

TOWN OF DANNEMORA
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 27th, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Dannemora, County of Clinton, in the State of New York was held at the Town of Dannemora Municipal Building, Chazy Lake, Town of Dannemora, 5:00 pm on the 27th day of August 2025.

PRESENT:	Deborah Coryer	Supervisor
	James Barber	Councilman
	Jason Carter	Councilman
	Joey Varin	Councilman
	Mark Siskavich	Highway Superintendent
	Rebecca Langlois	Clerk/Tax Collector

ABSENT:	Michael Tolosky	Councilman
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- Supervisor Coryer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- Pledge to the Flag and roll call conducted.

RESOLUTION 2025-66

APPROVE TO ACCEPT MINUTES FROM JULY 30th, 2025, SPECIAL MEETINGS (AMENDING LOCAL LAWS) AND REGULAR MEETING.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer

 Nays - 0

Resolved to accept the minutes from July 30th, 2025, Special Meetings and Regular Meeting be approved.

PERSON ADDRESSING THE BOARD: James Pinhiero, Region 5 Aquatic Biologist, Division of Fish & Wildlife for the New York State Department of Conservation. James discussed the data that had been collected in 2009 compared to 2025 concerning the drawdown process and how it affects the wildlife in and around Chazy Lake. If the Town decides to do a drawdown again in the future it is vital for the time of year and how much of a drop in water will be for. Stress can affect the aquatic life dramatically. The DEC, Town and Watershed Initiative should be in concert with each other to make the drawdown (if done) as smooth as possible for all the aquatic wildlife. He explained that the study done in 2009 and 2025 for fishery are a mirror of each other with regards to the types and quantity of fish in the lake. They pulled 25 different sizes of Lake Trout in a pull, they pulled 1 Northern Pike, lots of Rainbow Trout, some Small Mouth Bass and an abundance of Shiners (which is what the larger fish feed on). There were also lots of Yellow Perch. He explained that the drawdown can potentially impact the direct coalition for both invasive and natural species of vegetation. So doing a drawdown gives the invasive species a boost the next year, because they overpower any native vegetation. Supervisor Coryer explained that there is a significant amount (\$500,000.00) of damage to the dam, which could have been caused by the lake level being below the concrete and rebar. There has been an application submitted for a grant to assist in paying for the repairs, if that is approved the lake may have to be lowered for the purpose of fixing the dam, as of right now the lake is extremely low and is a perfect level to do the repairs, but it was lower due to natural reasons. In

conclusion if the Town decides to do any lowering of the lake, they need to coordinate with DEC to make sure it is the correct time not to affect the aquatic wildlife.

RESOLUTION 2025-67

APPROVE TO PAYING JULY 2025 BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$18,653.89</u>
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>\$77,301.24</u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>\$200,018.46</u>
<u>LYON MOUNTAIN SEWER</u>	<u>\$3,030.93</u>
<u>DANNEMORA SEWER</u>	<u>\$494.54</u>
<u>LYON MOUNTAIN WATER</u>	<u>\$860.93</u>
<u>DANNEMORA WATER</u>	<u>\$295.00</u>
<u>LEDGERS WATER DISTRICT</u>	<u>\$388.90</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$301,043.89</u>

On a motion of Councilman Barber, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was, roll call conducted

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
 Nays – 0

Resolved to Pay August 2025 Bills in Total of \$301,043.89, be Approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-68

APPROVE TO SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 24TH 2025, AT 4:40PM FOR LAW AMENDMENT TO THE LEDGERS WATER DISTRICT CONCERNING WATER HOOKUPS MEANT FOR CAMPERS ONLY AND FOR THE TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR THE 2026 BUDGET AT 4:45PM.

On a motion of Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Varin, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
 Nays - 0

Resolved to Schedule Two Public Hearing for September 24th, 2025, at 4:40pm for the Law Amendment to the Ledgers Water District Concerning Water Hookups Meant for Campers Only and for the Tax Cap Override for the 2026 Budget at 4:45pm be approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-69

APPROVE TO SURPLUS THE 2018 TENCO ROCK BOX FOR TANDEM AND 2018 TENCO SLIDE-IN SANDER FOR \$25,000.00 MINIMUM.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Barber, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
 Nays - 0

Resolved to Surplus the 2018 Tenco Rock Box for Tandem and 2018 Tenco Slide-in Sander for \$25,000.00 Minimum be approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-70

APPROVE TO SURPLUS THE 2012 LOCK SAFE FROM THE COURTROOM, PURCHASED THROUGH THE JCAP GRANT.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
 Nays - 0

