

**TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**February 9, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Covert Municipal Building, 8469 South Main Street, Interlaken, New York.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Supervisor Michael Reynolds	Present
	Councilwoman Deborah Nottke	Present
	Councilman Todd Wyckoff	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara Soyka	Present
	Councilman Ben Guthrie	Present

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Deputy Clerk Brian Quan, Mayor Rich Richardson and other interested citizens.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve the minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing, Organizational + Regular Town Board Meeting. Aye-Wyckoff, Aye-Soyka and Aye-Guthrie, Aye - Nottke.

**Highway:** MacCheyne reported on the activities for the month of January. They plowed and sanded all Town and Village roads, and cold-patched Town roads. They hauled stone for summer road work to pile in Covert. The 2022 Western Star 10-wheeler was serviced for electrical issues at Tracey’s Truck Repair. There were issues with water getting in. They sanded and painted wing on 2019 Western Star and secured front axle on 2001 Gradall. MacCheyne received a quote from Alta Equipment to fix boom/tilt cylinders and re-build seals on the 25 year old Gradall. He said Gradall had been bought for 40K 6-7 years ago and the wing blades and rubber can be flipped to use the other sides. Cayuga Lake Watershed Organization has some items for free. He said the County put new faces on 6 worn stop signs. They also cleaned up a large tree at cross over pipe on Bergen Beach Rd and regular maintenance was done on all equipment.

**Committees:**

Nottke said Three Falls Development Corp is planning for a meeting in March with new Acting Commissioner Kathy Moser when new name for the park will be revealed and findings of the Fisher study will be presented.

Reynolds said regarding EMS “deductible monitoring” that the Town controls how much follow up is done on unpaid bills. Currently, the policy is that the debt is billed twice, if not paid, it is let go. Reynolds will get more information on how many go unpaid and why the \$283 ceiling.

Reynolds also said that the Assessors want to raise the senior exemption limit. The Town’s maximum since 2021 is \$31,900 annual household income for a 5% break on assessment down to \$23,500 for 50%. Reynolds asked to raise it \$4 – 5,000.

A floodplain management agreement with the County was discussed. Agreement was tabled for coordination with Seneca County. Local law should be reviewed. Reynolds said that 40 properties in Covert have been removed from the flood zones.

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Reynolds also mentioned that the USDA would like to monitor activity of the European fruit fly at public properties in the Town.

Reynolds said that Scott Voorhees has applied for a Variance from the Land Management Ordinance for rebuilding a garage with a breezeway that are too close to the property line but not as close as garage to be demoed.

Morrell said that the Town has an application for annexation of West Ave/96A property into the Village of Interlaken, owned by Michael Johnson/Revitalization Solutions. Mayor Richardson said that the Town and Village have 20-40 days to hold a joint public hearing.

**Petitioners:** Mayor Richardson welcomed the new members of the Town Board. He reported that the Village is in the final stages of a 4.5M grant. They have had an interview, and kept in contact. They will know if the grant is received in May.

Richardson mentioned that the plan for the annexation is to begin with 6 houses and no tax breaks. He stated that the schools are emptying and businesses lessening.

**Resolutions:**

Nottke moved, seconded by Soyka, to approve the Cayuga Lake Triathlon's use of roads in the Town of Covert on Sunday, June 21, 2026, with the stipulation that placement of signage be approved by Town Highway Superintendent MacCheyne. Aye - Guthrie, Aye - Nottke, Aye - Soyka and Aye - Wyckoff.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to refer the Variance Request for Scott Voorhees, 4504 E Bates Rd, Trumansburg, to the Planning Board on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Soyka moved, seconded by Nottke, to schedule a Public Hearing for Scott Voorhees, 4504 East Bates Rd, Trumansburg, Tax Map #20-1-03.2, to install a new addition and rebuild garage where set back from side boundary is deficient as required under the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance, for March 9, 2026 at 7 PM. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to schedule a Public Hearing for the petition to annex lands, parcel # 07-1-10.1 and #07-1-10.2, of Michael R. Johnson and Local Revitalization Solutions, LLC from the Town of Covert to the Village of Interlaken, on for March 9, 2026 at 7 PM. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, that the Covert Town Clerk/Tax Collector's records were examined on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and found to be in good order. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Guthrie moved, seconded by Nottke, that the Covert Town Justice's Court records and dockets were examined on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and found to be in good order. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Guthrie moved, seconded by Nottke, that the Covert Town Supervisor records were examined on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and found to be in good order. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to approve the Alta Equipment Co. 1/20/26 quote for Gradall repairs of \$12,273.39. Aye-Wyckoff, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Soyka and Aye-Guthrie.

