Unofficial Minutes

A regular 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 3rd day of November 2026 at 6:30 P.M. Notice was printed in the Mendon-Honeoye Falls-Lima Sentinel.

Present:	Supervisor, Jon Cates
	Deputy Supervisor, Adam Lewis
	Councilperson, Christopher Doe
	Councilperson, Steve Werner
	Attorney, Jim Campbell
	Deputy Town Clerk, Laurie Arner
Excused:	Councilperson, Ron Blodgett

Guest(s): J. Decker, M. Decker, M. Williams, M. Petroski, E. Weiss, J. Molino, K. Doe, B. Carey, S. Caccamise, R. Zea, A. Lindsey

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

Roll Call
Quorum of the Board is present

Approval of Town Board Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes
Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to approve the Town Board Meeting of October 6 and the Special Meeting of October 22 minutes, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lewis, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Public Comments
None

Audit Report from Allied CPAs
Justin Bentley, from Allied CPAs, presented the Town's Audit. He stated the audit went smoothly and discussed the statement of net position, financial statements, summary of the Library, and suggestions for improved processes.

Project Updates

Water District #5
Eric Weiss from CPL and Jason Molino from LCWSA updated the Board on the current progress. Permits are in place. Bids are approved to go out to Contractors on Nov. 6 with bids due back by Dec. 2. Easements agreements and pump station were discussed. Shovel Ready tentative date of March 2027.

Engagement Letter for Allied CPAs Audit
Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to authorize Town Supervisor Cates to sign the Engagement Letter from Allied CPAs, which is needed to proceed with Water District #5, seconded by Councilperson Doe, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Upon motion by Deputy Supervisor Lewis authorizing CPL to submit advertising for Water District #5 bids to contractors, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Resolution #39 NY Ag & Market Lateral Restriction
Town Supervisor Cates read the Resolution #39 NY Ag and Market Lateral Restriction concerning vacant farmland connecting to the Water District #5.

Upon motion by Town Supervisor Cates to adopt Resolution #39 NY Ag and Market Lateral Restriction, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Open Public Hearing regarding Preliminary Budget
Public Hearing regarding the Preliminary Budget opened at 7:15pm.

Discussion ensued concerning the posting of the budget, ambulance facility transparency and accountability, zoning clerk/ceo salary increase, library budget, attorney costs, highway equipment, fireworks, county reimbursement and health insurance cost reduction.

Supervisor's Report
Town Supervisor Cates discussed the October 2026 Supervisor Report.

Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to approve the October 2026 Supervisor Report, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lewis, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Reports from Town Officials
Reports from the Town Clerk and Code Enforcement Office were all submitted and sent to each Board Member. Any questions, please contact individually.

Highway
Doran Rd painting on the lines has been pushed back due to contractor's schedule.

Suitekote purchased Midland.

New truck will arrive in March.

Pond Rd is being addressed.

Snow fence will be installed late November / beginning of Dec.

Approximately 475 tons of salt are currently in stock. Contract calls for 1700 tons.

Boards and Committees

Councilperson Werner reported on the following:

Ambulance
Doors for the loan closet will be arriving in the 1st week of December.

Fire
25 Calls for October. Raffle tickets are sold out. New Sign will be arriving soon.

Pumpkin Fest
Monies earned this year will be donated to the Town to improve the ADA compliance needed for the sidewalks.

Park Commission
Committee will be meeting Nov. 20.

Councilperson Doe reported on the following:

The Historical Society
Presentation of the 1788-1830 settlements in Lima will be held on Nov. 4 at the Town Hall.

Rotary
Trunk and Treat was a huge success!

Deputy Supervisor Lewis reported on the following:

Ag:
No meeting has been held during the harvest season. May have a few candidates interested in the Solar Moratorium Committee – shared draft with M. Neenan.

Be Well
Meeting Wed., Nov. 4, at 7pm at the Town Hall. Working on the Rotary Food Drive. Trunk and Treat went well. Looking for programs such as therapy dogs. Committee now has a marketer to promote the group.

Court
Need to submit diagram of building and location of security cameras to the grant application. Need the tool for the magnetic door.

Technology
Dan Marcellus, Skyport, has finished transferring all the emails over to a .gov domain.

Seimens
Completion is still needed on the Court House roof ice damming. Insulation was not installed in part of the building roof.

Close Public Hearing regarding the Preliminary Budget
Public hearing closed at 7:58pm

Upon motion by Town Supervisor Cates to close the Public Hearing regarding the Preliminary Budget, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lewis, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Old Business

Capital Improvement Plan
Town Supervisor Cates will look into a grant next year to update the Town Hall.

Solar Law
Town Supervisor Cates reinforced the importance of a Committee. People are concerned about Copperfield in Honeoye Falls. It is important, the community be engaged in the process now.

Genesee Valley Regional Planning Council
Town Supervisor Cates attended the meeting where he was introduced to Wendel Engineering. They have been involved with 78 green energy products. Supervisor Cates suggested maybe a future meeting with them to discuss the Town Hall draft.

Teamsters Agreement to be signed 11/5/26
The Teamster's Union has opened up their health care plan to the Town. Four people are affected/eligible. Benefits Rep to talk with everyone. Plans will become effective in January 2027.