Resolved to Surplus the 2012 Lock Safe from the Courtroom, Purchased Through the JCAP Grant be approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- LMWWTP project update – coming along nicely, the General Contractor is hoping for a finish date by the end of this year, but supply issues may not allow this to happen.
- Veteran's Park update – Handicap signs to be installed, some hydro seeding is done, might be able to plant some of the bushes that will survive the winter.
- Road Closure Lyon Mountain update – Bridge is going well; they poured concrete. A comment was made about the detour being very treacherous to drive and drivers need to slow down on Sunset Road; signs went up for 30 MPH, and more signs will be put up as soon as the County has them available. Supervisor Coryer also expressed her disgust with the poor behavior of a few residents in Lyon Mountain concerning the use of "Alternative routes. At least six locks and chains have been cut off and stolen from the gates, and cement barriers the property owners of the ATV trail requested were moved. It reflects poorly on the whole Hamlet when a few people feel they are above the law.
- Sand Hauling update – They have hauled 22,535 tons so far, they will not be hauling Monday due to the holiday.
- GOV Website – Everything is complete for the website; we are also keeping the .com website as well but it will automatically send you to the .gov website. Emails may be next to have to be converted.
- Revitalizing the CLWLCD update – Supervisors from Belmont, Chateaugay, and Ellenburg have been contacted about having the committee back up and running. Belmont, Dannemora, and Chateaugay are planning on meeting in mid-September.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Town Highway Right-of-Way (ROW) – it has brought to our attention by the Highway Department that there are several properties that have been placing large boulders and trailers too close to the road. The Highway Department while plowing will hit these items and there will be damage to the snowplows. There will be a letter sent to these residents to have them remove these items, otherwise if any damage occurs to the snowplows, they will be responsible for the cost of the repairs.
- Budget Schedule for 2026 as follows (need resolution): Budget Meeting #1 September 9th, 2025, at 4:00pm, Budget Meeting #2 (Tentative) September 23rd, 2025, at 4:00pm, Budget Meeting #3 (Preliminary) October 7th, 2025, at 4:00pm, Budget Meeting #4 (only if necessary) October 14th, 2025, at 4:00pm. Public Hearing for Proposed 2026 Budget October 22nd, 2025 at 4:00pm, Regular Meeting to immediately follow.

RESOLUTION 2025-71

APPROVE TO SCHEDULE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MEETINGS: BUDGET MEETING #1 SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025, AT 4:00PM, BUDGET MEETING #2 (TENTATIVE) SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2025, AT 4:00PM, BUDGET MEETING #3 (PRELIMINARY) OCTOBER 7TH, 2025, AT 4:00PM, BUDGET MEETING #4 (ONLY IF NECESSARY) OCTOBER 14TH, 2025, AT 4:00PM. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET OCTOBER 22ND, 2025 AT 4:00PM, REGULAR MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW AND TO ALLOW THE TOWN CLERK TO PLACE A LEGAL IN THE PRESS-REPUBLICAN.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer

Nays - 0

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Supervisor Coryer – Dog control and Code Enforcement reports for the month are in. Also there needs to be a resolution for the Court Clerk (Rebecca Langlois) to apply for the 2025-2026 JCAP grant for the Town Court.

RESOLUTION 2025-72

APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN COURT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE 2025-2026 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) UP TO \$30,000.00.

On a motion of Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Barber, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to Authorize the Town Court to Apply for Funding From the 2025-2026 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) up to \$30,000.00 be approved.

- Councilman Barber – nothing more
- Councilman Carter – There is a scheduled EMS meeting coming up.
- Councilman Tolosky - absent
- Councilman Varin – Comprehensive Plan is postponed one year, Jackie from MJ Engineering agrees with this, she looked at the website to complete the application and there are all new items to be filled out, a meeting will be held sometime in October to get going on this for next year.
- Highway Superintendent Siskavich – One guy down in the Highway, hoping to get the one applicant hired soon. The guys have been hauling tarmac for Ellenburg, next year Mooers will help with the paving that needs to be done.

RESOLUTION 2025-73

APPROVE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-16 C 4 NYS TOWN LAW.

On a motion of Councilman Carter, seconded by Councilman Varin, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Section 3-16 C 4 NYS Town Law be approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-74

APPROVE TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On a motion of Supervisor Coryer, seconded by Councilman Varin, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to Exit Executive be approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-75

APPROVE TO HIRE NATHAN BURGESS AS HIGHWAY MEO II.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Carter, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved to Hire Nathan Burgess as Highway MEO II be approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-76

APPROVE NOT TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH ALLIANCE FOR SAND PURCHASE.

On a motion of Councilman Varin, seconded by Councilman Barber, this resolution was,

ADOPTED: Ayes – 4 Barber, Carter, Varin, Coryer
Nays - 0

Resolved Not to Renew Contract with Alliance for Sand Purchase be approved.

Supervisor Coryer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rebecca Langlois, Town Clerk/Tax Collector