

The February meeting of the Town of Scipio, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the town office, 3705 State Rte.34, Scipio Center, NY 13147, on February 12, 2025.

Present: Gary Mutchler, Supervisor Susan Allen, Councilperson
Jason Botsford, Councilperson Nancy Hart, Councilperson

Excused: Melinda Pitman, Councilperson

Others: Jeff Eaton, Bill Hall, Ann Robson, Rolland Dodge, Scott Biggar, Meg Lee, Juliana Heffern, Oguz Ergin, Williard Nivison, Connie O'Hearn, Paul Mantey, Dan McGarry, Joanne Nombri, Shirley Potter, Ron Potter, Jerry Marciniak, Susan Hilliard, Teresa Kessler, Cathy Hobart, Anita Dungey, Melissa Denman

1. Supervisor Mutchler called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm.
2. Announcements – Supervisor Mutchler shared that Senator May's NYS Budget meeting is scheduled for 2.20.25 at the Cayuga Community College. The county's Electronic Recycling event will be 3.27.25, with a new drop off site at the Town of Venice Highway Garage. The town's Semi-Annual Cleanup Day will be 6.14.2025. He reviewed the Town of Scipio Rules for Decorum at Public Meetings.
3. Approve February 2025 Town Board Meeting Agenda. Motion made by Allen, second by Botsford. All in favor. 4/0
4. Issues from town residents – Joanne Nombri spoke against the Agricola Wind Project and would like to see it stopped. She resents not having local input in the process before the application was submitted. She showed numerous pages of signatures from residents against the installation of wind turbines in Scipio and Venice. Anita Dungey spoke on the infringement of Home Rule, the sacrifice and loss of local character and lack of local review and input due to the ORES process.
5. **Resolution 2025-19** Approve January 8, 2025 Town Board meeting minutes. Motion made by Allen, second by Hart was:
Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart
 Noes 0
6. Liberty-Renewable Agricola Project Update – Representatives spoke on the permitting process, and the response to the Notice of Incomplete Application to the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting for a Siting Permit for Major Renewable Energy Facility. Members of the Town Board asked questions on several subjects including the number of truckloads of material needed to build each tower base, the Decommissioning Plan, the Road Use Agreement, obsolete technology, Flicker effect, redactions in the permit application and what effect does this have on Owasco Lake.
7. Officers Reports
 - a. Assessor – No report
 - b. CEO – Report attached to minutes.
 - c. Clerk – January 2025 disbursements to the town Supervisor were \$1,503.00. As of February 11, 2025, 904 tax payments have been processed with 72 hours of office time clocked by Tax Collector, since January 4, 2025.
 - d. Highway Superintendent reported his crew has been busy with snow removal on town roads. The new pick-up truck was delivered, and the older pick-up truck will go to auction. The paperwork for the new Salt Shed is under DEC review. The heat pump was installed in the Highway Garage and the septic system will need an upgrade due to a frozen drainage pipe between the garage and the septic tank.
 - e. Attorney – It was reported that the Intervener Funds for the Agricola Wind Project will be split between the Alliance to Preserve the Finger Lakes (\$24,750), and the Towns of

Venice and Scipio (\$37,125 each). The Road Use Agreement is in revision while the Host Community Agreement and the Decommissioning Agreement are waiting for the first draft. The Sholinsky Article 7 summary judgement will be filed jointly by the town and county. There are public comment hearings scheduled next week on the RAPID (Renewable Action Through Project Interconnection and Deployment) Act. The Scipio Solar Project is progressing with signatures obtained on the Decommissioning Agreement. The Host Community Agreement needs to be signed, the Town Engineer needs to review the engineering plans, and the town attorney needs to verify all agreements are in order before the permit will be granted.

8. Board Member Reports

- a. Susan Allen - No report
- b. Jason Botsford – No report
- c. Nancy Hart – Reported on two up-coming events with the Owasco Watershed Lake Association: the February Public Forum on 2.19.25 and the Bob Brower Scientific Symposium on 3.8.25.
- d. Melinda Pitman – No report

9. Supervisor's Report

- a. Financial Update – It was clarified in the Supervisor's Monthly Report that the 2024 Q4 Sales Tax payment was \$18,971 less than estimated. All the NYSERDA monies were used for the heat pump and the overhead door replacement in the Highway Garage. DA5112.2 and DA5130.2 Encumbered Balance is money budgeted in 2024 and not spent but will be available to spend in 2025.

- b. **Resolution 2025-20** – Budget Modifications to amend the 2025 Budget.

Debit A599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$50,000.00

Credit A9901.9 Transfer to other Funds

Debit DA5031 Interfund Transfers \$50,000.00

Credit DA599 Appropriated Fund Balance

Motion by Allen, second by Botsford was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart

Noes 0

10. Other Business - None

11. Review of 2025 Abstract 2

- a. **Resolution 2025-21** Approve General Fund – vouchers 13-32, total \$32,207.56 Motion by Hart, second by Allen was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart

Noes 0

- b. **Resolution 2025-22** Approve Highway Fund – vouchers 7-20, total \$195,787.31 Motion by Allen, second by Hart was:

Adopted Ayes 4 Mutchler, Allen, Botsford, Hart

Noes 0

12. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7pm

13. Adjournment - Motion by Botsford at 8:54pm. all in favor 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Robson

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Monthly Report – February 2025 Town Board Meeting

PERMITS ISSUED:

**25-1 MaryJo Gunderson May & Timothy May, 2863 State Route 34B,
finish 15' x 22' room in existing garage.**

Scipio Planning board review:

**No meeting held in January 2025. Next meeting scheduled for
February 26, 2025.**

ZBA review:

**No meeting held in February 2025. Next meeting scheduled for
March 4, 2025, if needed.**

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

**I completed and submitted the 2024 Annual Report of Town of
Scipio Code Enforcement Activities to the New York State, Department
of State, Division of Code Enforcement Administration, as required,
under Title 19 of New York State Codes, Rules, and Regulations.**

**I completed 24 hours of NYS approved in-service Code
Enforcement Officer training on January 26-29, 2025, in Buffalo New
York, sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association.**

Respectfully submitted 02/12/2025.

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