

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2026

Supervisor Blouvet calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor James Blouvet- present

Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present

Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-not present

Councilperson: Ken Burdick-present

Councilperson: Dave Norton-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Assemblage: Jim Monheim, Oakley Sortore, George Ritter

The Town Clerk was given written notice as of April 15, 2026, that Councilperson, Carolyn Carney has resigned from her position. The Town Board wishes to put it out on the Facebook page and let residents of the Town know if they are interested in the position to supply the Board members with a letter of intent to fill the position till the end of December 2026. The Board of Elections was notified. The Board may decide at the next meeting to appoint a person.

7:05 Bid opening on Recycling truck-NO BIDS WHERE RECEIVED. After Board discussion the following motion was set forth:

Motion to place the 2003 International Diesel Recycling truck on the Auctions International site, offered by Ken Burdick, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 18, 2026 offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for March 2026 offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills for March 2026 in the amount of \$ 75,944.71, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Ken Burdick.

Roll call: Linda Mascho:aye

Ken Burdick:aye

Dave Norton:aye

James Blouvet:aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:

Refuse discussion and or motion: Supervisor Blouvet advised that the Garbage truck is not working, He had LaForge pickup garbage at the last minute because the truck was down for Tuesday pickup. Now at a situation where something must be done. It would cost too much to fix the truck including gar cooler, brakes- all axels, rear bushings are bent, box is rusted, tub is rusted. A 2017 rebuilt truck runs \$179,000, then you do not know how long before that one breaks down. A new garbage truck runs \$450,000.00. Town Clerk suggested advertising for bids in paper for contracting, just would need the specs . Supervisor Blouvet appointed Linda Mascho and Dave Norton to get pricing from different companies. After board discussion the Board made the following resolution:

Resolution 10-2026

Be it Resolved that the Town of Friendship hereby authorizes an emergency hire of LaForge Garbage Company to collect the Town's garbage for a period of 6 weeks due to the breakdown of the Town's Garbage truck, which cannot be repaired, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.

Roll call: Linda Mascho-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Brad (James)Blouvet--aye

Motion to set a public hearing regarding Town Attorney Abrams to be able to prosecute Dog Cases, on Date: May 20, 2026 at 5:45 pm, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Supervisor Blouvet brought up about the Free Rabies clinic that the Town of Friendship agreed to host. This will be April 25th from 9-12. You have to call the County to pre-register. Need volunteers, if anyone wants to help with what ever they need. There are only 100 shots to give out, should not take the whole 4 hours. It is being held under the pavilion in the parking lot on the side of the Fire Hall. Traffic should go in one entrance and out the other.

**Motion to approve the "Shred-It Company" to come in and shred for the Town Hall and Court Cost of approx. \$5,000.00 (Bldgs Account and Court Bldg.), offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho. (Plan to maybe do some this year and whatever is left next)
Roll call vote: Linda Mascho-aye, Dave Norton-aye, Ken Burdick-aye, Brad Blouvet-aye**

Motion to approve Lindsey Hall for the 3rd Member of the Board of Assessment review board, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.

Supervisor Blouvet advised that the Town of Amity is having a problem with derelict properties and the State is getting involved with it. The State is giving them a time frame to correct it.

Supervisor Blouvet was given information on a ARC grant funding, he asked Councilman Mascho to follow up on it.

Motion to approve Supervisor to sign Job track program agreement- offered by Linda Mascho, Seconded by Ken Burdick. Note that they may not have anyone available till fall because this is their Busy time of year.

Public Concerns: none

Public Works/Water/Sewer Concerns(Oakley Sortore) concerns:

9-2026

**CONSTRUCTION BID AWARDS RESOLUTION REGARDING
TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NY
PHASE 1 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship (hereinafter the "Town") is proposing to undertake the Phase 1 Water System Improvements Project (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project has received approval from New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and has obtained grant funds through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) and is finalizing financing through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) State Revolving Funds (SRF); and

WHEREAS, the Project has received a direct congressional spending grant through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Town is awaiting approval to award from EPA; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive bid process to meet local, state, and funding requirements, the Town desires to obtain selected construction efforts through a general construction bid (known as Contract 1), an electrical construction bid (known as Contract 2), and a plumbing construction bid (known as Contract 3) that had advertisements for bid issued in February 2026 in the local newspaper, and in February 2026 in the NYS Contract Reporter, and separately on the DataFlow Online Planroom through Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, & Landscape Architect, D.P.C. (HUNT); and

WHEREAS, the Town had a bid opening on April 2, 2026 for Contract 1, Contract 2 and Contract 3 that received three (3) responsive bids for Contract 1, one (1) responsive bid for Contract 2 and two (2) responsive bids for Contract 3, having the three (3) apparent low bids of those bids considered responsive; and

WHEREAS, the basis of bid award is for the apparent low responsive bids with Contract 1, Contract 2, and Contract 3 being awarded to single contractors; and

WHEREAS, HUNT reviewed the received bids for overall responsiveness, mathematical errors, approval of submitted equivalent alternatives as it relates to the specifications and Town standards, and

spoke to the apparent low bidders regarding their bids; and

WHEREAS, HUNT has recommended that Contract 1 be awarded to STC Construction for the base bid of \$1,987,800.00, with the option of accepting the Alternative A post-award of an increase of \$15,700, and also pending any value engineering deducts post-award; and

WHEREAS, HUNT has recommended that Contract 2 be awarded to Infinity Electric for a total base bid of \$325,000, with the option of approving the Alternate A for a deduct of \$56,000 depending on meeting with gas supplier company following contract award, for a potential contract award of \$269,000; and

WHEREAS, HUNT has recommended that Contract 3 be awarded to American Contracting & Environmental Services, Inc. for a total of \$195,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby makes the following findings:

The project consists of construction of a new well house with piping, submersible pump, recirculation pump, chlorination, blended orthophosphate/polyphosphate, new ground level glass-fused-to-steel water storage tank with inlet piping and outlet/transmission piping, connection to existing water system, and appurtenances. The Project, through a competitive bid process, has received bids for Contract 1 – General Construction, Contract 2 – Electrical Construction, and Contract 3 – Plumbing Construction.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the Project to be awarded per the following Contracts:

- A. Contract 1 for General Construction to be awarded to STC Construction for \$1,987,800.00, with the option of accepting the Alternate A post-award for a fee of \$15,700, and also pending any value engineering deductions post-award.
- B. Contract 2 for Electrical Construction to be awarded to Infinity Electric for \$325,000 with the option to elect the Alternate A following award for a deduct of \$56,000 for a potential contract of \$269,000.
- C. Contract 3 for Plumbing Construction to be awarded to American Contracting & Environmental Services, Inc. for \$195,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to the approval of the Contract awards by EPA and WIIA, as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon EPA's approval of award.

TOWN BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2026

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCILMAN Linda Mascho, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN Ken Burdick.

Linda Mascho:aye

Dave Norton:aye

Ken Burdick:aye

Brad Blouvet:aye

Motion to approve a sewer credit on acct, 0770 for a hot water tank that leaked, on 33,161 gallons in the amount of sewer credit of \$238.76, offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho

***Sewer Plant Project updates-**

Waste water project update given. Phase II meeting with Engineer soon.
Sewer updating engineering report to fit their data to apply for WIIA for wastewater.
Visiting a different plant to look at the design, same concept for treatment.

***Water Project /grants updates-**Should be closing on WIAA and SRF through the EFC – They should be reaching out to us.

*** May have to do another BOND Resolution with Supervisor Blouvet.**

***Transferring land on Mossbrook for the booster station, but need better dimensions.**

***The Generators we are still waiting on, got the performance period extended. Scope of work change, last month submitted. Unable to go to BID yet.**

Highway Dept.-Concerns: none

Reports Received:

Town Clerk Report-February

Highway Report-February

Water Report

Justice Report

Dog Control Report- State DEC inspection done on kennels on 3/17/26 and satisfactory pass.

Police Dept. Report

Code Enforcement Report

7:20pm Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk

