

Town of Scipio June 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The June 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, June 10, 2026.

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

1. Supervisor Mutchler called the June 2026 Town Board meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the June 2026 Town Board Meeting Agenda.
Motion made by Allen, second by Pitman. All in favor. 4/0
3. Issues from town residents - Connie Walter inquired if there would be discussion at tonight's meeting on the American Land Rescue Fund Article 78 lawsuit and was informed yes, during the attorney's report.
4. **Resolution 2026-32** Approve May 13, 2026 Town Board meeting minutes.
Motion made by Allen, second by Mutchler was:
Adopted Ayes 3 Mutchler, Allen, Hart
 Noes 0
 Abstain 1 Pitman
5. **Resolution 2026-33** Approve the June 2026 Semi-Annual Town of Scipio Financial Records Review of Bookkeeper, Clerk and Court accounts.
Motion made by Pitman, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, Pitman
 Noes 0
6. Open Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #3 – 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 to open Public Hearing by Hart, second by Pitman. All in favor. 4/0

Town Attorney Eaton explained the reasons for proposing Local Law #3. The Cayuga County GML 239 Review Committee will need to review and approve application prior to the Town Board's vote next month on adopting Local law #3. One public comment was voiced in favor of the town moratorium. No one spoke against the moratorium.

Close Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #3 – 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 to close the Public Hearing by Allen, second by Hart. All in favor. 4/0

7. Officer Reports

- a. Assessor – None
- b. CEO – Report attached
- c. Clerk - \$3,656.50 was disbursed to the Town Supervisor from May 2026. Dog Control Officer reported two complaints and one euthanization. The Town is complying with state GML requirements for maintaining an official website with a “.gov” domain name. A Privacy Policy will be drafted for board review and adoption regarding collected personal information and how it is being used. A FOIL request for Bonds, Oaths and NYMIR Insurance Policies for Town Clerks, Supervisor and Justices is being attended to. A request was made to the Town Board to construct a Records Retention room in the adjacent Highway Garage and hire grant writers to apply for state funds to cover the cost of the HVAC unit and shelving for the Records Retention room.

Motion to form an Ad-Hoc Building Committee to plan the building renovation for the Records Retention room and hire grant writers was made by Pitman, second by Hart. All in favor. 4/0

Motion to appoint Town Board members McGarry and Mutchler to the Ad-Hoc Building Committee was made by Hart and second by Mutchler. All in Favor. 4/0

- d. Highway Superintendent – Reported paving a section of the Scipio/Venice Townline Rd. which by implementing prudent cost saving measures, the expense to the town was \$21,000 under the original bid cost for the job. Reported CHIPS funding is increasing by \$13,000., The town’s trash compactor is reported to have an intermittent electrical malfunction. An electrician was called in to assess; the malfunction was not identified; the electrician will return at next incident. Recently, a fire started in a Casella truck while picking up the town’s trash compactor at the Transfer Station. Town staff used 8 fire extinguishers to put out the fire. Casella has been asked for reimbursement of the expense to recharge the fire extinguishers.
- e. Attorney – Reported Liberty-Renewables has filed a modification in the Agricola project to reduce the number of turbines in the Town of Scipio to eight, from twelve. Final comments to the Road Use Agreement are circulating, and the Host Community Agreement (HCA) is near the final

version. Attorney Eaton requested the Town Board to review the HCA document and submit comments in advance of the July Town Board meeting. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has approved their permit to allow the Agricola project to proceed, though no formal letter has been received. Reported the American Land Rescue Fund Inc. is filing an Article 78 lawsuit against New York State, challenging the SEQRA rules adopted by the Public Service Commission under the RAPID Act and is seeking the Town of Scipio to join as a plaintiff. Town Attorney Eaton cautioned the Town against joining the lawsuit as a plaintiff due to expensive litigation costs and knowing the Town would have little control over the lawsuit. He suggested once the lawsuit is filed, for the Town to adopt a resolution supporting the litigation. Resident Connie Walter spoke in favor of joining now and encouraged the Town to participate as a litigant in this effort.

Motion was made by Hart to support the Town Attorney’s recommendation not to be a plaintiff in the American Land Rescue Fund Article 78 lawsuit, second by Pitman.

Ayes	3	Mutchler, Hart, Pitman
Noes	0	
Abstain	1	Allen

8. Board Member Reports

- a. Susan Allen – Activities at the Transfer Station were previously reported.
- b. Nancy Hart – Requested the Board and Town Attorney review the recommendations from the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Counsel regarding an Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance, encompassing an environmental protection overlay district and revising the Construction Permit paperwork of the Town. Recent watershed violations within the Town were reported and the Town lacks any enforcement mechanism.
- c. Dan McGarry - None
- d. Melinda Pitman - None

9. Supervisor’s Report – Scott Biggar, Liberty Renewables Director of Development has resigned. Meg Lee will assume this role, along with Juliana Heffern, Senior Associate will serve as point of contact with the Town on the Agricola Project.

Resolution 2026 – 34 Request to Amend the Budget

Debit A1990.4	Contingent Account	\$5000.00
Credit A1420.45	Attorney Agricola Wind Project	

Motion made by Mutchler, second by Pitman was:

Adopted	Ayes	4	Mutchler, Allen, Hart, Pitman
	Noes	0	

10. Other Business - None

11. Review of 2026 Abstract 6

- a. **Resolution 2026-35** General Fund – vouchers 91-108, Total: \$14,550.76

Motion to accept made by Pitman, second by Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, Pitman

Noes 0

- b. **Resolution 2026 – 36** Highway Fund – vouchers 45-55, Total: \$317,712.78

Motion to accept made by Mutchler, second by Allen was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, Pitman

Noes 0

12. Next Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:00 pm

13. Adjournment at 8:35pm

Motion made by Pitman, all in favor. 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson
Town of Scipio Clerk

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Monthly Report – June 2026 Town Board Meeting

PERMITS ISSUED:

- 26-16 Howard Evener, 3625 State Route 34, 13' x 20' storage shed.
- 26-17 Anne & Matthew Scuderi, 3692 Ensenore Road, single-family dwelling with attached garage and porches.
- 26-18 Mark Montgomery, 3329 Wyckoff Road, 40' x 24' detached garage.
- 26-19 James Button, 3373 State Route 34, 8' x 12' storage shed.

Scipio Planning board review:

 No May meeting held, as no new applications were received. Next meeting scheduled for June 24, 2026.

ZBA review:

 June 2, 2026, meeting – approval of minutes of previous meeting – no new applications. Next meeting scheduled for July 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., if needed.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Respectfully submitted 06/10/2026.

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