

TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY NEW YORK

TOWN BOARD MEETING- JANUARY 13, 2026

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular/organizational meeting on Tuesday January 13th, 2026, 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 and Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bush called the town board meeting to order at 7:31pm, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comments.

1.) A Town resident asked the Town Board about the changes to his sewer bill. He explained that he was now being billed for 2 units instead of 1 unit. The property on the tax roll is listed as a single family with apartment. Tony Bush addressed the concern, stating that the Board doesn't set up the rules, the loans and Engineers do. However, the Town has been conducting an ongoing audit of the sewer accounts as some of the sewer districts are operating in the negative and with rising costs the Town is looking for and correcting any errors with how sewer accounts are being billed.

2.) A resident, who co-owns a duplex, also discussed with the Board that when the sewer system went in by their home, they were told that since they had only one grinder pump, they only had to pay one unit charge. Unfortunately, with no documentation or signed agreement that this property would be billed as such the board has no option other than to charge the duplex as the original engineer report states which is as 2 units, one unit per family designation.

3.) A resident from Pangborn Road informed the board of an illegal dog training business at 680 Pangborn Road. He stated he has already notified and put in a complaint with the codes department, and he wants to know what is being done. The board responded that a letter was sent to the owners informing them of the code/zoning violation and if the behavior does not change then a court citation will be issued.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the scheduling of the 2026 regular Town Board meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall at 1134 US Rt

11, Central Square, NY or such other locations at times within the Town that are approved by the Town Board from time to time.

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 26-01 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the Planning Board setting regular meetings for the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall at 1134 US Route 11, Central Square, NY, or such other locations at times within the Town that are approved by the Planning Board from time to time for the year 2026.

Councilman Hanson 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 26-02 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board authorizes the continuous of the standard work week for the Town of Hastings employees as 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday for the year 2026.

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 26-03 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the continuance of the system of 26 bi-weekly pay periods, and 12 monthly pay periods for the Town Employees and Elected Officials for the year 2026.

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 26-04 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board designates Palladium Times as the official newspaper for the Town of Hastings.

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 26-05 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board designates Pathfinder Bank and M&T Bank as the depository for the Town of Hastings funds for the year ending 2026.

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 26-06 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approved the 2026 Holiday Schedule.

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 26-07 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board authorizes the Department Heads to attend monthly association meetings. Provided funds are available in the appropriate budgeted line for the year 2026.

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 26-08 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings to be scheduled "as needed" in the Town Hall at 1134 US Route 11, Central Square, NY or such other location at times within the Town that are approved by the Zoning Board from time to time for the year 2026.

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 26-09 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the rate of 72.5 cents per mile as established by the IRS for per-mile reimbursement to Town Officials for use of personal vehicles on official Town business.

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 26-10 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the annual membership of the Town of Hastings in the Association of Towns and the payment of the annual dues in the amount of \$1,500 for the year ending 2026.

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 26-11 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board authorizes the Deputy Supervisor to sign checks drawn on Town funds in the absence of the Supervisor.

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 26-12 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby adopts Robert's Rules of Order as the official rules of procedure for all regular and special meetings of the Town Board.

Councilman Waldron 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 26-13 adopted.**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that when a check, electronic payment, or other form of tendered payment is returned unpaid by a bank or financial institution, the Town incurs administrative costs and bank fees; and

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law §85 authorizes municipalities to impose a service charge for such returned payments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that effective January 13th, 2026, the Town of Hastings shall impose a service charge of \$20 for each check, electronic payment, or other tendered payment returned for insufficient funds or other reasons.

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

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 26-14 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby accepts the Library Service Agreement with the Central Square Library, commencing January 1st, 2026, to December 31st, 2026.

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 26-15 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board accepts the 2026 agreement with CNY SPCA for the prevention of cruelty to animals commencing January 1st, 2026, to December 31st, 2026.

Councilman Waldron 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 26-16 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, The Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the donation of five hundred dollars (\$500) to Carley Mills Cemetery.

Councilman Waldron 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 26-17.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the donation of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) to Coit Cemetery Association to assist with the continued maintenance and improvements of Coit Cemetery.

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 26-18 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the donation of five hundred dollars (\$500) to Hastings Cemetery Association.

Councilman Waldron 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 26-19 adopted.**

20.) Councilman Martino introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby appoints Barton & Loguidice as the Town Engineers and C&S Engineers as the alternate Town Engineer for 2026 services.

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 26-20 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby reappoints Cerio Law Office, PLLC, as the attorney for the Town.

Councilman Waldron 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 6-21 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby appoints Michael Kraus and Christopher Budge as the Town Constables for the year 2026.

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 26-22 adopted.**

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

WHEREAS, Jason Burns was appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Hastings to serve as Director of Community Planning/Code Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to restructure administrative responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further finds that allowing Jason Burns to fully focus on Code Enforcement duties better aligns with operational needs and his professional role;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective January 19th, 2026, Jason Burns shall no longer serve as Director of Community Planning and shall continue employment solely in the position of Code Enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual salary for the position of Code Enforcement Officer for Jason Burns shall be \$50,000, effective January 19th, 2026.

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 26-23 adopted.**

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

WHEREAS, Tim LaBonte was appointed by the Town of Hastings Town Board to serve as Code Enforcement Officer on April 14th, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective November 20th, 2025, Tim LaBonte is hereby removed from the position of Code Enforcement for the Town of Hastings.

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 26-24 adopted.**

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

RESOVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby reappoints James Rowe as a member of the planning board for a seven (7) year term, commencing January 1st, 2026, to December 31st, 2032.

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 26-25 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby reappoints Robert Boutell as Chairman of the Zoning Board for a six (6) year term, commencing January 1st, 2026, to December 31st, 2031.

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 26-26 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby reappoints Roger Nassiff as a member of the zoning board for six (6) year term, commencing January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2031.

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 26-27 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby reappoints George Zuk as Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1st, 2026, to December 31st, 2030.

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 26-28 adopted.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Hastings Town Board, that members of the Planning Board shall receive annual compensation in the amount of \$1,500 for the year 2026, payable in December 2026 upon submission, signing, and approval of a duly executed voucher; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Planning Board shall receive annual compensation in the amount of \$1,600 for the year 2026, payable in the same manor.

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 26-29 adopted.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Hastings Town board, that members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall receive annual compensation in the amount of \$595 for the year 2026, payable in December 2026 upon submission, signing, and approval of a duly executed voucher; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Zoning Board shall receive annual compensation in the amount of \$795 for the year 2026 payable in the same manner.

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 26-30 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, by the Town of Hastings Town Board, that members of the Grievance Board, also known as the Board of Assessment Review (BAR), shall receive annual compensation in the amount of \$360 for the year 2026, payable after attendance at the Town's scheduled Grievance Day, upon submission, signing, and approval of a duly executed voucher.

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 26-31 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board authorizes for the use of a facsimile signature of the Town Supervisor or Deputy Town Supervisor for signing checks, subject to the Town Board approval.

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 26-32 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hastings hereby adopts the attached Hastings Board Meetings Rules of Conduct for the year 2026.

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 26-33 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board appoints Robin Smith as Secretary of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Board of Appeals for terms commencing 1/1/26 – 12/31/2026.

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 26-34 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the attached list of appointed positions for 2026.

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 26-35 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the following 2025 budget amendments:

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 26-36 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the attached resolution selecting Barton & Loguidice for professional services for the Brewerton Hamlet Pedestrian Safety Project.

Councilman Waldron 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 26-37 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board declares their intent to act as lead agency.

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 26-38 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves for the payment the claims certified on attached abstract #1 in the amounts indicated thereon.

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 26-39 adopted.**

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby accepts the minutes from the December 9th, 2025, Regular 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 26-40 adopted.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk