

TOWN OF BARTON

DONALD FOSTER, SUPERVISOR

SPECIAL MINUTES JUNE 23, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Via In-Person

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

Board Members Absent: Councilperson Andy Plaisted

Staff Present: Fred Schweiger, Highway Superintendent; Rebekah Peck, Deputy Town Clerk

Guests:

Rick Stevens; Waverly, NY

Ron Perry; Waverly, NY

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Donald Foster.

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

1. Discuss damage to newly surface-treated Madigan Road

Superintendent Fred Schweiger stated that the newly surface treated Madigan Road was deliberately damaged by someone doing burnouts on two different occasions. The damage to road was treated and then damaged again the next day. Thursday they will be re-treating the damage, and he will know what the bill is by then. Supervisor Don and Fred agree that this was deliberate vandalism and this can be charged as two separate instances or criminal mischief.

Supervisor Foster recommends posting a \$500.00 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction dealing with this matter.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 06/23/2026

RESOLUTION NO 27-2026

\$500.00 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING
TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF ANY
PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE
INTENTIONALLY DAMAGED NEWLY SURFACE
TREATED MADIGAN ROAD LOCATED IN THE
TOWN OF BARTON

WHEREAS, certain individuals have intentionally damaged newly surface treated Madigan Road located in the Town of Barton, County of Tioga; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Barton has the authority to petition the Tioga County District Attorney's Office to pursue criminal charges (Criminal Mischief/Trespass) against these individuals as well as file suite to recover damages; and
WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law (RPAPL) also allows for triple damages to be assessed for the destruction of such highway infrastructure; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Barton agrees that immediate action is necessary to halt such activity because such activities are deemed to pose an imminent hazard to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Barton; and
WHEREAS, the Barton Town Board believes it is necessary to create an incentive for person(s) with knowledge of who intentionally destroyed Town of Barton highway infrastructure; and
NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Jeffrey Coleman, and carried; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that on this day, June 23, 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Barton, County of Tioga, State of New York, authorizes the payment of a \$500.00 reward to any individual with information that leads to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons that have damaged or destroyed newly surface treated Madigan Road located in the Town of Barton, County of Tioga, State of New York; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for the implementation of this policy shall be paid from the following account:
Safety Inspection Contractual (B3620.4)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:07 pm made by Councilperson David Shipman seconded by Councilperson Jeffrey Coleman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Peck

Town of Barton Deputy Town Clerk