

May 12th, 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, Michael & Andrea Creller,

Councilman Griffin made the motion to approve the April 14th, 2026, Town Board minutes as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried. Councilman Welch made the motion to accept the April 2026 Planning Board minutes as presented, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Update From Superintendent Story:

- Have been working dirt roads
- Have been crushing gravel
- New pickup truck will be delivered this week
- Paperwork for 10-wheeler was reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting
The Board is requesting the warranty be in writing and that Superintendent Story review it with Conway Beam and if satisfied both parties need to sign the extended warranty contract before taking delivery
- Met with Vestal Asphalt regarding the paving issues on Depew Road from the previous year. Vestal Asphalt will be covering the black top and oil for the repaving of the defective area of the road, but the Town is responsible for the cost of the milling machine. Measurements will be taken this week.
- Diamond Valley Bridge construction will be started in September. If it cannot be completed by Winter, it will be pushed out till Spring 2027. There is no plan for when the road will be closed.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the April reports as presented, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Ny-Tioga V PILOT Decommissioning Plan was discussed and reviewed. There were no concerns expressed with the completed document. Councilman Schoonover will now communicate with the town lawyer Keegin Coughlin that the document can now be considered ready for him to pass along to the developer.

Michael & Andrea Creller will be taking over the Community Garden for Eva Pierce and will be starting the preparation for the beds. The Community Garden located at Ransom Park is available for the community to use free of charge. Anyone interested in reserving a spot can download an application from our town website or pick one up from the Town offices and return their form to the Town Clerk.

The Tioga County Democratic party donated a red maple tree to the Town in honor of Earth Day.

Court Clerk Story stated that the court records management has been completed.

Retiree healthcare was discussed regarding Medicare Advantage versus a Supplemental plan that we are currently offering for town retirees. The decision to select a plan for retirees will be made later in 2026. The board would like to have our current insurance coverage along with current retirees insurance brought together to help consolidate the two plans under one provider.

Councilman Schoonover made the motion to accept the following Resolution #04-2026 as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

RESOLUTION #04-2026

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, WHICH MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID, OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS

WHEREAS, a project for the Diamond Valley Rd over Neiger Hollow Creek Bridge Replacement (BIN #2219000) (BNY22) in the Town of Tioga, County of Tioga, P.I.N. 9755.62 (the “project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended and PUB. L. 117-58 also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” (BIL); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga will design, let, and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering/Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, and Construction, Construction Support, and Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tioga Town Board, duly convened does hereby,

RESOLVE, that the Tioga Town Board hereby authorizes the Town of Tioga to pay 100% of the cost of the construction, construction support, and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY finds; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,087,926.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Project Fund (or, appropriated pursuant to) and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase(s) of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Tioga Town Board hereby agrees that the Town of Tioga shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceeds the amount of federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding awarded to the Town of Tioga; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Project costs not covered by federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Tioga Town Board shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Town Supervisor of the Town of Tioga; it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Tioga hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months afterward and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor of the Tioga Town Board be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Tioga all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for federal-aid and/or state-aid with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYDOT) in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's funding of the Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately, May 12, 2026.

Councilman Welch made the motion to accept the following Resolution #05-2026 as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

RESOLUTION #05-2026

ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT ON BEARDSLEE LANE, IN THE TOWN OF TIOGA, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Tioga received a petition containing twenty three (23) valid signatures to establish a reasonable and safe (see attached copy of petition) speed limit on Beardslee Lane, Owego NY in the Town of Tioga, NY; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Tioga Town Board recognizes the need to post a reasonable safe speed limit in that location; and

WHEREAS, per Vehicle and Traffic Law §1622, the Town of Barton Town Clerk along with the Tioga County Superintendent of Highways must send a request to the Regional Traffic Engineer in the New York State Department of Transportation to establish a maximum speed limit; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by **Councilman Welch** seconded by **Councilman Griffin** and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Tioga Town Clerk and the Tioga County Highway Superintendent be authorized to sign the request for the New York State Department of Transportation to establish a reasonable and safe speed limit on Beardslee Lane, Owego NY in Tioga Center, New York.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Drew Griffin - Aye

Councilman Nicholas Schoonover - Aye

Councilman Sean Strong - Aye

Councilman Paul Welch - Aye

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$60,138.98, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$17,022.25, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to adjourn at 6:55pm, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf
Tioga Town Clerk