

**TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
& PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

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| <b>Roll Call:</b> | 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, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Code Enforcement Officer Roger Ward, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Jen Meyers, Stevan Knapp, Daryl + Jamie Dibble, Todd Searles, George Daddis + Tammy Albone, Mayor Rich Richardson 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 August 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 Regular Town Board meeting minutes. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Bishop, Aye - Wyckoff and Aye – Foster.

**Public Hearing:** Nottke moved, seconded by Foster to open the Public Hearing at 7:01 PM to hear comments on the Variance Request for Daryl Dibble for two dwellings on one parcel. Dibble’s garage space had been converted to living quarters while intending to build a new home. Nottke moved, seconded by Foster to close the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM.

**Public Hearing:** Nottke moved, seconded by Foster to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM to hear comments on the Variance Request for Jennifer Meyers to install a solar array for 31.6 kW.

Jennifer Meyers said that their usage is more than 25 kW. They have an old house which has a heat pump. They have a family of 6. She said she has 14 letters of neighbors’ support. The array would be in a three-acre field behind 3 large barns half way between Savercool & State Rte 89. Meyers’ insulator/contractor said he’s done 6 projects recently that all needed over 25 kW.

Morrell said that the project is ≈380’ from Rt 89. He said it should be referred to County Planning Board. The project will need an Environmental Review.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff to close the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.

**Public Hearing:** Nottke moved, seconded by Foster to open the Public Hearing at 7:11 PM to hear comments on the Variance Request for Sarah and Todd Searles who would like to build a new home on a “land-locked” parcel. Searles’ parents with driveway are in parcel behind theirs. A right of way is written into the deed.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff to close the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM.

**Public Hearing:** Nottke moved, seconded by Foster to open the Public Hearing at 7:17 PM to hear comments on the Variance Request for George Daddis who also would like to build a new home on a “land-locked” parcel. Daddis had bought the parcel behind another parcel he owns on State Rte 89. The parcel has no buildings on it and a right of way is in process with an attorney. Morrell explained that there must be a legal agreement before a permit is granted.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM

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**Highway:** The Highway Department did paving with Lodi, Ovid, and Romulus, put up speed limit signs and other warning signs around S Frontenac Rd, installed new driveway pipes on Halls Corners Road and Burdick Road, installed two new crossover pipes on Congress Street, did ditching on Six Corners Road, put shoulders on Burdick and Halls Corners Roads, paved some spots on Bergen Beach Road, did some repair work on Townline Rd, cold patched on all Town roads and mowed the majority of roadsides. They built new steps at the Town Hall, dug test holes and installed new pipe for salt barn, took 2023 10-wheeler to Syracuse for repairs, replaced front brakes on 2022 F-550, and did regular maintenance on all equipment.

MacCheyne contacted Cutthroat Tree Service for a tree that's down on S Frontenac Rd, 5' di, 3' from the road. He said it is too tall for NY Parks to take care of. Ben Guthrie suggested he try Heavenly Tree Service.

The new truck from state bid is expected to be delivered in 1½ months. There is 16,000 miles left on the warranty on the 'old' truck.

**Committees:** Nottke reported that she and Reynolds attended a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce brainstorming how to get more tourists in our area.

She also said that the Three Falls LDC with Fisher Associates would be at the Trumansburg Farmers Market on 9/17 from 4-7 PM, and also on 9/27 from 11 – 2, with tacos, nachos + ice cream and fun activities. They are looking for input with their 'future park' survey, available at the Farmers Market events.

There will be a Three Falls LDC meeting with NYS Parks on September 19 at 11 AM.

Thursday night will be a Trumansburg EMS/Fire Budget discussion.

**Supervisor:** Reynolds has been working on the Town budget and is just looking for the BlueCross/Blue Shield insurance figure, expected to be up 15-20%.

**Attorney:** Morrell said there had been no change with the annexation of West Ave property into the Village. Mayor Richardson said that they are waiting for Johnson to submit paperwork.

Morrell said that the three applications for variance for single family house constructions would be considered type 2 actions. The solar array for Meyers should be referred to the Seneca County Planning Board. SEQR forms were given to the applicant, Intelligent Green Solutions, to complete.

**Petitioners:** Ralph Bailey asked about the changing of territory/fire lines for the fire departments. Reynolds said he will schedule a meeting between lawyers.

Ben Guthrie said thank you to the town for the use of surplus cable used to stabilize belfry of the Covert Baptist Church. He said that Phil Stannard does all the maintenance work on the building.

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Mayor Rich Richardson submitted a request to the Town to increase the budget for the police from \$2000 to \$6000 which would add 160 hours of police coverage. He said that since 2023 they have more than tripled the revenue generated, writing more than 90% of the tickets in the Town of Covert.

Ford asked regarding the Village's water conservation order. Richardson said the Village is using a sole well and they have been working with the state to get a line from the lake over the past three years.

**Resolutions:**

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, that

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Covert has reviewed the variance application of Daryl Dibble to build an addition to a single-family residence at 3295 County Rd. 143, Tax Map 15-1-16.1; and

Whereas, the SEQR regulations under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1) designates "the construction or expansion of a single-family, a two-family or a three-family residence on an approved lot including provision of necessary utility connections as provided in paragraph (13) of this subdivision and the installation, maintenance or upgrade of a drinking water well or a septic system, or both, and conveyances of land in connection therewith" as a Type II action not being subject to SEQR review; and

Whereas, the Town Board finds that this application fits within this exemption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Covert Town Board finds the variance application of Daryl Dibble to build an addition to a single-family residence at 3295 County Rd. 143, Tax Map 15-1-16.1 to be a Type II action under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1).

Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Request for Variance from the Land Management Ordinance for Daryl Dibble to construct a second residence at 3295 County Rd 143, Interlaken, Tax Map #15-1-16.1, on condition that present living quarters is to be converted to workspace not to be used as a dwelling once construction of new home is complete. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Wyckoff, and Aye-Nottke.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to refer the Variance Request for Jennifer Meyers, ~~9778~~ 9797 Savercool Rd, Trumansburg, Tax Map #21-1-30.21, to install a solar ground array totaling 31.6 Kw where electricity production systems with a DC capacity greater than 25 kW are prohibited under the Land Management Ordinance to the Seneca County Planning Board. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Wyckoff, and Aye-Nottke.

Wyckoff moved, seconded by Foster, that

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Covert has reviewed the variance application of Todd & Sarah Searles to build an addition to a single-family residence at Extension Rd., Tax Map 18- 1-09.2; and

Whereas, the SEQR regulations under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1) designates "the construction or expansion of a single-family, a two-family or a three-family residence on an approved lot including provision of necessary utility connections as provided in paragraph (13) of this subdivision and the installation, maintenance or upgrade of a drinking water well or a septic system, or both, and conveyances of land in connection therewith" as a Type II action not being subject to SEQR review; and

Whereas, the Town Board finds that this application fits within this exemption.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Covert Town Board finds the variance application of Todd & Sarah Searles to build an addition to a single-family residence at Extension Rd., Tax Map 18-1-09.2 to be a Type II action under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1).  
Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Request for Variance from the Land Management Ordinance for Todd and Sarah Searles to construct a new home with attached garage at 9732 Extension Rd, Trumansburg, Tax Map #18-1-09.2, on condition of shared driveway agreement. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Wyckoff, and Aye-Nottke

Wyckoff moved, seconded by Nottke, that

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Covert has reviewed the variance application of George Daddis to build an addition to a single-family residence at 8347 NYS Route 89, Tax Map 06-02-71.1; and

Whereas, the SEQR regulations under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1) designates "the construction or expansion of a single-family, a two-family or a three-family residence on an approved lot including provision of necessary utility connections as provided in paragraph (13) of this subdivision and the installation, maintenance or upgrade of a drinking water well or a septic system, or both, and conveyances of land in connection therewith" as a Type II action not being subject to SEQR review; and

Whereas, the Town Board finds that this application fits within this exemption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Covert Town Board finds the variance application of George Daddis to build an addition to a single-family residence at 8347 NYS Route 89, Tax Map 06-02-71.1 to be a Type II action under 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1).  
Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Wyckoff, and Aye-Nottke

Foster moved, seconded by Nottke, to approve the Request for Variance from the Land Management Ordinance for George Daddis to construct a new home at 8347 Rte 89, Interlaken, Tax Map #06-2-71.1, on condition of written authorization for driveway access has been provided in an acceptable form to the Town and filed with Seneca County. Aye-Foster, Aye-Bishop, Aye-Wyckoff, and Aye-Nottke

Foster moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order and purchase a 2026 F2520 truck with Western plow from Maguire through OGS State Contract #PC68973SSB for \$69,477.43. Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Foster, Aye - Nottke and Aye - Bishop.

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

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

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve Town Clerk report for the month of August 2025. Town Clerk received a total of \$2629.00; \$808.09 was remitted to the Supervisor. Aye - Bishop, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye - Nottke and Aye-Foster.

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

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Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve the Dog Control Officer Report for the months of August 2025. Aye - Bishop, Aye – Nottke, Aye - Wyckoff and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, that Highway Fund Vouchers #105 - 114 in the amount of \$15,106.91 and General Fund Vouchers #170 – 184 in the amount of \$4,876.36 be approved for payment. Aye-Bishop, Aye – Nottke, Aye - Wyckoff and Aye-Foster.

Nottke moved, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk



Maguire Commercial Department  
State Contract Pricing  
8/20/2025

Maguire Motors LLC  
OGS Contract #PC68973SSB  
Fed ID#26-0548077  
NYS Vender ID#1100058540

Town of Covert Highway Department  
2026 Ford F2520 Crew Cab  
\$70,535 (MSRP)  
\$61,478 (Maguire State Contract Price)  
+ \$199.43 Fees  
\$61,677.43  
+\$6,800 Western 9ft Straight Plow  
\$68,477.43  
+\$1,000 Back Rack & Light

Total \$69,477.43

\*Options\*  
6yr-100k Bumper/Bumper Warranty -\$2,750  
5yr/20visits – Maintenance Plan - \$1,250

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