

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 11th, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Roll Call:	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Bill Bishop	Present
	Councilman Brayton Foster	Present
	Councilman Todd Wyckoff	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, and other interested citizens.

Call to order: Supervisor Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve the July 14th, 2025 Regular Town Board meeting minutes. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Bishop, Aye - Wyckoff and Aye – Foster.

Highway: The Highway Department did ditching and replaced driveway pipes on Burdick Rd, installed metal ends on W Covert Rd driveway, paved on Burdick and Halls Corners Rds and warranty paved on Town Line and Halls Corners, and cold patched all Town roads. They paved for Seneca County and Lodi highway departments. They removed bushes at Lakeview Cemetery, picked up 2023 Western Star from Tracy's, hauled crusher run to Covert and put new strobes on the roadside mower, as well as regular maintenance on all equipment.

Reynolds said that the highway department needs a new pick up and to declare one surplus. He said that plow cable for the old wings need to be declared surplus as well as the steel 'I' beams purchased many years ago for the Frontenac bridge. The cable could be used by the old Covert Baptist church for the steeple.

Reynolds said that MacCheyne will be submitting bills for CHIPS reimbursement soon.

Committees: Nottke gave an update on the new New York State Park. She said, without Covert's vote, Three Falls LDC has hired an associate from Ithaca to help with the designing of the park. They've scheduled a walk-through with the group at 9:30 AM Wednesday.

Nottke said she had attended a luncheon with MRB Group, who had recommended that a "Friends of the Park" group be formed for fundraising Covert's membership fee, etc.

Bishop asked if the park was making any money yet. Nottke said that the Boy Scouts have rented the park this summer, with 3 weekends this month, but the facility is passive access right now: carry in, carry out. The only amenities are the porta potties.

She said that Ulysses is mowing the grass and NYS Parks is helping with maintenance.

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Wyckoff asked where we stand on changing the fire lines. Morrell said they will need the specifics of where the lines will be re-drawn. Morrell will look into the procedure.

Supervisor: Reynolds reported on Seneca County's proposals for a County-wide ambulance service. As of a couple weeks ago, the proposal would be for South Seneca Ambulance to cover the south end of the county and North Seneca Ambulance would cover the north end of County. Two other services overlap at the east and west ends. The proposal through the County says the cost would be \$57 per parcel. Currently the Trumansburg coverage is \$112 per parcel. Reynolds said it would be presented at the County meeting Tuesday night. The Town Board would like details on the expenses and services.

Morrell said that there should be discussion of the changes of service vs. the current service for the Seneca County towns. Currently, Seneca Falls does not contract with an ambulance service. Morrell said that if the majority vote for a countywide ambulance service, then it will service all the towns including Covert, regardless of our vote.

There was some discussion regarding the Charity Care case application. Morrell said he had reviewed the policy & paperwork that had been submitted and it seems to qualify. The Town of Covert Charity Care Policy states that patients will be provided full charity care to low income or uninsured patients earning less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level. There was discussion about the policy & changing it.

Nottke will call MedEx as to the status of the liability and other unpaid bills.

Attorney: Morrell reported on the West Ave, Village annexation petition. He said that the Village Attorney's letter to the applicant outlines what needs to be done and that nothing can happen yet. A Public Hearing would be controlled by Village of Interlaken.

He said we should look at the impacts a housing development and annexation would have on the Town (i.e. Tax base, infrastructure). He said that more information would be forthcoming. There was speculation about the impacts of having tiny housing development in the Town vs. the Village.

Morrell said he would speak to MacCheyne about an abandoned camper on Burdick Rd. It would become Town property. Local authorities are authorized to take custody of any abandoned vehicle in their jurisdiction, whether abandoned on public or private property.

Morrell said that in regard to the cable to be declared surplus, a municipality can donate items to non-profits but not to private entities. He said the Town is obligated to find the best value for surplus items.

Morrell said he had received court documents and heard from the victim regarding a dog bite case in the Town. Bills are expected before the court date in order to seek restitution. When a dog bites a resident, it is a civil suit against the dog in the Town's court.

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Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to declare old plow cable as surplus. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to declare 6 - 18' x 30' steel I beams (originally purchased for reparation of Frontenac bridge) as surplus. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to declare 2023 F250 pickup truck as surplus. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve Special Events Liquor License for six Encore Players Community Theatre events at 9706 Congress St Ext, Trumansburg from July 24 – August 3, 2025. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to reappoint Sandra Hagin as Town Assessor for the 10/1/2025-9/30/2031 term. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve the Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of July 2025. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of July 2025. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Nottke, Aye - Foster, and Aye - Bishop.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve Town Clerk report for the month of July 2025. Town Clerk received a total of \$1654.00; \$895.70 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye - Bishop, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Nottke and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer Report for July. Aye - Bishop, Aye – Nottke, Aye - Wyckoff and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Foster, to approve the Dog Control Officer Report for the months of July 2025 with notation to change Town of "Interlaken" to "Covert" 2nd to last paragraph. Aye - Bishop, Aye – Nottke, Aye - Wyckoff and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, that Highway Fund Vouchers #93-104 in the amount of \$99,520.20 and General Fund Vouchers #149 – 169 in the amount of \$14,642.89 be approved for payment. Aye-Bishop, Aye – Nottke, Aye - Wyckoff and Aye-Foster.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk