

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CONOVER
STRAINER
BRUNO
PATCHETT
NILES
BEATY

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
JEFF INGLEE, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD
SCOTT ROY AEL, SOLID WASTE COMPLIANCE OFFICER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KIMBERLY RICHARDS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
STROUGH
WILD
JESSICA CARSON, FISCAL COORDINATOR
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
KRISTEN MACEWAN, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
PAUL TACKETT, TOURISM COORDINATOR
LISA ADAMSON, NORTH COUNTRY EARTH ACTION
CHRISTOPHER HOY, NORTH COUNTRY EARTH ACTION
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 23, 2026 meeting of the Public Works Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2pnwz5r5H4>

Copies of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad; Solid Waste & Recycling; and DPW agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 10:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Niles and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the minutes of the last Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

The Committee commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business portion of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To authorize submission of an application to the Town of Bolton for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,750 for Hobby and Special Interest Programs at Up Yonda Farm for a term commencing January 1, 2027 and terminating December 31, 2027, and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute any resulting agreements.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Patchett to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To establish Capital Project No. H461, *Adirondack Smart Growth Project*, in the amount of \$40,680.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present

(Mr. Diamond absent) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

3. To appropriate funds in the amount of \$23,607.36 from a source to be determined to increase Budget Code Budget Code A.7110 470, *Parks & Recreation-Contracts*, to cover the local match for the NYSDOS SWIMS Grant. (Previous Resolution Nos. 291 of 2024 and 292 of 2024) Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined the appropriate manner to address the SWIMS grant was to amend the County Budget in the amount of \$25,000 to reflect receipt of reimbursement for the State for funding paid to participating municipalities.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Patchett to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Mr. Diamond absent) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

4. To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,413.84 from Budget Code A.7110 130, *General, Parks & Recreation, Salaries - Part Time*, to Budget Code A.7110 120, *General, Parks & Recreation, Salaries - Overtime*, to cover unanticipated overtime costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Patchett to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Mr. Diamond absent) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

A review of the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, included the following items:

1. Hatchery Fall Heritage Brook Trout Stocking.
2. Lyme Timber Recreational Lease for Swede Mountain.
3. Swede Mountain Light the Night - Saturday September 5th.
4. Up Yonda Trunk or Treat - Saturday October 24th.
5. Toy Train coming to Hadley Station - November 14th.
6. Fishing with the Assemblyman.
7. Outdoors Show - Tannery Pond Center.
8. Bikeway Paving.
9. 2027 Budget request.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Skipping ahead to the Action Agenda/New Business portion of the Solid Waste agenda, review included the following request:

1. To authorize submission of an application to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program, and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute any resulting grant agreements.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (Mr. Diamond absent) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 16th Board meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

A review of the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, included the following items:

1. 2027 - Impact of incinerator closure.
2. Working Group Update.
3. 2027 Budget request.

There being no further Solid Waste & Recycling business to discuss, Committee commenced with review of the Action Agenda/New Business portion of the DPW agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To amend Capital Project No. H411, *Corinth Road (CR 28) over Clendon Brook Culvert Replacement*, in the Town of Queensbury, to increase NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant

- funds, by \$350,000 and decrease local match funds by same to correctly reflect the funding shares.
2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$350,000 to increase Budget Code D.9950 910, *Transfers - Capital Projects*, in accordance with transfer of surplus local match funds from Capital Project No. H411, *Corinth Road (CR 28) over Clendon Brook Culvert Replacement*, in the Town of Queensbury.

Motion was made by Mr. Niles, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

3. To increase Capital Project No. H406, *Countryside Capital Improvements*, in the Town of Warrensburg, in the amount of \$38,000 from a funding source to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To authorize the sale of surplus County property (1995 Case International Harvester 4230) for \$3,000 to the Town of Stony Creek.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Committee returned to the Referrals/Pending Items section of the of the Parks, Recreation & Railroad agenda with the following item being addressed:

1. Continued discussion regarding grant funding opportunities available for an alternate use; study the rail line, as well as funding to convert to a rail multi-use trail- Mr. Hajos inquired if the item could be removed due to the matter being handled by the Planning & Community Development Department before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, the consensus of the Committee was to remove the item.

There being no further Parks, Recreation & Railroad business to discuss, Committee returned to the Discussion Items portion of the DPW agenda, which included the following item:

1. 2027 Budget request.

Mr. Hajos provided a brief road project update.

Privilege of the floor was extended to the following individuals:

Mr. Strough inquired as to what portion of Dix Avenue the road reconstruction project consisted of and what the projected date was. Mr. Hajos replied the projected area was the Glens Falls City line to the Quaker Road intersection. He informed the projected start date was dependent on the bid process and he estimated work would start late next year continuing into the following year.

John Taflan, *County Administrator*, spoke with regard to the challenges Nathan Etu, *Budget Officer*, would face in future years as a result of reduced funding, increased costs and continued inflation.

Mr. Conover spoke with regard to the increasing gap between revenue and expense.

Mr. Hajos said he concurred with Mr. Taflan with regard to the difficulty that lie ahead for the Budget Officer and notified if CHIPS (*Consolidated Highway Improvement Program*) funding alone was relied upon road work would continue to fall behind.

Mr. Conover expounded on CHIPS funding.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*),

Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist