

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2026



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*Warren County website:* <https://www.warrencountyny.gov/MMA>

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York; meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Pledge of allegiance was lead by Supervisor Strainer.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Goodspeed, Crocitto, Niles, Wild, Etu, Strainer, Beaty, O'Neill, Runyon and Geraghty; Absent 2 - Supervisors Butler and Strough

Motion was made by Supervisor O'Neill, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Butler and O'Neill absent*) to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2026 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to John Bowe, *Executive Director Of Cornell Cooperative Extension Warren County*, who was in attendance to present the following 4-H awards:

Top Superintendent 1 - Sadie Kijowski, *Town of Chester and*  
The Spirit of 4-H - Taiga Dean, *Town of Johnsburg.*

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment which was limited to three minutes per speaker:

Carie Scribner, *Saratoga County Resident*, spoke in favor of the ban on kratom, including the botanical version.

Dave LaPell, *Warren County Resident*, spoke regarding the concerns with the Olmstedville Road culvert which was a liability that needed to be addressed.

Jeff Trottier, *Town of Lake Luzerne Resident and Military Veteran*, spoke in favor of proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2026 which would provide property tax exemptions to veterans' who were deemed 100% disabled by the Veterans' Administration.

Kathleen Boyle, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, voiced her support of proposed Local Law No. 10 and distributed a revised handout entitled "*Support H.R. 7945 - Nitrous Oxide Safety Act*" which provided the correct qr code to access an article regarding a young woman who had died from injuries sustained from an accident that occurred due to a driver being under the influence of nitrous oxide.

Sheila Mender, *Town of Warrensburg Resident*, apprised of her safety concerns with County

Route 14 in the Town of Warrensburg, indicating she hoped stop signs would be erected in the spring. Next, she voiced her disappointment with the Board for ignoring the public opposition to Local Law No. 7 of 2026 and instead moving forward with its adoption at the September 18, 2026 Board Meeting.

Kathleen Dinsmore, *Retired CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) and Kratom User*, voiced her opposition to proposed Resolution No. 380, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Prohibiting the Sale of Kratom in Warren County," and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*.

Tracy Hudson, *City of Schenectady business owner and botanical kratom user*, urged the Board to remove botanical kratom from proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2026.

Patricia Sella, *Town of Warrensburg Resident*, advised of her issues with President Trump and proceeded to read aloud a poem she had written regarding same.

Ms. Scribner once again spoke regarding kratom, indicating the botanical version was linked to the death of her son.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report) were given, during which Supervisor Beaty advised he would be proposing a cap on the County gas tax to provide savings to Warren County residents at the appropriate time. Also during the Reports by Committee Chairs, Supervisor O'Neill outlined why he was opposed to proposed Local Law Nos. 9 and 10 and instead felt the appropriate step would be to provide regulations which would provide transparency to assure lawful accountability.

Report by the County Administrator being given.

Report by the Acting County Attorney was given.

Reading of communications by the Clerk of the Board was provided, as follows:

Letters/emails from:

1. Town of Queensbury - Notice of Public Hearing on amendment to Hudson Pointe Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Other:

1. Washington County - Resolution No. 226 of 2026, entitled "*Support Adirondack Community College 2027-2028 Capital Projects*".

Reading of resolutions by the Clerk of the Board was announced as follows:

Resolution Nos. 360-407, were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Friday, October 10, 2025, along with four Proclamations, which met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The four Proclamations were:

Proclamation No. 44 - Fire Protection Week (*October 4-10, 2026*)

Proclamation No. 45 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month (*October 2026*)

Proclamation No. 46 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month (*October 2026*)

Proclamation No. 47 - Green Light for Military Service County

Report of Committee on Assessment Rolls; Revised Resolution No. 375; Resolution Nos. 408-410; and Floor Resolutions Nos. 1-4 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Tuesday October 13, 2026.

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-4 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor O'Neill, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Butler and Strough absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 entitled "*Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Authorizing the County Attorney to Settle Claims in the Matter of John Werner V. County of Warren, Et. Al. And Authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to Execute Settlement Documents*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 411.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Butler and Strough absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled "*Authorizing the County Attorney to Settle Claims in the Matter of John Werner V. County of Warren, Et. Al. And Authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to Execute Settlement Documents*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 412.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor O'Neill and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Butler and Strough absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 entitled "*Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with SPCA of Upstate New York, Inc. for Animal Seizure, Protective Custody, Animal Cruelty Prevention, Response and Support Throughout Warren County (WC 39-26)*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 413.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon and seconded by Supervisor Driscoll to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled "*Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with SPCA of Upstate New York, Inc. for Animal Seizure, Protective Custody, Animal Cruelty Prevention, Response and Support Throughout Warren County (WC 39-26)*", to the floor. Following discussion, Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 to the floor was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Butler and Strough absent*). Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 414.

