

The September 9th, 2025 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm. Present were Councilman Griffin, 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, Steve Catlin, Andy Klossner, Kris Morris, Bryan Wiggins, Jenn Apgar and John Whalen.

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

Update from Superintendent Story:

- Installing new Evelien Hill Rd bridge
- Installed a few driveway pipes

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that the cell tower on Ballou Rd is having a generator installed.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the August reports as presented, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Privilege of the Floor:

- Court Clerk Krista Story wanted to bring the unraveling carpet seam in the court room to the Board's attention and to see about repairing the seam or replacing the carpet. The Board told Court Clerk Story to look into this matter and provide the information at the October meeting.
- John Whalen is a manager at the Vestal Lowe's and wanted to make the Town aware that Lowe's has a program called "Hometown Projects" that helps restore and revitalize spaces that serve as a hub within your community. Mr. Whalen stated that a town employee can apply for next year's program now on the Lowe's website and that Ransom Park could benefit from this program.

The Board thanks Mr. Whalen for this information and will have the Town Clerk look into the application.

- Bryan Wiggins asked The Board what items were permitted to be burned within The Town and that his neighbor's are burning tires, plastic and garbage. Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that you are allowed to burn trees, brush and old wood. You are not permitted to burn plastic, tires or garbage and that the agency to contact would be the DEC. The Town Clerk will provide Mr. Wiggins with the DEC contact information. Mr. Wiggins also stated that a resident's dogs are repeatedly coming into his yard and are running at large. Mr. Wiggins was given our DCO contact information to help with the situation.

Town Clerk Middendorf stated that the new website address is up and running. The new Town website address is www.townoftiogany.gov.

The Employee Handbook retirement section changes was discussed to add an additional benefit to retiring full-time employees with 15 years of service with the Town of Tioga.

A health care workshop will be held on September 22nd at 6:00pm for employees who are interested in attending to discuss 2026 coverage options.

Councilman Strong made the motion to accept proposed Local Law #2-2025 as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll Vote:

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

(PROPOSED) LOCAL LAW #2-2025

A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF TIOGA, NEW YORK TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-c.

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Tioga to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.

The Town Board of the Town of Tioga, New York, County of Tioga is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 4. Severability.

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon adoption, publication and filing with the Secretary of State.

the time of the employee's retirement with a minimum of 15 years of full-time service credit within The Town by a motion made by Griffin, and seconded by Schoonover on September 9, 2025.

The Planning Board is requesting the Town Board leave one handicap portable toilet at Ransom Park through the month of October for the walking residents in the park.

The Board agreed to leave one handicap portable toilet at Ransom Park through the end of October.

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$24,115.26, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$31,242.52, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the Bridge Capital Project in the amount of \$1,325.91
Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting and open an executive session at 6:27pm, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to close the executive session at 6:38pm, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf
Tioga Town Clerk