

Town of Scipio April 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The April 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, April 8, 2026.

Present: Gary Mutchler, Supervisor Susan Allen, Councilperson
Nancy Hart, Councilperson Dan McGarry, Councilperson
Excused: Melinda Pitman, Councilperson
Others: Jeff Eaton, Rolland Dodge, Bill Hall, Ann Robson, Connie Walter, Anita
Dungey, Joanne Nombri, Jerry Marciniak, Shirley Potter, Tracey Mosher

1. Supervisor Mutchler called the April 2026 Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the April 2026 Town Board Meeting Agenda.
Motion made by Hart, second by McGarry. All in favor. 4/0
3. Issues from Town Residents: Three residents (Joanne Nombri, Anita Dungey, Connie Walter) spoke on concerns with adverse personal impact caused by the NYS ORES decision approving Liberty-Renewable's Agricola Wind Project application, the targeted mailing by Liberty-Renewable promoting their Community Investment and their hope that the town appeals the decision.
4. **Resolution 2026-18** Approved March 11, 2026 Town Board Meeting minutes.
Motion made by Allen, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry
Noes 0
5. Officer Reports
 - a. Assessor – No report
 - b. CEO – Written report attached.
 - c. Clerk – March 2026 disbursements of \$2391.00 were paid to the Town Supervisor. Dog control Officer reports two complaints received in March 2026. County/Town Tax collections ended March 31, 2026 with 85% of the tax bills processed during the collection time. The town's website had a 21% increase in site visits in March 2026 from 326 individuals.
 - d. Highway Superintendent – The after effect of a recent rainstorm has the Highway crew repairing culverts, edges of town roads, and clearing off debris. In preparation for paving town roads this summer, costs were compared and bids have been submitted for the best competitive price. The highway crew has been hauling stone and the department acquired a saw which cut roads for repair instead of leasing the equipment in cost saving efforts. The town fire extinguishers were checked and updated.

- e. Attorney - **Resolution 2026-19** Authorize Supervisor Mutchler to enter into a Side-Letter Agreement with Altus Power to procure 416 Sky Rocket Junipers and 415 Inkberry Holly trees for planting at the Scipio Solar NY site.

Motion made by McGarry, second by Hart was:

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

Resolution 2026-20 Approve Amendment Number 1 For Host Community Agreement between Town of Scipio and Scipio Solar NY LLC to correct a minor typographical error, where payments are intended to escalate at one and one-half (1.5%) per year.

Motion made by Allen, second by McGarry was:

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

Agricola Wind Project – On April 1, 2026 the NYS Administrative Law Judges issued an opinion which disposed of all outstanding issues on appeal. ORES issued its final siting permit which completes all the NY State permissions to move toward construction. The Host Community Agreement is nearly finalized while the Road Use Agreement is still working through issues. No further appeals from the town would stop the project from progressing. The town supervisor and town attorney expressed willingness to meet with representatives of Alliance to Protect the Fingerlakes and their lawyer to discuss possible options.

6. Board Member Reports

- a. Susan Allen – **Resolution 2026- 21** Approve three-year contract with Casella Waste Systems for trash and recyclable hauling from the town’s Transfer Station. Motion made by Allen, second by Hart was:

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

- b. Nancy Hart – On Saturday, April 18, 2026 the Moravia Rotary is hosting a Chicken BBQ. All proceeds will go to the OWLA Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Campaign.
- c. Dan McGarry – No Report
- d. Melinda Pitman – Attended webinars on Cybersecurity and Wildfire Risk. She emailed all Town Board members information on the CNY Region Continuous Quality Improvement for EMS and announced EMT trainings.

- 7. Supervisor’s Report - Attended a webinar on Wildfire Risk, is organizing with the NY National Guard a NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 6:30 pm at the Scipio Fire Department. Preregister is required.

Resolution 2026-22 Approve Amendment to the 2026 Town Budget

Debit A1990.4 Contingent Account \$5000.00

Credit A1420.45 Attorney Agricola Wind Project

Motion to amend budget made by Mutchler, second by Allen was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry

Noes 0

8. Other Business - None

9. Review of 2026 Abstract 4

a. Resolution 2026-23 General Fund – vouchers 57-71, Total \$26152.07.

Motion made by McGarry, second by Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry

Noes 0

b. Resolution 2026-24 Highway Fund – vouchers 26-34, Total \$18,861.50.

Motion made by Hart, second by Allen was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Hart, McGarry

Noes 0

10. Next Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 7:00 pm

11. Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm made by McGarry, second by Hart. All in favor. 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson
Town of Scipio Clerk

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Monthly Report – April 2026 Town Board Meeting

PERMITS ISSUED:

26-5 Jonathan Mosher, 2827 Center Road, addition.

26-6 James & Joelle Zimmerman, 62 Fire Lane 21, interior alterations.

Scipio Planning board review:

March 25, 2026, meeting - approved site plan for patio, retaining wall and landscaping for Jeff Corcoran, 3676 Ensenore Road. Next meeting scheduled for April 22, 2026.

ZBA review:

April 7, 2026, meeting – Public Hearing for area variance request from Rick & Glenda Ford, Fire Lane 21, to construct a single-family dwelling. Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

I completed the New York State Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) Workplace Violence Training and Sexual Harassment & Discrimination Prevention Webinars on March 24, 2026, required for all NYS municipal employees.

Respectfully submitted 04/08/2026.

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