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Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve the Town Supervisor's Income and Expense report for the month of January 2026. Aye-Wyckoff, Aye-Nottke, Aye-Soyka and Aye-Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve the Highway Superintendent's report for the month of January 2026. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to approve the Town Clerk/Tax Collector report for the month of January 2026 Town Clerk received total of \$2831.00 and \$414.43 was remitted to the Supervisor for the month of January 2026. Tax Collector collections were \$2,039,606.50 through January 2026. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, that Highway Fund Vouchers #14 - 34 in the amount of \$31,839.70 and General Fund Vouchers # 29 - 49 in the amount \$440,073.86 be approved for payment. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, Aye – Soyka, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk



<b>ESTIMATE NO</b> SOT206520	<b>DATE</b> 01-20-2026	<b>CUSTOMER NO</b> BR0117718
<b>PAYMENT TERMS</b> NET 30 DAYS		<b>CUSTOMER RFQ#</b> N/A

ALTA CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NY LLC  
5985 Court St Rd  
SYRACUSE NY 13206  
315-437-2611

**SERVICE ESTIMATE**

**WORK SITE:**  
ALTA CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NY LLC  
5985 Court St Rd  
SYRACUSE NY 13206

**INVOICE TO:**  
TOWN OF COVERT  
100 N MAIN STREET  
INTERLAKEN NY 14847

**SALESPERSON:** SHAWN CONNOR  
**CONTACT:**  
**GOOD THRU:** 03-08-2028  
**REF:**

**GRADALL MODEL:** XL3100V **S/N:** 0315313 **CUST UNIT:** UNIT: EQ0282596  
**SEGMENT:** 10 **BOOM/TILT CYLINDER RESEAL HYDRAULIC CYLINDER/LEAK/REBUILD CUSTOMER - SHOP**  
**GRADALL MODEL:** XL3100V **S/N:** 0315313 **CUST UNIT:** UNIT: EQ0282596  
**WORK SITE:** 5985 Court St Rd SYRACUSE NY 13206

**WORK DESCRIPTION:** THIS ESTIMATE IS FOR RESEALING THE BOOM AND TILT CYLINDER THAT ARE LEAKING.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	CORE	AMOUNT
	PACKING KIT	1.00	703.46		703.46
	BEARING - CUSHION	1.00	1,528.04		1,528.04
	KEEPER	1.00	49.85		49.85
	SPIDER PAD	6.00	136.34		818.04
	HHCS	2.00	3.08		6.16
	THREADED BAR	3.00	41.64		124.92
	SPIDER	1.00	427.91		427.91
	PACKING KIT	1.00	953.61		953.61
	MISC - SERVICE SUP	1.00	350.00		350.00
					7,200.00
<b>LABOR</b>					
<b>SEGMENT</b>	<b>10 TOTAL:</b>			<b>0.00 TAX</b>	<b>12,273.39 TOTAL</b>
<b>#Error</b>	<b>4,723.39 PARTS</b>	<b>7,200.00 LABOR</b>	<b>350.00 MISC.</b>		

<b>PARTS</b>	4,723.39
<b>LABOR</b>	7,200.00
<b>MISC.</b>	350.00
<b>TAXES TAX</b>	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,273.39</b>

ALTA CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NY LLC CUSTOMER ACCEPTANCE CUSTOMER PO

Note: Quotation will be invoiced as shown plus tax if applicable. Prices on estimates will not vary more than 10%. Repairs will be performed in our shop exactly as listed above (unless specifically quoted as field repair). Pricing is based on customer receiving 100% credit on cores. Pricing does not include shipping and handling charges (if any) and cleaning of the machine. Cleaning will be charged at current shop rate. We will provide you with estimates or quotations for additional repairs which may be required. Additional repairs will not be started without your consent.

**TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY SPECIAL  
INFORMATIONAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3 PM



**Special Board Meeting**

**From** Michael Reynolds <michaelreyno52@gmail.com>

**Date** 2026-02-20 11:21

Meeting was called to order at 3:02.

Members present : Michael Reynolds

Debbie Nottke

Ben Guthrie

Barb Soyka

Items Discussed:

Highway, Salt Barn, Frontenac Bridge, Frontenac Park, Trumansburg Ambulance, April/Dog shelter, Rodney Porter chicken manure, Interlaken police Department

Meeting adjourned at 4:15