective May 2026 the dog license renewal forms has a space provided where residents can make a contribution to the animal shelter contracted with the town. The town's website had a 26% increase in site sessions in April 2026 from the previous month. The position of Town Deputy Clerk/Registrar remains open. Interested applicants should contact the town supervisor.
 - d. Highway Superintendent – Quarry Rd and a section of Hunter Rd were resurfaced by the crew. There was concern voiced about vehicles disregarding the Road Closed signs and driving through the work area. Thirty fire extinguishers from the town buildings were tested and serviced.
 - e. Attorney – Rachel Brenner attended on Jeff Eaton's behalf. She guided the board on the introduction of Local Law #3 of 2026 and scheduling a Public Hearing at the June meeting. It was announced that Agricola did receive permit approval from the US Fish and Wildlife. The RUA and HCA are waiting for the final comment.
9. Board Member Reports
- a. Susan Allen – A recent NYSDEC Transfer Station Inspection of the facility granted an exemption to regulatory requirement (6NYCRR Part 362-3.2(b)(4)) as there have been no known nuisance odors, litter, vectors or other environmental impacts associated with the facility. Six dumpsters have been reserved for the town's Clean Up Day on 7.18.26.
 - b. Nancy Hart – The Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA) held a watershed Clean Up Day on May 9, 2026. They will present their Annual Report and hold Board of Director elections on June 3, 2026. The OWLA/Chamber of Commerce Business After Five event at the Owasco Yacht Club is planned for Wednesday, 6.24.26 from 5-7pm. CLWIO meets every other month.
 - c. Dan McGarry – No report.
 - d. Melinda Pitman – No report.
10. Supervisor Report –Rising Health Insurance costs for three town employees though the Greater Tompkins Consortium were reviewed.
11. Other Business – Southern Cayuga Instant Aide Executive Director Jackie Dickinson promoted an event at their facility on 5.23.26 from 11am-3pm partnering with Chester's Barn.

12. Review of 2026 Abstract 5

- a. **Resolution 2026-30** General Fund – vouchers 72-90, Total \$14,449.80

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry

 Noes 0

- b. **Resolution 2026-31** Highway Fund – vouchers 35-44, Total \$11,612.90

Motion made by Allen, second by Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Heart, McGarry

 Noes 0

13. Adjournment – At 8:50 pm a motion was made by Hart. All in favor. 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson
Town of Scipio Clerk

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PERMITS ISSUED:

**26-7R Scipio Solar NY LLC, 2941 Center Road, 24 MWDC Solar Farm
(NOTE: Permit renewal – Original Permit #25-15).**

26-8 Mark Malys, 4230 Wyckoff Road, roof.

**26-9 Green Hill Dairy Holdings, LLC, 2416 Mosher Road,
Demolition/removal of single-family residential structure.**

**26-10 Anne & Matthew Scuderi, 3692 Ensenore Road, demolition/removal of
single-family residential structure.**

26-11 Nicholas Atkins, 4134 State Route 38, 28' x 36' detached garage.

26-12 Thomas Clark, 4435 Ridge Road, 16' x 8' deck.

**26-13 SBA Communications, 2523 Quarry Road, upgrades to
existing cell tower.**

26-14 Mark Montgomery, 3329 Wyckoff Road, remove garage.

26-15 Brittany Denman, 3672 Wyckoff Road, install metal roof.

Scipio Planning board review:

**April 22, 2026, meeting - approved site plan for single-family
dwelling for Rick & Glenda Ford, 90 Fire Lane 21. Next meeting
scheduled for May 20, 2026.**

ZBA review:

**No meeting held May 5, 2024. Next meeting scheduled for
June 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., if needed.**

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Respectfully submitted 05/13/2026.

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