

The August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm.

Present were Councilman Nicholas Schoonover, Councilman Paul Welch and Councilman Robert Strong with Supervisor Douglas Chrzanowski presiding.

Also present was Highway Superintendent Russell Story, Court Clerk Krista Story, DCO Tammy Godfrey, Town Constable Jerry Pierce, Jordan Douglas, Rusty Stoughton, Steve Catlin, Andy Klossner, Kris Morris and Mark Cole.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the July 2025 board minutes as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept the July 2025 Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Update from Superintendent Story:

- Chip sealing has been completed
- Started Evelien Hill Rd bridge replacement
- Chipper has been ordered and is expected in December

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve the July reports as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Privilege of the floor

Highway worker Steve Catlin approached The Board requesting a change to the Employee Handbook reflecting that at the time of retirement you can use up to 30 days sick time into a health account to use monthly towards health insurance premium.

The Board is looking into this request and will revisit it at the September meeting.

Town Constable Jerry Pierce approached the Board regarding other court security options available to the Town besides the Tioga County Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that would be a decision for Judge Bogart and to discuss the available options with her.

Constable Pierce invited The Board to attend the Disaster Meeting for Tioga County on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Tioga County Public Safety Building or you can attend via Zoom. This committee will be putting together points of contact for all of Tioga County resources available in the event a disaster occurs.

Constable Pierce also stated that he is the Salvation Army contact for Tioga County.

Constable Pierce stated that the grant he applied for last year for two additional speed signs is being reconsidered. Pierce will keep us updated on the status.

Highway worker Jordan Douglas approached the Board regarding increasing health insurance rates and what options are available for next year.

Councilman Griffin and Supervisor Chrzanowski will be meeting with the Consortium and what options The Town has available to them before September's meeting.

Highway worker's Jordan Douglas and Andy Klossner requested to be health care representatives and in attendance for the health care meeting with the Consortium.

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that health insurance will be tabled for more discussion until September's Board Meeting after Councilman Griffin, Jordan Douglas, Andy Klossner and Supervisor Chrzanowski meet with The Consortium.

Councilman Welsch made the motion to modify Resolution #7-2025 as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Absent

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

### **RESOLUTION #7-2025**

#### **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$54,107.20 FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVE DA231E INTO MACHINERY EQUIPMENT LINE DA5130.2 TO FUND EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF A CHIPPER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga Town Board seeks to transfer \$54,107.20 from Equipment Reserve DA231E into Machinery Equipment line DA5130.2 to fund emergency replacement of a chipper and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tioga Board approves the transfer of \$54,107.20 from Equipment Reserve DA231E into Machinery Equipment line DA5130.2 for the purpose of funding the emergency replacement of a chipper and,

**THEREFORE**, the Town of Tioga approves the transfer of \$54,107.20 from Equipment Reserve DA231E into Machinery Equipment line DA5130.2 to fund emergency replacement a motion made by Councilman and seconded by Councilman at the August 12, 2025 Town Board Meeting.

Town Clerk Tiffany Middendorf has submitted her resignation letter as Administrator of Tioga Cemetery effective September 1, 2025 due to increased working schedule.

Highway Superintendent Story presented The Board with a Certificate of Abandonment for Maple Avenue pursuant to Highway Law 205(1) due to non-use since the flood of 2011.

### **RESOLUTION #10-2025**

#### **ESTABLISHING AN OFFICAL MAP AND CONFIRMING ROAD ABANDONMENT OF MAPLE AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, New York State Highway Law Section 205 (1) authorizes the town highway superintendent, with the written consent of the town board, to record in the town clerk's office a description, signed by him of each road abandoned through nonuse, and

**WHEREAS**, The town highway superintendent has prepared a map dated in 2024 which depicts all town roads in the current town highway system, and has transmitted said map to the town board on August 12, 2025 and has attested that all other roads in the town, other than those roads that are 1) part of the state or county highway system, 2) have been approved by the planning board as private roads in subdivision plats, or 3) have been qualified abandoned, have been abandoned through nonuse, and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Town Law Section 270 authorizes the town board to establish an official map which shall be “final and conclusive with respect to the location and width of streets and highways,” be it

**RESOLVED**, That the town board accepts the above referenced map as a true and accurate depiction of the current town highway system, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the above referenced map shall constitute a certificate of abandonment pursuant to New York State Highway Law Section 205 (1) of any roads which are not depicted on said map, other than those roads that are part of the state and county highway system, have been approved by the planning board as private roads in subdivision plats, or have been qualified abandoned, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the above referenced map shall constitute an official map pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 270, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the above referenced map be filed in the office of the town clerk as required by New York State Highway Law Section 205 (1), and that the town clerk shall immediately file a certificate of the fact that an official map has been established with the county clerk as required by New York State Town Law Section 270.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve Resolution #10-2025 to abandon Maple Ave as presented by Highway Superintendent Story, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Absent

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Brian Blackwell from BestBuy stated that BestBuy would be interested in purchasing and installing a bench at Ransom Park as a donation from the company.

The Board stated that no benches are needed at this time but Ransom Park would be happy to accept a donation of some picnic tables if BestBuy is willing to purchase and deliver them.

Town lawyer Robert McKertich, Esq from Coughlin and Gerhart LLP has left the law firm and our replacement for the remainder of 2025 has been assigned to Keegan Coughlin, Esq.

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$27,199.74, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$357,789.28, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the Bridge Capital Project in the amount of \$4,695.34  
Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Welch made the motion to adjourn at 6:35pm, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf  
Tioga Town Clerk