

TOWN OF BARTON

DONALD FOSTER, SUPERVISOR

MINUTES – MAY 11, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Via In-Person

Board Members Present: Supervisor Donald Foster, Councilperson Michael Rice, Councilperson Andy Plaisted, Councilperson Jeffrey Coleman, Councilperson David Shipman

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Fred Schweiger, Highway Superintendent; Arrah Richards-McCarty, Town Clerk

Guests:

Brandon Clark, Tioga County Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Patty and Andy Aronstam; Waverly, NY

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Donald Foster.

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor

None.

Approval of Minutes: A **motion** to approve April 13, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes as submitted by the Town Clerk made by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman. All in favor.

Vouchers: A **motion** to approve the vouchers made by Councilperson Andy Plaisted, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman.

2026 (Abstract 5):

<u>FUND</u>	<u>VOUCHER NO'S</u>	<u>TOTAL CLAIM</u>
➤ General Fund	97-122.....	\$19,084.67
➤ Highway Fund	51-62.....	\$33,853.97
➤ Water/Sewer Fund	14-15.....	\$533.37

5-Ayes, 0-Noes

Personnel:

Town Clerk Arrah Richards-McCarty

1. Penny news – A bill has recently passed the assembly and is now sitting in the senate to be approved regarding the use of pennies on tax bills. The proposal is that it will be up to the Tax Collector to calculate the rounding if customer pays by cash. If paid by check/credit card, exact amount will be fine. However, if customer pays by cash, we must round up or down to the nearest \$0.05. I asked NYSATRC to put together a template resolution to send to our state legislators to modify the wording. We essentially will be asking them to update the wording on the bill so that our tax bill will reflect the exact amount we should be receiving; the tax bill will already have the rounding completed. There are so many reasons why it should be done before it comes to the Tax Collectors' desks. At this point, I wanted to update you, the board, on where this is regarding legislation. I do not need anything at this time but may be asking for something in the future.
2. I would like a motion to approve the transfer of the following mobile home park permit from Kimberly Steele Quinn to Josh Cassidy (National Realty Company, LLC)

Motion to approve the mobile home park transfer permit from Kimberly Steele Quinn to Josh Cassidy (National Realty Company, LLC) made by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman. All in favor.

3. Best Bev

❖ **Best Bev Water Consumption Plans**

Best Bev is planning a multi-phase increase in water usage over the next couple years.

Phase 1 – May 2026

- Request: 50,000 GPD
- Village can supply this amount without exceeding SRBC authorization.
- Best Bev stated that if their own well fails, they will curtail usage and work cooperatively with the village.

Phase 2 – Summer 2027

- Increase from 275,000 → 325,000 GPD
- Requires a new SRBC permit.

Phase 3 – Summer 2028

- Increase from 450,000 → 550,000 GPD

❖ **SRBC Re-Permitting Costs**

- Estimated cost: \$6,000–\$10,000
- This covers the process to increase the permitted withdrawal from the Susquehanna River.

❖ **Village Well Conditions & Infrastructure**

Wells 1 & 2

- Both are old and not viable for increased production.
- Water board believes it doesn't make sense to invest in pulling more water from them.

New Well Discussion

- Village Water Board discussed drilling a new well.

❖ Barton Well Upgrade

- Potential upgrade option.
- You advised Chairman Dave Cole to coordinate with Town Supervisor Foster.
- As of your last knowledge, no calls had been made.

❖ Potential Federal Support

- Mayor Correll suggested Congressman Langworthy may be able to assist with grant funding for well infrastructure.

I spoke with Pat Roney today and he needs to re-permit all wells next year as their permits are expiring.

4. I gave the board members a copy of the Lockwood Fire Chief's email with all the new officers that took effect in April 2026.

Highway Superintendent Fred Schweiger

1. Road work Notice- Weather Permitting

Broome Bituminous is scheduled to begin our paving projects on May 18th. The following roads are planned for paving:

- Cayuta, Main & Church St in Lockwood
- Reniff Rd & Miller Hollow Rd
- Ridge Rd – from Collins Hill to Ackley Rd
- Ridge Rd – from Steenburg to Stone Quarry Rd

Week of May 18th – Suit Kote Work

Suite Kote will be applying one course of Type 1A stone to:

- Acres Ave, Morning Side Dr, Stanley Ave
- Dodge Ave, Smith St, Pembleton Place
- Circle Dr, Wilcox Estates, and the town portions of Lincoln St & Center St
- Norris Rd, Jones Rd, Catherine Ln, Trudy Ln

This is the first step in the Cape Seal process.

Cape Seal Process

Cape sealing involves:

The stone is applied over a layer of asphalt oil and then left to cure for one week. The loose stone is then vac-trucked up and then the layer of asphalt and Portland mix is applied. Total thickness is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Total cost of \$180,000 is roughly 40% of the cost of milling and repaving.

A sample of the finished surface will be available at the Town Hall for anyone interested.

Also during the week of the 18th, Suite Kote will apply a coat of 1A stone to:

- Old Barton Rd
- Kinney Rd
- Cannon Hole Rd

They will return in late June to early July to apply a two-course oil and stone treatment on:

- Ranch Rd
- Bunnel Rd
- Madigan Rd

As with any roadwork, we ask residents to:

- Avoid parking on road shoulders
- Allow extra travel time for work and appointments
- Be patient with crews while they work

Our crew is currently performing:

- Ditching
- Culvert replacement
- Patching
- Reconstruction of Madigan and Bunnel Roads due to winter damage

Roadside mowing will begin soon. Please stay the recommended 500 feet back and use caution when passing.

2. Equipment Update:

Our 1998 Dodge pickup has suffered its third transmission failure in the 10 years we've owned it. I recommend we do not invest in another transmission due to the age of the truck and history of transmission failure, not to mention the frame and cab are barely road legal.

We previously operated a Ford 550, but repair costs became too high. After contacting three local state-bid dealers, all recommended a Ram 5500, which is currently less expensive than a Ford 550.

A 2026 Ram 5500 with plow, sander, and stake body is priced at \$98,000–\$99,000, with an estimated 5-month lead time.

We currently have \$350,000 in the equipment fund and \$265,000 in equipment reserves, which is sufficient to cover the cost of the new truck. Supervisor Foster noted that payment for the truck will not be due until the end of the year, allowing the funds to remain in the interest-bearing account until that time.

New Business

1. Discussion on the renewal of Tioga Informational and Communications Master Service Agreement

Brandon Clark, Tioga County CIO, provided an update on the new Catalog of Services developed at the request of the Legislature. Several changes were made from the previous version, including a new billing structure: municipalities will now be charged \$100 per hour for all services beyond basic troubleshooting such as password resets.

In 2025, the Town of Barton used 41 hours and 15 minutes of IT support, which equals \$4,125. Under the new structure, this amount would have been billed in 2026. Instead, the Town was charged \$5,862.07, creating a difference of \$1,737.07. The transition to Microsoft O365, which became an added cost, effectively made 2026 cost-neutral for the Town. This software change was a directive from Microsoft.

Windows 11 carries a cost of \$550 per computer.

Indirect infrastructure and service costs include:

- Network servers
- NetApp support
- Fax server
- Printer Logic (based on number of printers – \$12.29)
- Firewall (\$17,986/year, shared countywide, equaling \$5.35 per user)
- UPS/HVAC maintenance in the server room
- VMWare (server operating system)
- FreshWorks ticketing system (to be replaced by NinjaOne)
- Backup system:
 - o Hourly snapshots
 - o Weekly online backup in the server room
 - o Offline backup at a disaster recovery site

Backup system costs were estimated at \$137.85 per user in 2025 and will be \$101.64 per user in 2026.

Previously, all machines used Sophos Antivirus, but the State has now assumed the cost of CrowdStrike. Since the State is covering this service, maintaining two antivirus systems was unnecessary.

Supervisor Foster asked how he should budget for shared services in FY-2027. Mr. Clark recommended that the Town Board budget the same amount as it did for 2026. In FY-2025, the Town paid \$10,629.23 for shared services. The estimated total for 2026 is \$9,915.18, resulting in a savings of \$714.05.

Currently, the Town participates in:

- Internet Services
- VoIP Telephone Services
- Email Services

If the Town chooses to move forward with Security Camera System setup, IT would charge \$100 per hour for support and configuration. Installation would need to be completed by the vendor.

Regarding Geographic Information Services (GIS):

- If the Town were to use ArcGIS software directly, the cost would be approximately \$1,000 per user.
 - If the Town prefers a GIS product developed in-house by IT, it would be treated as a special project and billed at \$100 per hour.
2. Discussion on proposed resolution to grant authorization to sign the renewal Tioga Informational and Communication Services Master Service Agreement

Town Clerk Richards-McCarty recommended revising the language in the initial resolution to reflect that the Supervisor will be signing the Catalog of Services, not the Master Service Agreement, at this time. The Board unanimously agreed.

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ADOPTED 05/11/2026

RESOLUTION NO 18-2026

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE RENEWAL TIOGA
INFORMATIONAL AND COMMUNICATION
SERVICES CATALOG OF SERVICES

WHEREAS, Resolution 05-2019 authorized the signing of the Tioga Information Technology and Communication Services Master Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, updates have been made to the existing agreement and the accompanying Catalog of Services; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Andy Plaisted and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Barton Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Donald Foster to sign the renewal of the Tioga Information Technology and Communication Services Catalog of Services.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Andy Plaisted	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

3. Set maximum monetary limit for the repair reserve fund for water and sewer improvement areas 1 and 2

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RESOLUTION NO 19-2026

SET MAXIMUM MONETARY LIMIT FOR THE REPAIR
RESERVE FUND FOR WATER AND SEWER
IMPROVEMENT AREAS 1 AND 2

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Barton enacted the establishment of a combined water and sewer reserve fund to finance a type of equipment repair or replacement for water and sewer infrastructure in water and sewer improvement areas 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Barton Town Board deems it necessary to maintain a reasonable amount of funds in this reserve account; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Andy Plaisted, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Coleman and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day, May 11, 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Barton, County of Tioga, State of New York, sets the maximum monetary limit for the repair reserve fund for water and sewer improvement areas 1 and 2 at \$100,000.00, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Andy Plaisted	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

Old Business

None.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:18 pm made by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Andy Plaisted. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Arrah Richards-McCarty

Town of Barton Town Clerk