

September 8th, 2026, Town of Tioga board meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm.
Present were Councilman Drew Griffin, and Councilman Paul Welch with Deputy Supervisor Nicholas Schoonover presiding.
Also present was Planning Board Chairman Alan Bill and Mark Cole.

Councilman Welch made the motion to approve the August 2026, Town Board minutes as presented, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.
No Planning Board minutes as September's meeting was cancelled.

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

Update From Superintendent Story:

- 5th Avenue paving has been completed with CHIP's
- Changing crossover pipes on West Beecher for next year
- Diamond Valley Bridge has been removed. Crane is being delivered September 15th to set the box culvert

Planning Board Chairman Alan Bill is recommending Planning Board Secretary Tiffany Middendorf also be appointed as a Planning Board member due to lack of response for the month long ad that was placed in the paper seeking a replacement member.

Mr. Bill states that dual duty of secretary/member has been performed in previous years and was verified that it is still acceptable to perform both positions from NYAOT.

Councilman Welch made the motion to appoint Planning Board Secretary, Tiffany Middendorf as a Planning Board member effective today, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye
Councilman Strong – Absent

The revised NY-Tioga V Decommissioning was presented to the Board after Councilman Schoonover and Town Lawyer Keegan Coughlin revised the document with Peter Dolgos from Bullrock Solar.

Councilman Griffin made the motion to accept the revised NY-Tioga V Decommissioning Plan in a form acceptable to council, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye
Councilman Strong – Absent

(PROPOSED) LOCAL LAW #1-2026

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, 2027 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, 2027 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.

RESOLUTION #09-2026

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C

WHEREAS, the Town of Tioga wishes to enact a local law to allow the Town of Tioga to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c for the year commencing January 1, 2027; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Tioga Town Board, County of Tioga, State of New York hereby schedules a public hearing on October 13th at 6:15 p.m. for the proposed Local Law #1-2026 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal law §3-c as set forth herein.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye
Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye
Councilman Strong – Absent

Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the General Fund in the amount of \$11,856.10, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Absent

Councilman Welch made the motion to pay the Highway Fund in the amount of \$210,524.71, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Schoonover – Aye

Councilman Welch – Aye

Councilman Griffin – Aye

Councilman Strong – Absent

Councilman Welch made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:23pm and open an executive session, Councilman Griffin seconded, carried.

Councilman Schoonover made the motion to close executive session at 6:54pm, Councilman Welch seconded, carried.

Tiffany Middendorf

Tioga Town Clerk