

Town of Campbell, NY
Town Board Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Guests

1. Pledge / Call to Order / Roll Call

Minutes:

Supervisor Horton called the regular October meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance The Clerk then took Roll call All present.

2. Prior Minutes

Minutes:

A motion to adopt the September 8, 2025 Draft minutes was made by Norman Maynard and seconded by Michael Austin. Adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

3. Executive Session Budget

Minutes:

A motion to enter into executive session for salary budget talks at 6:02 was made by Norman Maynard and seconded by Michael Austin. Adopted by vote 5-0 A motion to return from executive session at 6:29 PM was made by Michael Austin and seconded by Norman Maynard was adopted by vote: 5-0

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

4. Reports

a. HWY Report

Minutes:

The Town did not purchase the truck on Auctions International, so Tom Austin suggested they look at a 2018 Dodge with a V-Plow. Supervisor Horton stated that after discussing the cost of the new building and factoring in any unknowns, this is not the time to spend money on a truck for the highway. Michael Austin asked what would happen if the Town did not purchase a truck would be. Thomas Austin stated that there would be only four men to take care of the Town roads this winter. He then asked about hiring temporary person for the winter. This is not a feasible answer due to the cost of hiring and the union contract. Corning Natural Gas has the paperwork signed for the new line to go to the Water Plant and site of the new Highway Barn. Drawings have been received for the new shop. A motion to put S1 out to bid after the final drawing is received, to be opened on November 5, 2025 at 3:00 PM was made by Michael Austin and seconded by John Tschantre, and was adopted by Roll call

Vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. Water Report

c. Bookkeeper Report

Minutes:

Reports from the Town Clerk and the Court Clerk were submitted for the month of September 2025. The signed Supervisor report for September 2025 was submitted to the Town Clerk. General Revenues

\$43,771.00 AIM Revenue payment

Credit acct # Reason Amount \$ Debit acct # Description A8010.4 Zoning short bud. 500.00 A1010.4 Town Board Contractual SW4-8310.12 Personnel Services 1000.00 SW4-8310.4 Contractual 2026 Budget Process for 10-14 meeting 1. October 14, 2025 Board meeting (Tuesday due to the Holiday). a. Tax Cap Resolution - Town Clerk b. Revised Tentative Budget presented by the Bookkeeper which will include the salaries that were discussed in executive session on September 8, 2025. Discussion to follow with any changes made by the Bookkeeper. Executive session needed if salaries are to be further discussed. c. Approve the Revisions to the Tentative Budget. Adopt the Revised Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget. Bookkeeper files the Preliminary Budget with the Town Clerk. Preliminary Budget is available to the public, as of October 15, 2025 at noon and no more changes can be made until after the Public Hearing. d. Set Public Hearing date. (before the end of October) Public Hearing on the tax CAP override and date of the Budget Public Hearing must be advertised for 5 days. I have submitted the information to the Town Clerk to advertise in the Oct 20th Shopper.

1. Hold Public Hearing: October 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Project Status' 1. Park – I have submitted a draft of final paperwork to the grant administration. I have received my review back and have nominal changes to make on the paperwork. Final photographs are needed of the signage and each completed area. Tom Austin is in the process of the sign needed and the photos. I should be able to submit an updated draft of all requested by end of October.

1. Water Extension Project – We have received a 2nd DEC Notice of Incompletion. Jacqui and Tom have worked on the issues and as of 10-10 HUNT has submitted to the DEC all info needed for another review. A motion to accept the Bookkeepers report and approve all transfers was made by Michael Austin and Seconded by Glenn Vogel. Adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

d. Zoning Officer Report

e. Dog Control

Minutes:

