

Official Minutes

An official meeting of the Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lima, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7329 East Main Street, Lima, New York, on the 1st day of April 2025 at 6:30 P.M. Notice was printed in the Mendon-Honeoye Falls-Lima Sentinel.

Present: Supervisor, Michael Falk
Councilperson, Mark Petroski
Councilperson, Ron Blodgett
Councilperson, Steve Werner
Councilperson, Bill Carey
Town Attorney, Jim Campbel
Deputy Town Clerk, Laurie Arner

Guest(s): Mark Britt, Maria Worth, Mary Decker, Joe Decker, Augie Lindsay, Mark Spezzano, Roberta Spezzano, Shirley Demartinis, Nancy Scharlock, Randy Zea, Julie Tatakis, Lee de Kramer, Tom Simpson, Marty Gardner, Cathy Garnder, Debra Lund

Supervisor Falk called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., with the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Falk requested to amend the agenda by moving the approval of Abstracts to after the Highway Department Monthly Report.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

Town Board Meeting Protocols

Supervisor Falk read new Town Board meeting protocols as follows:

“The Town of Lima follows NYS Open Meetings Law procedures. All meetings of the Town Board are duly noticed and open and accessible to the public. The public is there to witness the proceedings only. In the event of a Public Hearing, people may sign in and speak to the board and those assembled regarding the hearing topic for a maximum of 5 minutes once per board

meeting. Speaking time belongs only to the speaker and may not be re-assigned to someone else. Privileges of the floor may be granted to anyone who wishes to address the board on any topic at all. In order for the public to be properly noticed the Privileges of the Floor must be applied for and approved by 5 calendar days prior to the Board meeting date. Privileges of the floor are not to exceed 20 min. Approval authority for privileges of the floor is held by the Supervisor or the Deputy Supervisor if the Supervisor is unavailable. At the beginning of each meeting the public may sign up to speak for 5 minutes on any posted agenda topic. Questions can be answered during the agenda discussion or logged for answer after research. At the very end of each meeting the public may sign up to speak for 5 minutes on any topic at all. Questions can be answered or researched and answered later.”

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No Public Comments

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Report

BI/CEO Charlie Floeser emailed his report for Board review. Supervisor Falk asked if everyone reviewed said report.

Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor Falk asked if everyone reviewed said report.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to accept the Supervisor’s Report, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

Supervisor: Communications to the Board

Received:

*A letter from the Livingston County ARC thanking Supervisor Falk for attending the ceremony.

*Flyer from Livingston County Employment Youth Program. Lima has participated in this.

*Letter from Andrea Quazo requesting the passage of the Rural Vet Workforce Act. This vet is located in Fishkill, NY and we do not have anything to do with it.

*Letter from Doug Best requesting the Town's assistance in instituting a vet exemption on school taxes. He stated many reasons why. The Town does not have any authority over the school budget.

March 4th Town Board Minutes

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to approve the March 4th Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

Water District #5

The 30-day referendum will be up on Thursday, April 4 at 6pm. Any petitions will need to be filed before this date and time. The WEIA grant timeline and deadline was discussed. The deadline has not been finalized at this point. The debt service is for 38 years on the residence.

Highway Department Monthly Report

Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky explained he has adjusted the schedule and roads in need of repair for the planned summer projects. Currently working on trees and roadside clean up, picking up snow fences, and cleaning the shop.

New truck arrived with the wrong plow arms. It is back at the dealers.

Glass Act repaired the windshield cracks (\$50 each) in the Dodge and Chevy pickups.

Supervisor Falk stated he received a request to please be aware of the headstones in the cemetery while mowing with the zero turn mower. Superintendent Sokolofsky requested pictures going forth.

a) 15A Crosswalk - Need to acquire an easement from Meadowlark Park and Lighthouse.

b) Equipment Planning – Superintendent Sokolofsky to supply timeline and equipment needed.

Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky requested to surplus the 10ft mower, 6ft – 3pt bush hog, 6ft – 3pt disc. Councilperson Werner suggested the disc be retained as there are upcoming projects at the Park.

