

The August 11th, 2026, Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm.
Present were Councilman Griffin, Councilman Sean Strong, Councilman Nicholas Schoonover, and Councilman Paul Welch with Supervisor Douglas Chrzanowski presiding.
Also, present was Highway Superintendent Russell Story and DCO Tammy Godfrey.

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

Code business for current building permits issued within the Town was discussed.

Update From Superintendent Story:

- CHIP sealing is completed for the year
- 5Th Avenue is scheduled to be paved in the last week in August
- New 10-wheeler will be delivered in the next couple of months
- Met with the County regarding Diamond Valley Rd and Halsey Valley Rd intersection. The Town is able to raise the intersection on the lower side of Diamond Valley Rd to aid in the safety of traffic exiting the intersection onto Halsey Valley. This will be up for discussion next year.
- Town owned Steel grate bridge located on Catatonk Creek Rd will need to be replaced next year. Replacing it with a pipe instead is an option open to The Town.
- Received one sealed bid for the 1993 Athey loader from Bradco Supply Co. for the amount of \$5,000.00

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the \$5,000.00 bid for the 1993 Athey from Bradco Supply Co., Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

- Received one sealed bid for the 2019 Ford F350 pickup from Joshua Bellis for the amount of \$18,750.00.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the bid of \$18,750.00 from Joshua Bellis for the 2019 Ford F350 pickup, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

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

NY-Tioga V Decommissioning Bond draft was discussed with regards to surety and bond concerns with Appendix III. Town lawyer Keegan Coughlin has been working on this with Councilman Schoonover since May and are waiting from a response from the BullRock Corp. on this matter.

RESOLUTION #8-2026

A Resolution Adopting the Real Property Tax Exemption for Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Laws of 2026

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature enacted and the Governor signed Chapter 77 of the Laws of 2026, amending Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, this legislation provides a full real property tax exemption for the primary residence owned by qualifying veterans who have received a permanent and permanent disability rating or a total disability rating-based individual unemployability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga desires to officially implement and execute local alignment with these state provisions to support resident veterans who have incurred severe disabilities in the line of duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Tioga hereby adopts the full real property tax exemption for qualifying permanently and totally disabled veterans as authorized by RPTL § 458-a(11); and be it further

RESOLVED, that qualifying property owned by an eligible disabled veteran-primary resident shall be fully exempt from taxation, special district charges, and special ad valorem levies to the extent permitted by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this local action shall take effect immediately and apply to assessment rolls prepared on or after the taxable status date of October 1, 2026, for utilization in the upcoming tax year.

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve Resolution #8-2026 as presented for the Veterans Exemption, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

The 2027 Budget season will be starting next month and some areas that need review are:

- Fuel cost
- Health care increase
- Town Hall paving
- Webinar training
- Catatonk Creek Bridge

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$40,246.09, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$237,421.16,

Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Strong – Aye

Councilman Welch made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:43pm and open an executive session, Councilman Strong seconded, carried.

Personnel issues were discussed.

Councilman Welch made the motion to close executive session at 7:25pm, Councilman Schoonover seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf

Tioga Town Clerk