TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY NEW YORK

TOWN BOARD MEETING- AUGUST 11, 2026

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday August 11th, 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 Kraus, Codes Enforcement Officer; and Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bush called the town board meeting to order at 7:32pm, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comments.

1.) Several residents of East River Road brought their concerns to the Town Board. For most of the summer the Waterfront restaurant has been having either a live band or a DJ playing load music until 2am. Along with the music the patrons exhibit drunken behavior by urinating in the parking lot, carrying on loud conversations, and speeding with cars and off-road vehicles on the roads. The residents contacted local law enforcement but were told there wasn't anything they could do. The Town does not have a Town wide noise ordinance; therefore, the law enforcement agencies have nothing to enforce. The speeding and the possible public displays of drunkenness would need to be caught in the act. The owner of the Waterfront was also in attendance because he heard the neighbor would be here. As new owners he is trying to turn the Waterfront into a location where people want to be, but he cannot control who comes. They have asked the patrons to be considerate when leaving the restaurant. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any way to stop the music earlier or bring the music inside as the biggest issue seems to be the noise. The owner explained that the most profit is made between the hours of 9pm-2am and to stop the music or bring it inside could cut into their profits. They did discuss maybe there would be a way to turn the music down and turn the speakers to try and minimize the sound going out over the water. The Town Board and the residents agreed to give the small changes the Waterfront can make a try and if they don't change the noise and behaviors of the patrons, then the neighbors will be back to see what the Town can do.

2.) The residents from Little Canada Road wanted an update to the situation on the road. Mike Kraus, the Town code enforcement officer states all matters have gone to court, he's been trying to inspect the house, but needs permission to go inside and has not gotten a chance yet. The neighbors feel like they get one step forward and five steps back, for example a camping trailer showed up overnight and they are concerned squatters will move in. Again, the Town can only wait for court matters and keep an eye on the situation.

3.) Dee Kerby from the HUB said the Summer programs are going great, can't believe six weeks flew by. She mentioned that Councilman Alan Hanson was going to talk to the kids at the program tomorrow (8/12). There are still concerns with the speed limit on Wilson Road as the park entrance is between a knoll on the road that makes visibility difficult and creates a safety concern for the children coming and going.

MOTIONS:

1.) Councilman DeBottis motioned to accept the minutes from the July 14th, 2026, regular Town Board meeting. Councilman Martino seconded. All approved, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.) 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 #8 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 26-88 adopted**.

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the Bond Resolution dated August 11, 2026, authorizing the acquisition of certain equipment at a maximum estimated cost of $575,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of up to $575,000 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 26-89 adopted**.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Hastings Town board published for the bids for sand for road sanding,
WHEREAS, they received one bid,
BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby awards the sand bid to 1877 Mining LLC at $5.00/CY.

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 26-90 adopted**.

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approved the resolution concurring in part and declining to concur in part with NYSDOT's proposed section 4(f) de minimus impact determination for the Interstate 81 over Oneida River/Bridge canal bridge replacement project.

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 26-91 adopted**.

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

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approved the resolution authorizing execution of developer escrow agreement and accepting Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. proposal for professional review services related to Bert Howard Marshalling yard project.

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 26-92 adopted**.

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

Whereas, the Town of Hastings Town Board previously entered into a verbal agreement with Casey Newton-Mclaren (Forever Friends Animal Rescue) for dog control services for the Town of Hastings,

Be it resolved, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the written contractual agreement(attached) with Casey Newton-Mclaren (Forever Friends Animal Rescue) for dog control services through January 1, 2027.

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 26-93 adopted**.

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

Be it Resolved, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves the 2026 junkyard license renewals for the following:

JY 26-01: Goldwing Land Rover
JY 26-02: Goldwing SAAB Parts Inc
JY 26-03: ES Auto

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 26-94 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 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk