

# TOWN OF STILLWATER

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes April 2, 2026 - 7:00 PM at Stillwater Town Hall

**Present:** Supervisor Ed Kinowski  
Councilmember Ellen Vomacka  
Councilmember Chris D'Ambro  
Councilmember Jennifer Weaver  
Councilmember Jimel Williams

**Also Present:** Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk  
Bill Doughty, Superintendent of Highways  
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town  
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town

**Absent/Excused:** John Nett, Police Commissioner

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag. Danielle Cowin Town Clerk, took the roll call.

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

**Motion** by Councilmember Vomacka and seconded by Councilmember Weaver to adopt the minutes of March 19, 2026.

### **Motion carried.**

**Agenda Items** Resolutions No. 27-29 of 2026

### **Resolution No. 22**

SACC Boiler Repair – TABLED

Motion to dispense with reading of Resolutions

Motion by Councilmember Vomacka seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro.

### **Resolution No. 27**

Authorizing Property Tax Exemptions to Mechanicville – Table for further Discussion

WHEREAS, the City of Mechanicville has recently requested complete property tax exemptions for six parcels it owns within the Town of Stillwater, as detailed in the attached Letter from the Mayor and email from the Town Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the City indicates the parcels are a mixture between vacant land used for public purposes and utility parcels utilized for the City's water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law §406 gives the Town Board the discretion to grant property tax exemptions for City owned property within town limits where the property is genuinely and exclusively used for public purposes, such as for public utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby agrees to grant the City of Mechanicville complete property tax exemptions for the six parcels detailed in the attached letter from the Mayor and email from the Town Assessor, for so long as each parcel is used genuinely and exclusively for a public purpose, as required by NY Real Property Tax Law §406, and to be effective with the 2027 tax roll.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vomacka, seconded by Councilmember Weaver, to TABLE Resolution No. 27 of 2026.

A roll call vote was taken to TABLE Resolution No. 27 of 2026 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES
Councilmember Weaver	YES
Councilmember Williams	YES

Resolution No. 27 of 2026 was TABLED at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on April 2, 2026.

**Resolution No. 28**

NYSEG Easement Approval

WHEREAS, NYSEG has requested an Easement from the Town along Shenandoah Drive to place electrical and communication infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the placement of NYSEG's infrastructure along Shenandoah Drive will benefit the residents living in the vicinity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor's signature on an Easement and related tax forms conveying a utility easement to NYSEG along Shenandoah Drive, conditional on it being a nonexclusive easement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution authorizing the conveyance of a Town real property interest is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to NYS Town Law §§64 and 220; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby requested to publish a Notice of the Adoption of this Resolution in the Town's official newspaper or other newspaper as required by law.

A motion by Councilmember Vomacka, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 28 of 2026.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 28 of 2026 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
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Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES
Councilmember Weaver	YES
Councilmember Williams	YES

Resolution No. 28 of 2026 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on April 2, 2026.

**Resolution No. 29**

Setting a Public Hearing for Scenic View PDD Amendment

WHEREAS, the developer of the Scenic View PDD has requested to amend the existing PDD legislation primarily to allow it to reroute its sewer lines; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously referred the application to the Town Planning Board for its recommendation, and the Planning Board has recommended approval with certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required to amend the existing PDD legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby set for 7:00 PM on May 7, 2026 to receive public comment concerning Local Law 1 of 2026, attached hereto, containing proposed amendment #4 to the Scenic View PDD legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that public comment is encouraged on the applicant's proposal to reroute the sewer lines previously approved for the project, and also on the Planning Board's recommendation that the applicant provide a sewer service line east of the project site to High Street, approximately 1,000 ft +/- in addition to the proposed parallel line proposed to the northwest property corner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby extends the public hearing notification area beyond the required 500ft radius to include the 68+/- homes that would have had the ability to connect to the public sewer if the line was constructed as currently outlined in the PDD language that proposed connection east from the project site to the Village of Stillwater boundary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is requested to publish appropriate notice of the public hearing, and the Town Planner is requested to send the written notifications detailed above.

A motion by Councilmember Vomacka, seconded by Councilmember D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 29 of 2026.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 27 of 2026 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilmember Vomacka	YES
Councilmember D'Ambro	YES
Councilmember Weaver	YES

Councilmember Williams

YES

Resolution No. 29 of 2026 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on April 2, 2026.

**Other Business**

**Supervisor Kinowski reviewed the Resolutions:**

Questions were raised about accepting trails in new developments and maintenance responsibilities. Parks and Recreation operations are being restructured following Clayton's departure, with responsibilities redistributed among highway department and new personnel. Planning department will review trail requirements for future PDD approvals. Alternative amenities like playgrounds or improved walkways may be considered.

Saratoga Rowing club: Requested use of beach for 75 participants with rowing and running activities. The request was declined due to operational conflicts and revenue loss, however, Riverfront Park can be offered as alternative venue with better facilities.

SACC water repair remains tabled, estimated at approximately \$12,000  
Project tabled because contractor wouldn't tear down during season. Hoping for better price. CMC will perform the work. Project remains tabled until better timing and pricing available.

**Councilmember Vomacka**

Updated contract with Joe Star for Ugly Rooster operation.

Rent increased by \$1,000 to \$4000.00 per month and will only operate 4 months. The extra revenue helps with cleaning and maintenance costs

Concerns about ice cream droppings affecting decking over time. Consulting manufacturer about protective layer over decking. A resolution needed at next meeting for supervisor to sign updated contract

**Highway Superintendent**

Billy Doughty reported water meters in Districts 1, 2, and 3 are 6 years past their lifespan, causing significant water loss of approximately 10 million gallons annually. There is a meter replacement program needed for Districts 1, 2, and 3. Costs to be spread across all water district customers through billing or short-term bond.

**Clerk Cowin**

Planning small luncheon for Ann Marie's retirement on May 11<sup>th</sup> (changed to May 6<sup>th</sup> after this meeting).

Danielle presented a reverse 911 system proposal from go.gov, having negotiated the annual price down from \$6,000 to \$3,000. However, Supervisor Kinowski shared information about a county-level alternative that could eliminate this cost entirely.

**Public Input**

Resident request: Landscaping improvements for cul-de-sac on Cold Springs Road.

Board consensus to deny landscaping request due to maintenance, safety, and access concerns.

Superintendent will contact resident to explain decision or invite them to next meeting.

Future developments will be steered toward hammerhead designs instead of cul-de-sacs.

**Audited Claims**

The Town Clerk presented the following report for the Town Boards review.

General	\$ 25630.65
Town Outside	\$ 25933.26
Highway	\$ 26742.02
Water	<u>\$ 46742.02</u>
	\$124,895.34

**Motion** by Councilmember D'Ambro and seconded by Councilmember Williams to pay the audited claims.

**Motion carried.**

**Motion** by Councilmember D'Ambro and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and contractual matters.

**Motion carried.** (Note: The Town Board will not resume back into the regular Town Board meeting.)

The Town Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk