

TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY NEW YORK

TOWN BOARD MEETING- NOVEMBER 5, 2025

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular meeting on November 5th, 2025, at 7:30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Supervisor Tony Bush, Councilman Alan Hanson, Councilman Mark Martino, Councilman Richard Waldron, and Councilman John DeBottis.

Also present: Mike Lewis, Highway Superintendent; Jason Burns, Director of Community Planning and Development; Tim LaBonte, Code Enforcement Officer; and Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bush called the regular board meeting to order at 7:38pm, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comments.

1.) Supervisor Bush started the discussion with news, potential happy news, about the property that was once going to be the CNY Raceway but has been undeveloped for many years now. Bush explained that there is a very serious buyer interested in the property and they had a very hopeful conversation with the DEC and the buyers. It appears that the DEC will work expediently with the potential buyer to get all needed permits set up and the liens the DEC has on the property will not be transferred to the new owner. The potential new owner would plan to use the property duly for housing and storage buildings.

2.) There was continued group discussion about other large tracks of land and the new solar farm that was being developed. It was explained that the solar farm being built now was approved before the Town learned how little benefit solar farms are to communities. They take large amounts of land, but do not pay the Town the same in taxes, only about \$1500, as would housing developments or other businesses. Hence the Town Board's previous decisions to put a moratorium on more solar farms being built within the Town. It was noted that the County allows solar farms to participate in PILOT programs and that even the state can overrule the Town's decision if the solar farm meets certain size requirements.

3.) Dee from the HUB explained they have encountered a problem of having too many kids who want to take part in their after-school activities. They have had to move the 8th graders into the high school group and even then, the after-school bus is filling up, and they are running out of room. They are proud of the success these programs are having on the Town's youth, with many who once participate returning to help work when they are old enough.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby accepts the minutes from the October 14th, 2025, Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-109 adopted.**

2.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves for the payments the claims certified on attached abstract #11 in the amounts indicated thereon:

Councilman DeBottis seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-110 adopted.**

3.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the attached lease agreement between the Onondaga County Water Authority and the Town of Hastings, New York.

Councilman DeBottis seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-111 adopted.**

4.) Councilman Waldron introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the attached water supply agreement between the Onondaga County Water Authority and the Town of Hastings, New York.

Councilman DeBottis seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-112 adopted.**

5.) Councilman DeBottis introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board authorizes the acquisition of certain equipment at a maximum estimated cost of \$330,000, appropriating said amount therefore, and authorizes the issuance of up to \$330,000 notes and serial bonds of the Town to pay the cost thereof.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-113 adopted.**

6.) Councilman DeBottis introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the resolution scheduling a public hearing on a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit and to consider adoption of the 2026 final budget.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-114 adopted.**

7.) Councilman DeBottis introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the resolution authorizing a pay rate increase for part-time seasonal laborers and part-time seasonal highway workers (machine equipment operators).

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 25-115 adopted.**

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Supervisor Bush motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Martino seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk