

Town of Covert, Seneca County
Regular Town Board Meeting
14 July 2025

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, July 14th at 7 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

Members Present: Supervisor Reynolds, Councilwoman Nottke, Councilman Bishop, Councilman Foster, Councilman Wyckoff.

Others Present: Town Clerk Adams-Compton, Town Attorney Morrell, Deputy Town Clerk Quan, John Hubbard, 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 motioned, Bishop seconded, to approve the minutes from the 09 June 2025 regular board meeting; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Presenter:

John Hubbard advised the current board of the Lake View Cemetery consists of President Diane Bassette Nelson, Vice President John Hubbard, Secretary Gary Hunt, and Treasurer Marcia Taylor.

He thanked the Town Board for their help, noting Highway Superintendent MacCheyne and the Highway Department have been fantastic.

The Cemetery Association await a response from NY Department of State Vandalism, Abandonment & Monument Repair Fund on a \$70k grant funding request for repair of hazardous monuments.

Hubbard spoke about the financial outlook of the association: there are only sufficient funds for one year of operation and maintenance expenses. Though two community dinners provide about \$2k annually, this amount and the work performed by four volunteers are insufficient to cover expenses.

Highway

Reynolds reported the Highway Department addressed damage related to storms in addition to performing general maintenance of roads and equipment.

Committees:

Nottke reported on a public informational meeting concerning the park; some residents on South Frontenac Road have concerns about the changes.

The Three Falls Local Development Corporation is waiting for a commission and ribbon cutting. The regularly scheduled meeting was postponed a week because of the holiday but it remains at the same time in the Village Hall Meeting Room.

Supervisor:

The Town awaits a proposal from the Village of Interlaken regarding annexation of property. The Village will then lead a joint public hearing between the two municipalities because the annexation is in the interest of the Village.

Attorney:

Morrell will review the Town policy on Charity Care.

Morrell investigated property deeds along South Frontenac Road. The research has not been completed, but nothing has been found showing the roadway is private property.

Resolutions:

Nottke motioned, Foster seconded, to approve the resolution to adopt the 2025 Seneca County Hazard Mitigation Plan; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Nottke motioned, Wyckoff seconded, to approve the Supervisor's Income and Expenditure Report for the month of June 2025; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Nottke motioned, Wyckoff seconded, to approve the Highway Superintendent's Report for the month of June 2025; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Nottke motioned, Bishop seconded, to approve the Town Clerk's Report for the month of June 2025. The Town Clerk received a total of \$1231.75; \$584.30 was remitted to the Supervisor; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Wyckoff motioned, Nottke seconded, to approve the Code Enforcement Officer's Report for the month of June 2025; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Nottke motioned, Foster seconded, to approve the Dog Control Officer's Report for the month of June 2025; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Nottke motioned, Bishop seconded, that Highway Fund Vouchers #82-92, amounting to \$19,589.01, and General Fund Vouchers #130-148, amounting to \$12,481.77, be approved for payment; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Petitioners to the Board:

Barry Ford spoke about the recent reporting of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) observed at various locations in Cayuga Lake, expressing concern about how it will affect property values when it becomes more prevalent.

Nottke motioned, Bishop seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.; Reynolds: aye, Nottke: aye, Bishop: aye, Foster: aye, Wyckoff: aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Quan
Town of Covert Deputy Town Clerk