TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY NEW YORK

TOWN BOARD MEETING- JUNE 9, 2026

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday June 9th, 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; Mike Kraus, Code Enforcement; and Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bush called the town board meeting to order at 7:34pm, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comments.

1.) County legislator Paul House told those in attendance that with the passing of the NYS Budget Oswego County would receive money for their county sewer project. The project will span from Constantia to Fulton connecting the towns on the sewer line to the Fulton wastewater treatment plant which has ample room and needs the other towns' participation.

2.) Dee from the HUB asked the board's permission to allow the after-school kids who are participating in an "anti-tobacco" campaign to place items that resemble "red solo cups" in the spaces on the chain link fence at the park on Wilson Road to spell out an encouraging message. The board expressed skepticism about this project working, but agreed they could try the project, stating that they had to make sure any items that fell off the fence would be cleaned up to prevent any liability issues. Dee agreed and they will give the project a try.

3.) Nick from Pop Warner football brought up to the board again that they'd like to replace the lights on the football field, the current ones are over 40 years old. They have gotten 3 bids and given those bids to Councilman Waldron. They are having Lasnicki's Nursery look into the costs to hydro seed the field as well. He is looking at the Town to how they can help with these expenses. Pop Warner is not opposed to helping pay something, but they also want the Town to pay.

4.) The neighbors of 74 and 66 Little Canada Road asked for an update on the clean-up and codes violations on those properties. Mike Kraus let them know there is a court appointment on the 22nd, but the individual helping the owner with his medical issues has also started to help with the property clean up. The neighbors said they haven't noticed a difference, but Chuck Budge spoke up and said that he has spoken to both the young lady helping the owner and the owner and they are making a difference. They have removed at least three truckloads of debris from the yard already. Small changes, but progress is happening at 66 Little Canada Road, and they will follow up with 74

after, but have even taken care of some stuff on 74 as well. They also asked about 80 Little Canada Road, they state who they think is the owner is dumping dirt and what looks like tree roots and other yard material. Mike Kraus said he'd drive by and take a look to make sure they aren't dumping anything they shouldn't.

MOTIONS:

1.) Councilman Waldron motioned to accept the minutes from the May 12th, 2026, regular Town Board meeting. Councilman DeBottis seconded. All approved, motion carried.

2.) Councilman Waldron motioned to accept Greg Smith's resignation as Code Enforcement Officer with June 19th, 2026, being his last day. Councilman Martino seconded. All approved, motion carried.

3.) Councilman Waldron motioned to approve the payments listed on Abstract #6. Councilman Martino seconded. All approved, motion carried.

4.) Supervisor Bush motioned to approve an increase to the assessor's clerk's, Terri, pay, taking it from $20 an hour to $25 an hour. Councilman Martino seconded. All approved, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Hastings is applying to the New York Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS) Initiative for grant funding to support playground improvements at Lighthouse Park;
WHEREAS, Lighthouse Park is an important public waterfront destination in the Town of Hastings and the broader Brewerton community, providing access to the Oneida River and supporting recreation for residents and visitors;
WHEREAS, the proposed project would support the development of a new playground at Lighthouse Park, including accessible and family-oriented play amenities that complement other planned park improvements;
WHEREAS, the proposed improvements would provide a safe, welcoming, and accessible place for children and families, while supporting the Town's broader goals for waterfront revitalization, public recreation, and quality of life;
WHEREAS, NY PLAYS is overseen by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York;
WHEREAS, the NY PLAYS grant requirements require applicants to demonstrate a local match equal to twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost, contingent upon grant award; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Hastings certifies that it will provide the required local match of twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost for the NY PLAYS project, contingent upon grant award and subject to final project budgeting and grant agreement requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves and endorses the submission of an application for grant funding through the NY PLAYS Initiative for playground improvements at Lighthouse Park; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hastings commits to providing the required twenty percent (20%) local match of the total project cost, contingent upon grant award, for eligible project costs associated with the NY PLAYS application.

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 26-78 adopted**.

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

Whereas, the Town of Hastings Town Board has the authority to determine the authorization of all and any fiscal matters concerning the Town of Hastings, and

Whereas, the Town Board has an agreement with Offsite Accounting & Management, Inc. to complete all payrolls and to submit them on a timely basis, to the town's payroll processing company Paychex. Due to the ending date of pay weeks, payroll data is not able to meet submission deadlines without making hourly assumptions.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Town Board has authorized the pay dates to be adjusted to better accommodate the current ending bi-weekly ending date. Adjusted pay date schedule attached.

Be it further resolved that this change shall take effect June 10th, 2026, and the Town Supervisor is authorized to implement this change.

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 26-79 adopted**.

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

Whereas, the Town of Hastings Town Board has the authority to determine the authorization of all and any fiscal matters concerning the Town of Hastings, and

Whereas, the Town Board has an agreement with Offsite Accounting & Management, Inc. to complete selective accounting procedures, which require banking deposits, online transfers, and overall, all fiscal banking matters.

Now, therefore, be it resolved. the Town Board has authorized Kelly Weigand, Operation Manager and Jackie Johnson, VP of Operations for Offsite Accounting & Management, Inc. authorization to complete any and all necessary banking transactions.

Be it further resolved that this change shall take effect June 10th, 2026, and the Town Supervisor is authorized to implement this change.

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 26-80 adopted**.

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

Be it resolved, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the special permit for Levy's Auto LLC located at 405 U.S. Route 11, John Levkovich, automotive sales and Repairs.

Stipulations of this special permit are:

- No commercial vehicles or vehicles over one ton (tractor trailers, box trucks or dump trucks)
- Install berm to protect from oil runoff entering creek
- All extra body and or mechanical parts must be stored behind fence or buffer
- As per drawing submitted to the Town of Hastings Planning board, the "office trailer" must be removed
- No tractor or trailer bodies stored on premises
- Acquire any and all required permits

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 26-81 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 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk