

TOWN OF COVERT, SENECA COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2026

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Covert was held Monday, June 8th, 2026 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 Todd Wyckoff	Present
	Councilwoman Barbara Soyka	Absent
	Councilman Ben Guthrie	Present

Others Present: Town Clerk Leslie Adams-Compton, Highway Superintendent Jeffrey MacCheyne, Town Attorney Patrick Morrell, Deputy Clerk Brian Quan 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 Guthrie, to approve the minutes from May 11th Public Hearing + Regular Town Board Meeting. Aye-Wyckoff, Aye-Guthrie, and Aye - Nottke.

Highway: MacCheyne reported on the activities for the month of May. He said he (they?) attended a mandatory safety meeting in Romulus. They dug and covered two graves at Lake View Cemetery. They did some ditching on Arden, Burdick + E Bates Rd, replaced crossover pipes on Arden and Burdick Rds, Paved Seneca Rd and Congress St, scraped, added crusher run and applied dust oil on Six Corners and Arden Roads, and cold patched on all town roads. They cleaned 3 trucks for yearly Krown corrosion spray, and did regular maintenance on all equipment.

They are still waiting on the county for shoulders on the park road.

It was reported that there are squatters on the Town property on Lakeview St. They have not responded to a request to move. Morrell will need more information to decide on a plan of action.

Guthrie asked if the Town has a roads maintenance/replacement plan. MacCheyne said that CHIPS limits reimbursement for funds to ten years per road.

Town and Village highway departments plan to work together to find the footer drain for the Town Hall and try to resolve the basement flooding problem.

Town Clerk: Adams-Compton said that four Town minutes books, through the mid -1920's, had been scanned.

Committees:

Nottke reported that at Three Falls LDC monthly meeting last week was cancelled and has been re-scheduled for this Thursday at Trumansburg Village Hall at 9:30 AM and all are welcome.

Guthrie said he and MacCheyne had spoken about using unused sick time for buying back insurance. This would require a policy update.

Town Supervisor:

Reynolds said that Assessor Sandy Hagin is going to retire effective July 1st. He said that Al Fiorille is willing to do all but the clerical work.

Reynolds said he thinks that the situation with FEMA funding is progressing.

Reynolds said they have a Variance Request from Constantine Karamargin, 8987 Covert Cottages Rd.,

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Interlaken, for a new cottage, 2 feet short of a boundary line and less than an acre.

Reynolds reported that the bond money for the salt barn has been received. Morrell said that when the Town receives the DEC grant money, it should be paid back.

Petitioners:

Barry Ford mentioned that he has 2 3-4' brand-new pipe he could sell to the Town if MacCheyne needs it.

Resolutions:

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to advertise for a new Town Assessor; Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to refer the Variance Request for Sweeter Retreat LLC/Constantine Karamargin, 8987 Covert Cottages Rd., Interlaken, to the Planning Board on Thursday, June 25th, 2026 at 7 PM. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to schedule a Public Hearing for Variance Request for Sweeter Retreat LLC/Constantine Karamargin, 8987 Covert Cottages Rd., Interlaken, Tax Map #14-1-22.2, to construct a new cottage where lot size and set back from side boundary is deficient under the Town of Covert Land Management Ordinance, for July 13th, 2026, at 7 PM. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

Office of the New York State Comptroller
NYSLRS
New York State and Local Retirement System
110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001
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Employer Location Code

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Received Date

**Standard Work Day and
Reporting Resolution for
Elected and Appointed Officials**

RS 2417-A

(Rev. 12/23)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert / 30373 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Michael Reynolds			Town Supervisor	2026-2026	6	12.06	☒	monthly	☐
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Appointed Officials:									
Patrick J Morrell			Town Attorney	2026-2026	6	3.67	☐	monthly	☐
Nancy Swartwood			Bookkeeper to Sup	2026-2026	6	1.72/2.58	☒	bi-weekly	☐
							☐		☐

I, Leslie Adams-Compton, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Covert of the State of New York,
(Name of Secretary or Clerk) (Circle one) (Name of Employer)

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 8th day of June, 2026 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Covert on this 9th day of June, 2026.
(Name of Employer)

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Leslie Adams-Compton being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on _____
(Name of Secretary or Clerk)
and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the: _____
(Date)

☒ Employer's website at: townofcovertny.gov

☐ Official sign board at: _____

☒ Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 8469 S Main St, Interlaken, NY

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(seal)

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to approve Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution, above.

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Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

Resolution #2-2026

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JULY 2–JULY 11, 2026
“CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM DAYS”
IN THE TOWN OF COVERT

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, that

WHEREAS, Delegates to the Second Continental Congress from 12 colonies voted to dissolve political bands with Great Britain on JULY 2, 1776, with New York delegates abstaining; and,

WHEREAS, Delegates to the Second Continental Congress from 12 colonies voted to approve the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and ordered it printed and dispersed on JULY 4, 1776, with New York delegates abstaining; and,

WHEREAS, the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was printed overnight with two names, John Hancock, president of Congress, and Chas. Thompson, secretary, by Printer to Congress John Dunlap and ready for sending on JULY 5 and 6, 1776; and,

WHEREAS, General in Chief George Washington received the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and ordered it read to Continental Army brigades in New York City on JULY 9, 1776; and,

WHEREAS, the New York Provincial Assembly approved the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and ordered it published “with Beat of Drum” in Westchester County on JULY 11, 1776; and,

WHEREAS, John Adams, delegate from Massachusetts Bay Colony and one of the Committee of FIVE who drafted the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE wrote to his wife Abigail on JULY 3, 1776 that, *“The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. – I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”*; and,

WHEREAS, Revolutionary War veteran Abner Treman settled in the area of the Village of Trumansburg which bears his name to this day; and,

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WHEREAS, since its beginnings in the late 1780s when the Town of Covert was settled by Veterans of the American Revolution and their families; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Covert Town Board hereby designates July 2–July 11, 2026 as “CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM DAYS” in the Town of Covert, and
BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that residents of the Town of Covert are encouraged to celebrate with readings of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and other acts of commemoration in accordance with conscience, belief, and applicable law.

Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

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

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

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to approve the Town Clerk report for the month of May 2026. Town Clerk received total of \$1598.00 and \$458.63 was remitted to the Supervisor for the month of May 2026. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Guthrie, to approve the Dog Control Officer Reports for May 2026. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, that Highway Fund Vouchers #78-92 in the amount of \$146,676.95 and General Fund Vouchers # 117-136 in the amount \$14,240.14 be approved for payment. Aye – Nottke, Aye – Wyckoff, and Aye – Guthrie.

Nottke moved, seconded by Wyckoff, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Adams-Compton, Town Clerk