

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2026

6:00PM

Supervisor Blouvet calls meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor James B. Blouvet-present

Councilmember-Linda Mascho-present

Councilmember-Dave Norton-present

Councilmember-Ken Burdick-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Jim Monheim

Motion to approve the Minutes from May 20, 2026, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.

Motion to approve the Minutes from Special Meeting of May 27, 2026 offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for May 2026, offered by Ken Burdick Seconded by Linda Mascho.

Motion to approve the audited bills in the amount of \$206,779.35 offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Ken Burdick.

Roll call: Linda Mascho-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

James Blouvet-aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS

CBN Allegany (Broadband expansion)Authorization letter CBN –

After Board discussion the following motion was set forth:

Motion to approve the authorization letter to construct Fiber-optic facilities within the Town of Friendship's Public Right – of – Way- Connect ALL Broadband Project **with the stipulation not authorizing anything that may entail underground digging or placement, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Ken Burdick.**

Supervisor Blouvet advised Kevin and Trevor will be helping out with the Town Hall and Court shredding. Kevin also has been repainting the Town Hall, doing a good job.

State Code personnel will be meeting with the Code Enforcement officer and the Supervisor regarding Elmwood Avenue property on Thursday at 11:30am.

Allegany County Battery Storage in Angelica-Board members voiced they are totally against the battery storage. Councilmember Ken Burdick will work on this to see what the Town has to do to keep this from coming to the Town or Allegany County. A copy of a Proposed Local Law from the Town of Alfred was given to Councilman Ken Burdick.

Supervisor Blouvet advised that he had spoken with someone regarding the Veterans exemption On property taxes on a resident and they advised that he was already getting everything he can get on this exemption.

Garbage currently paid from taxes on assessment-Councilmember Linda Mascho, and Dave Norton are working on this. The assessor advised there was a real property meeting this Thursday and he will bring this

Up at the meeting on how to do this.

- **LaForge has been picking up the garbage in the district and they have been doing a good job, Have had no complaints, picking up the garbage in good time.**
- **The Garbage truck will be going up for sale on Auctions International. The recycling truck Sold on Auctions International.**

PUBLIC CONCERNS- Councilmember Ken Burdick questioned who takes care of the Memorial in front of the library, it was looking a little overgrown. Supervisor Blouvet will look at the memorial to see if it needs some care. Possibly see if one can contact Kris Rathbun to see if she knows who cares for the Memorial.

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2026(was tabled from last month)

AUTHORIZING SPECIAL COUNSEL MATTHEW ROSENBAUM TO PROSECUTE DOG CONTROL VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship has received numerous concerns regarding dog control violations within the Town; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly noticed and held on May 20, 2025, at which time the public was given the opportunity to be heard regarding the appointment of special counsel for the prosecution of such cases; and

WHEREAS, it is determined to be in the best interest of the Town of Friendship to ensure the effective and consistent prosecution of violations of the Town’s Dog Control Law and relevant sections of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Friendship hereby authorizes and appoints Friendship Town Attorney Matthew Rosenbaum to act as special counsel to prosecute dog control cases on behalf of the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such authorization is subject to any necessary consent from the Allegany County District Attorney should prosecution of dog control cases rise to the level of criminal violations under New York State Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.
Linda Mascho: aye
Dave Norton: aye
Ken Burdick: aye
James Blouvet: aye

****If above Resolution is passed then Resolution to have attorney draw up new local law granting Attorney to prosecute canine cases pursuant to Article 130 of NYS Town Law and public hearing notice on the law. __Supervisor Blouvet advised we do no need to do a new local law but instead a request for a VanSickle letter from the District Attorney. Letter to be mailed tomorrow to the District Attorney on request.**

Public Works/Water/Sewer-Oakley Sortore-

**RESOLUTION 14-2026
GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES RESOLUTION REGARDING
TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NY
PHASE 2 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship (hereinafter the "Town") is proposing to undertake the Phase 2 Water System Improvements Project (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project has obtained grant funds through the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) and has finalized financing through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) State Revolving Funds (SRF); and

WHEREAS, the Project includes replacement of the old concrete reservoir with a new ground level standpipe finished water storage tank at the existing reservoir site that requires geotechnical services to provide ground conditions to the storage tank manufacturer for proper design; and

WHEREAS, through a request for proposal process to meet local, state, and funding requirements, the Town obtained geotechnical proposals from five companies; and

WHEREAS, the basis of award is for the apparent low responsive proposal; and

WHEREAS, HUNT reviewed the received proposals and has offered the Town a Recommendation of Award letter for the base amount of \$12,999 to ECS New York Engineering, PLLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

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

The project consists of geotechnical subsurface exploration and reporting for a new finished water storage to replace the existing concrete reservoir. Proposals were received to meet local, state, and funding requirements to be repaid through the funding.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the necessary geotechnical services for design of a portion of the Project to be awarded to ECS New York Engineering, PLLC for an estimated base of \$12,999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor or his representative to sign the ECS's proposal contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWN BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2026

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY COUNCILMEMBER, LINDA MASCHO SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DAVE NORTON.

VOTE:

Linda Mascho:aye

Ken Burdick:aye

Dave Norton:aye

James Blouvet:aye

Resolution adopted 5 ayes 0 noes

Oakley Sortore concerns updates continued:

Flower Boxes need to be close up to the buildings not near the curb or in the middle of the sidewalks.

Updates on Water/ Wastewater /Generators

Generator Pre-Bid meeting 6/18/26 at 9:00am 4 E. Main St.

Generator WWTP Bid opening 7/7/26 at 2:00pm 4 E. Main St.

Highway Dept.- George Ritter-none

Reports Received:

Town Clerk Report

Highway Department Report

Justice Report

Water Report

Dog Control Report

Police Dept. Report

6:32 Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Ken Burdick.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk

