

**TOWN OF FORESTPORT
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORESTPORT TOWN HALL
10275 State Route 28, Forestport N.Y.
January 21, 2026 @6:30 PM**

PRESENT: Supervisor Entwistle
Councilman Addison
Councilwoman Abrial
Councilman Scouten
ABSENT: Councilwoman Verschneider

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tracy Terry, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Entwistle at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ABSTRACTS:

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract # 1 Vouchers #1- #66 in the amount of \$40,007.35
4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #1 Vouchers #1- #12 in the amount of \$20,075.40
4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

WATER DISTRICT #1:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #1, Vouchers #1 #12 in the amount of \$6,801.03
4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

SEWER DISTRICT #1:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #1, Vouchers #1- #8 in the amount of \$5,613.23
4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

BUCKHORN:

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to pay Abstract #1, Vouchers #1-#4 in the amount of \$3,963.53

4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Addison to accept the minutes from the:

- December 17, 2025: Regular Town Board Meeting
- December 29, 2025: Year-End Meeting
- January 5, 2026: Organizational Meeting

4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

TOWN CLERK REPORTS

JUSTICE REPORT

SUPERVISOR REPORT

BUCKHORN WATER REPORT

WATER DISTRICT # 1 REPORT

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

DOG REPORT

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to accept the monthly reports.

4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

NOCCOG: Lisa Bellinger went over the monthly announcements.

WATER:

SEWER:

- **Income Study for WWIP:** Fern, Jen Hartsig's daughter is working on an income study. The study will be sent out to sewer customers, so the town will hopefully be able to get another grant to offset the cost of the sewer project.
- **WWIP Bids:** The town is still waiting to hear back from the Engineer with their recommendation. Below are the current bids.
 - **Spensieizi Construction-** 3,075,000 total
 - **Yanuk Construction-** 1,383,600 total
 - **Electrical-** J & A Electrical: 268,000 total
- **DEC Inspection:** Lucas is addressing the inspector's list of changes at the sewer plant. Everything is going well, but they had suggestions and Lucas is working on completing the demands by the deadline.

BUCKHORN WATER

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Kitchen Upgrades:** The town is looking to retrofit the kitchen to facilitate senior lunches and so the community can host events at the Town Hall. The estimate is \$45,000. The town will need to get health inspections from the Health Department. There will be no financial burden on the taxpayers in the future as the upgrades should last for a long time. The ANSUL system is brand new and up to codes.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to move forward with the kitchen upgrades.

4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

- **Colleen Pritchard:** Supervisor Entwistle thanked Colleen Pritchard, with “Freedom Firs” for donating the four-foot wreath on the front of the Town Hall and to the local Fire Departments.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- **Battery Storage Law:** New York State requires towns to have Local Laws for safety. A Draft copy is available. Laurie Fessler, from the Gallery, stated she read the proposed Local Law, and it needs protection for the property owners and stronger wording to help the Fire Departments with safety equipment and evacuation. She suggested protections for local water or well water. Supervisor Entwistle told Laurie to email him the suggestions, and he will pass them along to the attorney.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Abrial and seconded by Councilman Addison to schedule a Public Hearing on February 18, 2026, at 6:15P.M.

4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

The proposed law is attached to the minutes

- **Highway Resignations:** For the record, Aaron Smith resigned from the Highway Department and Ray Reuger is coming on as a Part Time Wingman for the Highway Department.
- **Ski Trip to Gore:** Supervisor Entwistle organized a trip to Gore Mountain, February 28th. You need to be an intermediate or above-skier. There will not be a bus, so individuals need to drive themselves. The Learn to ski day at McCauley was a success, all 13 kids are now able to ski. He thanked Danielle Abrial, Tyler and Tracy Terry for their help. He is planning another Learn to Ski day in February.
- **Senior Recreation:** Supervisor Entwistle congratulated Councilman Addison, as being the Senior Recreation Director. He held his first meeting on Monday and had 15-18 people in attendance. The next meeting is Monday, February 9th at 10am. He encouraged people to reach out to Councilman Addison or Tracy Terry, Town Clerk to sign up for the email subscriber list or textmygov.
- **Taxes:** The taxes went up 268% for the general town tax. Last year it was

\$2.18/1,000 and this year it is \$3.22/1,000; the tax cap was broken. Six separate meetings took place regarding the tax cap. Anyone with questions should reach out to Supervisor Entwistle.

- **Tax Collector:** Vicky Palen is the new Tax Collector. The former Tax Collector had a Community Bank account, and the new Tax Collector is using Adirondack Bank. Currently there are funds in the Community Bank account, and it is likely that some of 2026 online tax payments went into the previous bank account. This resolution is to take Sherry off the Tax Collector account and add Supervisor Entwistle. After the season is over, close the account completely.

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pass Resolution #1 of 2026.

4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

Res #1 of 2026

CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

COMMUNITY BANK NA
BOONVILLE MAIN ST BRANCH (086)
101 MAIN STREET
BOONVILLE, NY 13309-0000

By: TOWN OF FORESTPORT
TAX COLLECTOR
PO BOX 137
FORESTPORT, NY 13338-0007

Referred to in this document as "Financial Institution"

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I, TRACY TERRY, certify that I am Secretary (clerk) of the above named corporation organized under the laws of NEW YORK STATE, Federal Employer I.D. Number 15-6000952, engaged in business under the trade name of TOWN OF FORESTPORT, and that the resolutions on this document are a correct copy of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly and properly called and held on 1/21/2026 (date). These resolutions appear in the minutes of this meeting and have not been rescinded or modified.

AGENTS Any Agent listed below, subject to any written limitations, is authorized to exercise the powers granted as indicated below:

Name and Title or Position	Signature	Facsimile Signature (if used)
A. <u>HAROLD E ENTWISTLE, TOWN SUPERVISOR</u>	X 	X
B. <u>ANTHONY W SEGE, TOWN JUDGE</u>	X 	X
C. _____	X _____	X
D. _____	X _____	X
E. _____	X _____	X
F. _____	X _____	X

POWERS GRANTED (Attach one or more Agents to each power by placing the letter corresponding to their name in the area before each power. Following each power indicate the number of Agent signatures required to exercise the power.)

Indicate A, B, C, D, E, and/or F	Description of Power	Indicate number of signatures required
<u>A</u>	(1) Exercise all of the powers listed in this resolution.	<u>01</u>
_____	(2) Open any deposit or share account(s) in the name of the Corporation.	_____
_____	(3) Endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with this Financial Institution.	<u>1</u>
_____	(4) Borrow money on behalf and in the name of the Corporation, sign, execute and deliver promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness.	_____
_____	(5) Endorse, assign, transfer, mortgage or pledge bills receivable, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, stocks, bonds, real estate or other property now owned or hereafter owned or acquired by the Corporation as security for sums borrowed, and to discount the same, unconditionally guarantee payment of all bills received, negotiated or discounted and to waive demand, presentment, protest, notice of protest and notice of non-payment.	_____
_____	(6) Enter into a written lease for the purpose of renting, maintaining, accessing and terminating a Safe Deposit Box in this Financial Institution.	_____
_____	(7) Other _____	_____

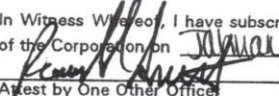
LIMITATIONS ON POWERS The following are the Corporation's express limitations on the powers granted under this resolution. N/A

EFFECT ON PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS This resolution supersedes resolution dated All Prior. If not completed, all resolutions remain in effect.

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY

I further certify that the Board of Directors of the Corporation has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the resolutions on page 2 and to confer the powers granted above to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same. (Apply seal below where appropriate.)

☐ If checked, the Corporation is a non-profit corporation.

In Witness Whereof, I have subscribed my name to this document and affixed the seal of the Corporation on JANUARY 21, 2025 (date).

Attest by One Other Officer Tracy M Terry Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