This letter is in response to a conversation between I and Jeff Horton (town of Campbell supervisor) concerning the current shelter situation that we are having. The Jerry Aldrich jr. shelter that we have been contracting with for the past few years is closing its doors at the end of December. Mr. Aldrich is retiring from all of his DCO positions as well as shelter manager. I have been trying to locate a shelter for the town of Campbell as well as the town of Thurston but to no avail. One of the issues is the new regulations that are coming down from Albany through Ags. & Markets that they are pushing onto the small shelters that our local municipalities rely on are too stringent and therefore they cannot comply. Mike Volino (Town of Thurston supervisor) and I have been in contact with numerous shelters as well as the SPCA but no one is interested in taking on municipalities. All shelters have to be state inspected yearly as well as all of my paperwork and equipment and my personal vehicle. This is a very concerning situation that we are facing as in order for me to do my job as DCO I am required by law to have a shelter to harbor dogs that I pick up. It is illegal for me to bring dogs to my residence after I pick them up, they must go directly to a shelter. I am trying to make all board members aware of this situation so you don't feel blindsided at the end of the year. I will continue searching and keep everyone informed on this matter. One thought that crossed my mind was possibly the town(s) purchasing a small building, to be placed on town property, that could house three or four dogs for the five day period, of course we would have to provide heat and AC for the time that dogs were being held, not sure if my inspector would allow this but might be a last resort. Additionally in speaking with a lot of fellow OCO's some of these issues are a contributing factor for them retiring or resigning from their positions. The majority of the surrounding towns in this area either have already lost their OCO's or will be at the end of the year. I am constantly receiving calls from law enforcement to assist in other towns that no longer have a DCO. I am not sure how much longer I am going to continue as I have been doing this for a long time. Times have changed and the majority of the people that I have to confront on dog issues are not respectful of me or my position, it is a trying job to say the least at the end of the day I have to consider if it's even worth it anymore. Thank you for your time. Randy Akins

f. Assessors Report

g. Supervisor Report

h. Town Clerk Report

5. Old Business

a. Wolf Run Road Property

Minutes:

Where the bid was accepted for the sale of the Wolf Run Road property, and the Town agreed to pay the County for their interest in the land, the paperwork was finalized on October 14, 2025. A motion to allow Wendy to pay the County for their portion as a prepay was made by Michael Austin and Seconded by Norman Maynard and was adopted by Roll call vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

6. New Business

a. Resignation- Janitorial

Minutes:

After 18 years Justin Stark is resigning as the janitorial-maintenance man for the Town of Campbell. The Board thanked him for all of his hard work. A motion to accept the letter of resignation effective November 1, 2025 was made by Michael Austin and seconded by Norman Maynard. Adopted by vote 5-0 A motion to advertise for the position was made by Glenn Vogel and seconded by Michael Austin. Adopted by vote 5-0

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

b. Resolution 6 of 2025- Energy Choice

Minutes:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN OF CAMPBELL strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the TOWN OF CAMPBELL urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Resolution 6 of 2025 was introduced by John Tschantre and seconded by Norman Maynard and Adopted by Vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

c. Tax Cap Override 2026- Intro

Minutes:

A motion to set the Public Hearing for LL1 of 2025 for the Tax Cap Override for 2026 on October 27, 2025 was made by Michael Austin and Seconded by John Tschantre. Adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

d. Revised Tentative Budget review to Preliminary Budget

Minutes:

Wendy Oman discussed the changes to the tentative budget along with the budget notes. A motion to approve the revisions to the tentative 2026 budget was made by Glenn Vogel and seconded by Michael Austin and was adopted by vote 5-0

A motion to make the 2026 Revised Tentative budget the 2026 Preliminary Budget was made by John Tschantre and seconded by Michael Austin was adopted by vote 5-0

7. Public Comment

8. Voucher Audit

Minutes:

A-General 301 &303-315 & 316-328 \$ 18,756.00
SL- Street Lighting 302 & 315 \$ 2,768.11 DA- Highway 160-181 \$486,587.64 SW1- Water District 1 62-71 \$1,467.55 SW2- Water District 2 21-24 \$ 1,011.83 SW-3 Water District 3 20-24 \$ 3,074.76 SW-4 58-69 \$ 1,413.84
TA- Trust and Agency 28-30 \$ 734.77 TOTAL \$ 515,814.50

9. Adjournment

Minutes:

A motion Michael Austin seconded by Glenn Vogel was adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

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