IT Solutions (shared services
No discussion

New Business

Approve Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2026
Upon motion by Town Supervisor Cates to Approve Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2026, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Approve Preliminary Budget or Schedule Special Meeting for Revisions
After thoughtful consideration and suggestions from the Public,
Upon motion by Councilperson Doe to accept the Preliminary Budget, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Approval of Abstracts of Audited Vouchers
Resolved that the bills contained on Abstract #11 have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Funds:	No. 302 through 325	$ 20,710.55
Highway Funds:	No. 134 through 145	$ 21,679.52
Water District Funds:	No. 14	$ 4,816.00

Upon motion by Councilperson Werner to approve Abstract #11, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lewis, the vote was unanimous

CARRIED	Ayes: 4	Cates, Doe, Lewis, Werner
	Nays: 0	
	Excused: 1	Blodgett

Public Comments
None

Town Board Comments
Councilperson Doe commented on how important it is to stay informed. He and Kelly Doe work hard attending and videoing meetings so people are aware of what is going on in the community.

Adjourn Meeting
Upon motion by Supervisor Cates to adjourn meeting at 8:19pm, seconded by Councilperson Werner, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Laurie Arner
Deputy Town Clerk

Attachments

Town of Lima Local Law #3 of 2026

Resolution No. 39 of 2026

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2026

OF THE TOWN OF LIMA

COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON AND STATE OF NEW YORK

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in New York State General Municipal Law 3-C.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Lima as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Lima pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §3-c 5, and to allow the Town of Lima to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c 2 (g).

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Lima, County of Livingston, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Date: November 3, 2026
Moved by: Supervisor Cates
Seconded by: Councilperson Adams

Roll Call of Town Board:

Jonathan Cates, Supervisor	Aye
Adam Lewis	Aye
Steve Werner	Aye
Ron Blodgett	Excused
Christopher Doe	Aye

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF LIMA

Jennifer A. Heim, Town Clerk – CMC, RMC

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF LIMA
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

RESOLUTION No. 39 of 2026

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the
Town of Lima, Livingston County, State of New York,
held at the Lima Town Hall on November 3, 2026

TOWN OF LIMA WATER DISTRICT NO. 5
LATERAL RESTRICTIONS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Lima has created the Town of Lima Water District No. 5 ("Water District No. 5"), pursuant to Article 12 A of the New York State Town Law, for the express purpose of providing public water supply to residents along portions of Poplar Hill Road, Woodruff Road, Jenks Road, NYS Route 5 & 20, Heath Markum Road, Egan Road, Dalton Road, York Street, Corby Road, Doran Road, Gleason Road, Pond Road, and Chase Road; and

WHEREAS, part of the land area within Water District No. 5 is also within Livingston County Agricultural District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is filing a Notice of Intent to Undertake an Action Within an Agricultural District to evaluate the impact of providing a source of public water supply within this area on lands within Agricultural District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department") may express concern about the potential adverse impact that said public water supply may possibly have on agriculture within the Agricultural District, and will most likely request the adoption of its Lateral Restrictions policy to avoid potential adverse impacts to the Agricultural District;

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion by Supervisor Cates, seconded by Councilperson Werner,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board, in recognition of the concerns that may be raised, hereby resolves to adopt, on behalf of Water District No. 5, the "Lateral Restriction - Conditions on Future Service" specified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as follows:

Lateral Restriction - Conditions on Future Service

The Town of Lima hereby imposes the following conditions, as warranted or recommended on the management of water lines located in the Town of Lima Water District No. 5, within in Livingston County Agricultural District No. 2:

(1) The only land and/or structures which will be allowed to connect to the proposed waterline or sewer within an agricultural district will be existing structures at the time of construction, further agricultural structures, and land and structures that have already been approved for development by the local governing body prior to the filing of the Final Notice of Intent by the municipality.

Land and structures that have been approved for development refer to those properties/structures that have been brought before a local governing body where approval (e.g., subdivision, site plan, or special permit) is needed to move forward with project plans and the governing body has approved the action. If no local approval is required for the subdivision of land and/or the construction of structures, the municipality accepts the limitation under Public Health Law §1115 that defines a "subdivision," in part, as "any tract of land which is divided into five or more parcels." Water and/or sewer service will not be provided to more than a total of four residences, buildings and/or structures on any tract of land which has been divided into parcels after the date of filing of the NOI by the municipality, where no local approval is required and the land is located within a county adopted, State certified agricultural district.

(2) If a significant hardship can be shown by an existing resident, the lateral restriction to the resident's property may be removed by the municipality upon approval by the Department. It is the responsibility of the resident landowner to demonstrate that a hardship exists relative to his or her existing water supply or septic system and clearly demonstrate the need for public water or sewer service. The municipality shall develop a hardship application to be filed with the municipality, approved by the Department of Health, and agreed to by the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

(3) If it can be demonstrated to the Department's satisfaction that the landowner requested the county to remove his or her land from an agricultural district at the time of district review and the county legislative body refused to do so, lateral restrictions may be removed by the municipality if the Department determines that the removal of the restriction for the subject parcel(s) would not have an unreasonably adverse effect on the agricultural district.

(4) If land is removed from a county adopted, State certified agricultural district and the district has been reviewed by the county legislative body and certified by the Commissioner for modification, lateral restrictions imposed by the municipality are no longer in effect for the parcels of land that have been removed from the agricultural district.

(5) Hydrants and valve boxes must not be placed directly in agricultural fields.

Dated: November 3, 2026

Vote of the Board:	Jonathan Cates, Supervisor	Aye
	Adam Lewis	Aye
	Steve Werner	Aye
	Christopher Doe	Aye

Ron Blodgett Excused

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF LIMA

Jennifer A. Heim, CMC, RMC,
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF TOWN CLERK

I, Jennifer Heim, Town Clerk of the Town of Lima, New York, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Lima Town Board on November 3, 2026.

DATED: November 3, 2026

~SEAL~

Jennifer Heim, CMC/RMC
Lima Town Clerk