The Corporation named on this resolution resolves that,

- (1) The Financial Institution is designated as a depository for the funds of the Corporation and to provide other financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
- (2) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Financial Institution. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and certified to the Financial Institution as governing the operation of this corporation's account(s), are in full force and effect, until the Financial Institution receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Financial Institution, establishing the authority for the changes.
- (3) The signature of an Agent on this resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Corporation. Any Agent, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent of the Corporation, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated on page one, from time to time with the Financial Institution, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.
- (4) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the Corporation with the Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
- (5) The Corporation agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent of the Corporation. The Corporation authorizes the Financial Institution, at any time, to charge the Corporation for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on the Financial Institution, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.
- (6) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Agents of the Corporation to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term "automated access device" includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
- (7) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issued to or obtained from the Agent named on this resolution. The term "alternative signature and verification codes" includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures on file with the Financial Institution, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signatures. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on this resolution, (or that are filed separately by the Corporation with the Financial Institution from time to time) the Financial Institution is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of the Agent(s) regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature specimen on file. The Corporation authorizes each Agent to have custody of the Corporation's private key used to create a digital signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Financial Institution shall have no responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternative signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Pennsylvania. The designation of an Agent does not create a power of attorney; therefore, Agents are not subject to the provisions of 20 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5601 et seq. (Chapter 56; Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries Code) unless the agency was created by a separate power of attorney. Any provision that assigns Financial Institution rights to act on behalf of any person or entity is not subject to the provisions of 20 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5601 et seq. (Chapter 56; Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries Code).

FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USE ONLY

Acknowledged and received on _____ (date) by AGRIF (initials) ☒ This resolution is superseded by resolution dated N/A.

Comments:

State/Commonwealth of _____

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____ in the year _____ before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared _____ personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that he/her/their signature(s) acted, executed the instrument.

The certificate for a proof of execution by a subscribing witness, within this state, of a conveyance or other instrument made by any person in respect to real property situate in the state must conform substantially with the following form, the blanks being properly filled:

Notary Public

- **Plowing:** On the 7th of January, the Highway guys had overtime 16 times already. Last year, they had 12 days of overtime.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilman Scouten to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

4 ayes/ 0 nays/1 absent MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:12 P.M. with no action taken.

- **Quarry:** Supervisor Entwistle stated everyone should be respectful of each other, no matter what side you are on. Both sides have felt the town hasn't done them justice. There have been thousands of manhours spent on this, from everyone- the Planning Board, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Planning Board Secretary, Assessor and the Town Attorney. He commended everyone for doing a professional job. Supervisor Entwistle recused himself from any business with the quarry as he has a personal relationship with both sides.

Supervisor Entwistle left the meeting at 7:15P.M.

- Tim Benedict, on behalf of Red Rock Quarry stated he went before the Planning Board last week. The DOT recognized State Route 28 and Stone Quarry Road need to be rectified for the line of sight on the North and south of Route 28. The Planning Board stated they needed to get Town Board approval and once they had that, they could go back to the Planning Board. He stated Mr. Sunderlin would incur the costs either by reimbursing the town or paying for the costs directly. The State Environmental Quality Renew act (SEQRA) is determined by other agencies and he stated the Planning Board should be the lead agency.
- Deputy Supervisor Addison stated no decisions were going to be made tonight, likely for a Public Hearing. The application to the Planning Board is not complete currently. They do not have bids for engineering of the roads, and the town will not incur any costs for a privately owned business. The town is only responsible for the road in its current state. The town has no intention of utilizing taxpayer money to fund a privately owned business.
- Mike Butler, from the gallery, asked since the APA and DEC signed off on this project, whether there have been any changes to the plan since then. Tom Sunderlin stated there were not any changes as they are obliged to comply with that plan.
- Michael Hurd stated historically there was a Stone Quarry Road easement, for Joe Terzyn's property. He asked what the specs of the road are currently and if it was widened with the DOT requests, what it would be. Deputy

Supervisor Addison acknowledged there were contradictory beliefs as to ownership of Quarry Road. He stated that Duane Frymire did a survey in 2020, and he stated the town owns the road. It is up to Joe Terzyns to seek legal remedy regarding his claim for ownership of the road. The town paid for the survey as part of the process to see who owned the road.

- Ian Avery, with AWLA, from the gallery stated they have concerns with the impact on the wells. Deputy Supervisor Addison stated those concerns should be addressed at a Public Hearing. He suggested he put his concerns in writing and email them to him and he will address them.

Deputy Supervisor Addison closed the discussion regarding the quarry.

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Laurie Fessler from the gallery asked if there was any news on the short-term rentals and what the town's responsibility is. Deputy Supervisor Addison stated they want the town to take over and administrate but the town does not have the resources for that.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Addison and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to adjourn the meeting.

3 ayes/ 0 nays/2 absent MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M. by Deputy Supervisor Addison.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy M. Terry

Forestport Town Clerk