

February 10th, 2026 Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm.

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

Also, present was Highway Superintendent Russell Story, Court Clerk Krista Story, Tom Augustini from Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc. and DCO Tammy Godfrey.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the January 10th, 2026 Town Board minutes as presented, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve the January 2026 Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Update From Superintendent Story:

- The new excavator arrived.
- The lifts for the garage are in
- Snow and tree removal when needed.

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve the January 2026 reports as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Strong made the motion to approve the 2025 court audit as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Supervisor Chrzanowski stated that the Diamond Valley Bridge bids is currently estimated for the first week in March with bid opening the week of April 6th, 2026, according to James Peckham from Hunt Engineers.

Tom Augustini from Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc. presented The Board with a Retiree Medicare Advantage Plan from Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield with equal or better coverage and cost from the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield supplemental retiree plan The Town provides apart from urgent care copay being increased from \$15 to \$25 per visit.

Plan comparisons are as follows: (Current Plan/Proposed Plan)

- \$557.50 monthly/\$430.00 monthly
- \$250.00 copay hospital stay/\$0 copay.
- Part B drugs (performed in office setting): 20% responsibility/\$0 copay.
- Part D drugs: 3-tier \$10/\$25/\$40 / 3-tier \$5/\$15/\$30 with 90-day supply only costing subscriber one month of copay not three months of copays

Mr. Augustini stated that accumulation of out of pocket would continue with the policy change for prescriptions but part A or B out of pocket expenses would start over in July if The Town decides to change plans.

The Board would like to further pursue the proposed health insurance plan presented by Tom next month as well as having Mr. Augustini present dental plan options for town employees.

The annual tire/electronic drive was discussed with a possible date of June 6th from 8am to noon. Casella is no longer accepts tires, so Town Clerk Middendorf reached out to Jimmy from Casings, Inc located in Catskill NY for tire recycling prices. Jimmy quoted \$4.50 per tire up to 24" Larger passenger truck tires are \$5.50 per tire, tractor trailer tires are \$25.00 per tire, super single tires are \$30.00 per tire and farm/loader tires are \$30.00 per ply a tire. This will be discussed further at March's meeting.

Department of Labor spoke with Supervisor Chrzanowski regarding new rules effective 01/01/2026 regarding prevailing wage changes making corporate bidders responsible for wage paperwork and that municipalities can pick contractors from an approved list provided from New York State.

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$128,373.30, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$257,179.79, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Schoonover made the motion to close the regular board meeting and open executive session at 6:55pm, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Personnel matters were discussed.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to close the executive session at 7:13pm and reopen the regular board meeting, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Welch made the motion to hold joint meetings with the Planning Board members at the March 10th Board meeting at 6:30pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye	Councilman Welch – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye	Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Strong made the motion to adjourn at 7:14pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf
Tioga Town Clerk