

Town of Scipio August 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The August 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, August 12, 2026.

Present: Gary Mutchler, Supervisor Susan Allen, Councilperson
Nancy Hart, Councilperson Dan McGarry, Councilperson
Absent: Melinda Pitman, Councilperson

Others: Jeff Eaton, Rolland Dodge, Bill Hall, Ann Robson, Connie Walter, Anita Dungey, Shirley Potter, Joanne Nombris, Ellen Clemens, Chris Montreuil, Jerry Marciniac, Dwane Allen, Ann Ormsby

1. Supervisor Mutchler called the August 2026 Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approved the August 2026 Town Board Meeting Agenda
Motion made by Hart, second by McGarry. All in favor. 4/0
3. Issues from town residents: Joanne Nombris voiced her concern with the manner members of the Town Board took, at a previous meeting, in responding to opinions expressed by a town resident regarding the American Land Rescue Fund Article 78 lawsuit. Area residents; Anita Dungey, Connie Walter and Ann Ormsby sought clarification on numerous topics related to the Host Community Agreement (HCA) and the Road Use Agreement (RUA). Town Attorney Eaton responded to each question and reiterated that NYS ORES has already approved the project, and these agreements are meant to safeguard the town.
4. **Resolution 2026-40** Approved July 8, 2026, Town Board Meeting minutes.
Motion made by Allen, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0
5. **Resolution 2026-41** Approve appointing Esther Baker, Town of Scipio Deputy Clerk.
Motion made by Mutchler, seconded by Allen was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0
6. **Resolution 2026 -42** Authorize Deputy Clerk, Esther Baker to Access Town Clerk Account at Cayuga Lake National Bank.
Motion made by Mutchler, second by McGarry was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0

7. **Resolution 2026-43** Approve Host Community Agreement for the Agricola Wind Project, subject to final attorney review and comment.

Motion made by McGarry, second by Hart was:

Adopted	Ayes	3	Mutchler, Hart, McGarry
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	1	Allen

8. Officer Reports

- a. Assessor – No Report
- b. CEO – Report attached to meeting minutes.
- c. Clerk – July 2026 disbursements to the Town Supervisor were \$2,809.00. The Dog Control Officer reported one complaint, one seizure and one redemption. The town's current Dog Control Law - Local Law #2 of 2010 is being reviewed by the attorney. 240 individuals visited the town's website.
- d. Highway Superintendent - reported four miles of town roads were oiled and chipped. The town's RUA for the Agricola Industrial Wind Turbine Project is being circulated for comment. The Altus Scipio Solar project on Center Rd. is coming to completion. Engineering trailers have been removed, and the town received 4000 tons of crushed stone from their cleanup phase. The town's Right of Way dispute on Ensenore Rd. persists. Trees were cut down; town signage was removed and recently landscaping planted on the town's Right of Way occurred. The town attorney and Code Enforcement Officer will review the Zoning Ordinance and the applicant's Site Plan Application for accuracy and validity of boundary lines.
- e. Attorney – Revisions are needed in the town's Dog Control Law. A resolution will be presented in September, with a public hearing scheduled for the October Town Board meeting. The public hearing on the Franchise Agreement with Spectrum was rescheduled to the September Town Board meeting due to an issue with the language of the notice of the public hearing published. In response to the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council's requests, revisions are being prepared for the town's Zoning Ordinance. The town's Planning Board will review these changes and approve them before presenting them to the town board. The Agricola Project's RUA is being circulated for comments. Liberty Renewable is willing to include provisions in the HCA regarding benefit agreements with emergency services and to negotiate separate agreements with the Southern Cayuga Instant Aide, Inc, and the Scipio-Venice-Ledyard Fire District.

9. Board Member Reports

- a. Susan Allen – reported 126 loads of trash were brought to the July 18th Town Clean-up Day. Casella Waste Management has been notified that their drivers need to completely empty all the zero sort containers when picking up the recyclables. The Transfer Station attendant has requested a screen

door for the office and on Saturday, August 29, 2026, the station will close early at noon. Signs for the early closing on August 29th will be posted. It was reported that the town's compactor now has lettering on it to identify the town's ownership.

- b. Nancy Hart – reported a Community Rummage Sale is planned on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 9am – 2pm at the Opendore Museum. Contact Jackie Dickerson for a table.
- c. Dan McGarry – No report.
- d. Melinda Pitman – No report.

10. Supervisor's Report

- a. **Resolution 2026-44** Budget Modification for Expense to Oil and Chip Town Roads.

Debit DA 599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$66,387.70

Credit DA 5112.2 Improvements Capital Outlay

Motion made by Mutchler, second by Allen was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, Pitman

Noes 0

- b. SCAT Van Contract – The town makes an annual \$1500 donation. McGarry requested a breakdown on actual usage by town for this service.

11. Other Business – None

12. Review of 2026 Abstract 8

- a. **Resolution 2026-45** General Fund – vouchers 126-146; Total \$16,861.64

Motion made by Hart, second by Allen was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry

Noes 0

- b. **Resolution 2026-46** Highway Fund – vouchers 63-69; Total \$82,196.33

Motion made by Allen, second by McGarry was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry

Noes 0

13. Next Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 7:00 pm

14. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm was made by Mutchler, second by McGarry. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson, Town Clerk

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Monthly Report – August 2026 Town Board Meeting

PERMITS ISSUED:

- 26-21 **Andrew Millier (Lakeview Mobile Manor, LLC), 15 Lakeview Circle, install single-wide mobile home on piers.**
- 26-22 **Stephen & Kimberly Tratt, 2545 Center Road, roof.**
- 26-23 **James Button, 3373 State Route 34, roof.**
- 26-24 **Donna Reid, 188 Sherwood Road, 12' x 16' deck.**
- 26-25 **Russell & Patricia Decker, 2914 Cork Street, roof.**

Scipio Planning board review:

July 22, 2026, meeting – no applications to review, discussed upcoming training opportunities. Next meeting scheduled for August 26, 2026.

ZBA review:

No August meeting was held, as no new applications were received. Next meeting scheduled for September 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., if needed.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Respectfully submitted 08/12/2026.

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