On a motion by Councilperson Werner to surplus the 2 mowers and the shop equipment and sell at Teitsworth's Auction, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

c) Salt Shed – Ben Luft of the Village has requested to keep the big and medium bays for Village salt. The 2 small bays are beyond repair. The salt shed has been declared for demolition. Not sure of grant availability. Supervisor Falk suggested Highway Superintendent Sokolofsky spec out and price 4-40ft Connex boxes, concrete and arch.

d) Truck Diagnostic Computer – Cost of \$6500 through MacTools. Duncan charges \$100/hour.

e) Tree Limbs Declaration of Excess Property – A request has been made to acquire the tree limbs recently taken down in the Town Hall lawn. A value needs to be determined and will need to be advertised.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to declare the tree limbs in the Town Parking lot as surplus, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

f) Highway Superintendent School – Superintendent Sokolofsky requested approval to attend the 3-day school in May 2025.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to approve \$560 for the attendance and lodging for the 2025 Highway Superintendent school, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

g) Vacation Day Approval – Approve to change floating days to July 3 and December 24, 2025.

On a motion by Councilperson Werner to approve the floating holidays for the Highway Employees to July 3 and December 24, 2025, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
Nays: 0

h) Reasonable Suspicion Training – Drug and alcohol training for B. Martin.

On a motion by Councilperson Werner to approve B. Martin to attend the drug and alcohol suspicion training on May 1, 2025, seconded by Councilperson Blodgett, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
Nays: 0

i) MEO Posting Approval – Posting to include non-cdl, manual transmission endorsement and generous benefit package

Approval of Abstracts of Audited Vouchers

Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #4 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Funds:	No. 74 through 97	\$86,093.05
Highway Funds:	No. 35 through 49	\$10,884.41

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to approve Abstract #4 except for Highway Voucher #37, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
Nays: 0

Councilperson Petroski found it improper for a highway employee to resign only to acquire \$300 in boots and clothing the day before and the last day of his employment.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to approve Abstract #4 Highway Voucher #37, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

Angle (Commins) Cemetery

Attorney Campbell is meeting with the Di Martinis to sign the Quit Claim deed. The Town has five years to apply for the grant to maintain the cemetery.

Information Technology Services

Councilperson Petroski stated the Town's phone system has been transferred to Empire Access. Currently running new fiber to the Highway Garage. Supervisor Falk is working the Empire Access and the Library to switch over their phones.

Siemens Energy Services

The software for the project has been updated and Supervisor Falk is awaiting paperwork from the USDA to move forth. Due to the USDA grant, the Town will be experiencing an audit in 2026. The Town will need to budget \$30K in 2026 for audit services. This service will go out for bids.

Budget Transfers

There were no budget transfers.

Solar Arrays Town Law

Attorney Campbell suggested the Town revisit their solar farm / renewable energy rules/laws due to recent changes in the law and decide what direction to move in. Supervisor Falk emailed all Board members a copy of the Town of Avon's current policy. Please read this before the next meeting as we will be discussing it.

RFQ Bookkeeping Services

BSS Accounting increased their services by 17% this year, 12% last year. Councilperson Petroski reached out to the Association of Towns and has drafted an RFQ for bookkeeping purposes. Supervisor Falk has requested the suggestion be tabled for one year due to the upcoming audit in 2026.

2025 Downtown Partnership Program

Supervisor Falk presented the annual agreement into the grant program with Livingston County's Downtown Partnership program. The Town and Village have utilized this grant in the past.

On a motion by Councilperson Petroski to sign the memo of understanding for the 2025 Downtown Partnership, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote went as follows:

CARRIED Ayes: 5 Falk, Petroski, Blodgett, Werner, Carey
 Nays: 0

Remove Viewing of Meetings

Councilperson Werner spoke of the interest in video taping the meeting. Supervisor Falk has a meeting in July with a soundproofing company to determine each Town Hall meeting room's needs.

Public Comments

- *M. Britt expressed his disappointment at the requirement to pay a debt service and the change in the Water District #5 map from August to December.
- *R. Spezzano asked questions on the hook up and the financial requirements.
- *C. Gardner requested clarification of the East End commercial properties and their hook up.
- *L. de Kramer stated the desire for less government and for allowing the people to decide.

Enter Executive Session

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to adjourn at 9:50pm, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote was unanimous.

No Action Taken

Exit Executive Session

Upon motion by Councilperson Blodgett to exit Executive Session at 9:53pm, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote was unanimous.

Adjourn Meeting

Upon motion by Councilperson Petroski to adjourn at 9:53pm, seconded by Councilperson Carey, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Laurie Arner
Deputy Town Clerk