

**TOWN OF NIAGARA
TOWN BOARD MEETING
7105 Lockport Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 16th, 2026
6:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. To consider the proposed Local Law No. 2026-1 rescinding the “Homestead” and “Non-Homestead” base proportions pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax section 1903(9) effective with the July 1, 2026, assessment roll and directing the Town Clerk to file the Local Law with the New York State Secretary of State within the next twenty (20) days. (Risman)
2. To consider the proposed Franchise Agreement renewal of Charter Communications.
(TABLED)

OPEN MEETING (Pledge, Prayer, Roll Call) @6:30pm

(Residents who passed away since our last meeting are Memorialized at the end of this Agenda)

Supervisor Sylvia Virtuoso called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attached is a Memorial Page of all the deceased Town residents who passed away recently.

Roll Call:

Present: Supervisor Sylvia Virtuoso, Deputy Supervisor Marc Carpenter, Councilman Bob Herman, Councilman Johnny Parks, and Councilman Mike Lee

Absent:

Excused:

Also, present Melissa Cerrillo, Town Clerk

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR *(Announce changes to agenda, if any)*

(§50-3 Privilege of the floor. Only members of the public sector are allowed to speak at this time and may address any agenda or non-agenda item. (3-minute limit)

Opened @ 6:32pm - Closed @ 6:33pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Town Board Meeting of May 19th, 2026

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Herman

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Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain-none

Motion carried.

2. Special Town Board Meeting of May 29th, 2026

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Parks

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee
Noes – none
Abstain-none

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

General Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [A] \$16,140.38
General Fund vouchers [A] \$104,848.79
Sewer Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [G] \$2,407.80
Sewer Fund vouchers [G] \$7,842.35
Water Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [F] \$773.23
Water Fund vouchers [F] \$13,240.04
Highway Fund Pre-Pay vouchers [DA] \$0.00
Highway Fund vouchers [DA] \$20,690.43
Fire Protection Pre-Pay vouchers [SF] \$0.00
Fire Protection vouchers [SF] \$0.00
Street Lighting Pre-Pay vouchers [SL] \$7,759.18
Street Lighting vouchers [SL] \$0.00
Trust & Agency Pre-Pay vouchers [TA] \$0.00
Trust & Agency vouchers [TA] \$6,550.75
Capital Projects Pre-Pay [H] \$0.00
Capital Projects vouchers [H] \$343,220.47

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee, second by Councilman Herman.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Resolution to approve Local Law No. 2026-1 rescinding the “Homestead” and “Non-Homestead” base proportions pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax section 1903(9) effective with the July 1, 2026, assessment roll and directing the Town Clerk to file the Local Law with the New York State Secretary of State within the next twenty (20) days.
(Risman)

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Carpenter.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee
Noes – none
Abstain – none

Motion carried.

2. Resolution to accept the 2025 Town Audits and Management Letters from Drescher & Malecki LLP. Reports on file in the clerk's office. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

3. Resolution to promote a highway employee to lead-man if needed during the absence of the current lead man until December 31, 2026 or the current leadman returns to work. (Sirianni)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Herman

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

4. Resolution to approve the conditional hiring of Collin Durandetto as a part time police officer, pending PPA Act requirements and successful completion of the police academy in February 2027. (Guiliani)

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Parks

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

5. Resolution to approve the special-use permit renewal request of Martha Grady of Centerline Communications on behalf of AT&T Tele-Communication cell Tower: (Haseley)

- 9400 Lockport Road Tax Map #132.14-1-4./CT

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Lee.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

6. Resolution to declare a negative declaration on the associated SEQR for the combination of (2) residentially zoned lots request of Nicholas Pagilino of 4601 Miller Road. Tax Map #'s 131.12-3-21, and 132.09-34.112 (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

7. Resolution to approve the combination of (2) residentially zoned lots request of Nicholas Pagilino of 4601 Miller Road. Tax Map #'s 131.12-3-21, and 132.09-34.112 (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

8. Resolution to declare a negative declaration of the associated SEQR for the Special-Use Permit request of Henry Parker, of We Can Fix It Auto to operate a repair garage and appurtenant used automobile sales lot from the existing facility located at 3319 Hyde Park Blvd. Tax Map #130.82-1-46. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Parks second by Councilman Herman.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

9. Resolution to approve the Special-Use Permit request of Henry Parker, of We Can Fix It Auto to operate a repair garage and appurtenant used automobile sales lot from the existing facility located at 3319 Hyde Park Blvd. Tax Map #130.82-1-46. This Special-Use Permit is renewable and reviewable each year in June. Any future development for this location must seek proper permits and approvals. (Haseley)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Herman.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

10. Resolution to put out to bid the demolition of the six homes previously discussed as unsafe structures, hearing held and no work has been started or completed on the following:

- 2920 Birch Avenue
- 6321 Edgewood Drive
- 3002 Rhode Island Avenue
- 6701 Elsa Place
- 4316 Military Road
- 3488 Rhode Island

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

11. Resolution to accept the resignation of Darleen Sullivan from the Planning Board.
(Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Carpenter second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

12. Resolution to appoint Zachary Clark as Planning Board alternate effective immediately.
(Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Lee second by Councilman Parks.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

13. Resolution to approve the contract for 5th of July fireworks with Skylighters Fireworks in the amount of \$15,000.00 as budgeted. (Virtuoso)

Motion to approve by Councilman Parks second by Councilman Herman.

Ayes –Virtuoso, Carpenter, Herman, Parks, Lee

Noes – none

Abstain – none

Motion carried.

TABLED

1. Resolution to approve the Franchise Agreement renewal of Charter Communications. (Virtuoso)
2. Resolution to declare a negative declaration on the associated SEQR for the final site plan request of Ventry Concrete c/o Thomas Shelberg of DEL. 3214 Haseley Drive, Tax Map #146.01-1-6 (Haseley)
3. Resolution to approve the final site plan request of Ventry Concrete c/o Thomas Shelberg of DEL. 3214 Haseley Drive, Tax Map #146.01-1-6 (Haseley)
4. Resolution to charge Music Mania Monday budget line for Parks workers for the trash pickup and cooler moving. (Sirianni)

COMMENTS

No comments from Councilman Carpenter and Councilman Herman tonight. Councilman parks mentioned that this is the 250th Celebration of America and its great seeing all the homes decorated for it. Councilman Lee took this time to thank Supervisor Virtuoso for securing the \$2,000,000.00 for a new fire truck for our fire department. That was a big struggle trying to find out how we were going to make that happen, but with this money it is a huge burden off the taxpayers, and thanks again to Supervisor Virtuoso for making this happen. Supervisor Virtuoso thanked Governor Kathy Hochul for the money for the Town's new fire truck, her generosity is truly appreciated. We are still taking calls for the decorating contest for the 250th celebration, we have 4 great prizes, and the winner will be announced at the July 5th celebration in the park. She also wanted to remind everyone that June 29th is the first concert of the 2026 Music Mania Series.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carpenter, second by Councilman Parks. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Cerrillo

Town Clerk

THE MONTHLY AGENDA IS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE

www.townofniagara.com

In Memoriam

Kermit C. Batton III

Edward S. Connolly Jr.

Gerald G. Thomason

Harold Bartel



STARTS JUNE 29!