Mrs. Allen indicated a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. Resolution No. 375, *Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with RMI, LLC for Warren County Septic Replacement Program (CDBG 1197HI316-24) (WC 36-26)*, from the floor to change the amount not to exceed to \$209,685 and adjust the term to indicate the contract would be effective upon execution by both parties and terminate upon completion of the work. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Butler and Strough absent*) to amend proposed Resolution No. 375 as outlined above.

Mrs. Allen asked if there was any objection to combining the roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 395-406 and no one responded with opposition.

Supervisor Beaty requested a roll call on proposed Resolution No. 394, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2026 to Create Positions Within the Department of Finance and Delete Positions Within the County Treasurer's Office*; Mrs. Allen apprised proposed

Resolution No. 394 was already a roll call vote.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Beaty proposed implementing a cap on the gas tax, similar to the one he proposed in 2022, noting it would be in effect from January through March of 2027. Supervisor Beaty spoke in favor of adopting the bi-partisan resolution he had previously presented with Claudia Braymer, *former City of Falls Third Ward At-Large Supervisor*, in 2022 which would impose a cents per gallon tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel limited to \$2.00 per gallon of either such fuel rather than the current formula which was a percentage rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed on receipts from the retail sale of same. He voiced his concern with the timing in order for this change to be approved by the Board and have the State provide the necessary approval for this to be effective by January 1, 2027. A discussion ensued following which the consensus of the Board was for the proposal to be entertained by the Finance & Budget Committee at their October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Supervisor Strainer requested a roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 380, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Prohibiting the Sale of Kratom in Warren County," and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*, and 381, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Prohibiting the Sale of Nitrous Oxide Chargers in Warren County Except to Businesses with Appropriate Food Sale Permits or Licenses," and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*.

Chairman Geraghty called for public comments:

Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, voiced his disappointment that the cents per gallon tax on motor fuel and diesel fuel limited to \$2.00 per gallon would be going through Committee rather than being brought forward and approved from the floor today, pointing out Local Law No. 7 of 2026, which he had opposed, was introduced from the floor and adopted.

Supervisor Driscoll spoke regarding proposed Resolution No. 377, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Providing that the Primary Residence of a Seriously Disabled Veteran Shall be Fully Exempt from Taxation and Special District Charges, Assessments and Special Ad Valorem Levies Pursuant to Section 458-a(11) of the Real Property Tax Law," and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*, indicating it was imperative the Board members understood the exemption was only applicable to veterans who were deemed to be fully disabled and unable to work.

Supervisor Niles noted Mr. Trottier, who spoke in favor of proposed Resolution No. 377 at the beginning of the meeting during privilege of the floor, was the former Supervisor for the Town of Hadley.

Supervisor Etu noted contrary to the statement made by Mr. Whitehead, a Deputy Commissioner of Finance position had not been created.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 346-414 of 2026 were approved as presented with the exception of Resolution No. 375, which was amended from the floor.

Privilege of the floor/public comment, which was limited to three minutes per speaker, was called for:

Mr. Whitehead apprised the forthcoming court litigation regarding the unlawful transfer of some of the responsibilities of the County Treasurer to the newly created Department of Finance would be easier to win due to the adoption of Resolution No. 394, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2026 to Create Positions within the Department of Finance and Delete Positions Within the County Treasurer's Office*.

Mr. LaPell spoke regarding his proposal for the Board to adopt a resolution in support of the Warren County Corrections Officers, indicating he planned on attending Town Board meetings in every municipality in the County, beginning with the Town of Warrensburg, requesting same.

Chairman Geraghty called for announcements:

Supervisor Strainer advised the first home game of the year for the Adirondack Thunder hockey team was scheduled for this Saturday during which Barry Melrose, *former National Hockey League player, and coach*, who recently passed away, would be honored. Next, he acknowledged Supervisor Strough, who was being honored on October 21<sup>st</sup> by the Town of Queensbury Tree Committee, at 11:00 a.m on the front lawn of the Town offices. Continuing, he commended the Board of Elections Department for their efforts during election season. Supervisor Strainer then commended the County Attorney's Office for their efforts with regard to proposed Local Law Nos. 9 and 10 of 2026. Last, he addressed Mr. LaPell, noting he has always been fully supportive of the Warren County Corrections Officers.

Supervisor Driscoll stated due to weather conditions the opening ceremony for the Special Olympics had been moved from City Park to the Harding Mazzotti Arena tonight at 5:00 p.m. and he encouraged all to attend. Next, he apprised the Tri County United Way was holding its annual gala on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Queensbury Hotel and on October 23<sup>rd</sup> the Ben Osborn Memorial Fund would be holding its annual Baskets for Ben event at the VFW Post 6196 in the Town of Queensbury which he encouraged all to be supportive of.

Supervisor Bruno read aloud the following quote from former United States President Theodore Roosevelt: *"The only man who never makes mistakes is the man who never does anything"*, and requested that the Board members keep this quote in mind when voting on resolutions.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Conover, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.