

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF RANDOLPH, October 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Randolph, County of Cattaraugus and the State of New York was held at the Municipal Building, 72 Main Street, Randolph, NY on the 8th day of October 2025.

PRESENT:	Dale Senn	-----Supervisor
	John Hale	-----Council Member
	Loni Nagle	-----Council Member
	Tim Beach	-----Council Member
	Bob Learn	-----Council Member
	Gretchen Hind	-----Clerk
	Cody Uhl	-----Superintendent of Highways

ABSENT: Bridget Marshall ----- Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Beaver -Water Dept; Harry Uhl & Dan McLaughlin

Harry Uhl opened the meeting with a prayer.

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Senn called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 104-2025

MEETING MINUTES

On a motion of Councilmember Hale, seconded by Councilmember Beach, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Board approves the meeting minutes from September 10, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN JUSTICE

Discussed the JCAP Grant and 2026 Budget requests.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

12 permits issued in September 2025 for \$430.

RACDC- 501(c) (3) status has been reinstated.

Monthly Report of the Supervisor – The September 2025 Financial Report was submitted to the Board from BLB.

CLERK

Clerk Hind submitted the monthly report for September 2025 to the Board. The local shares were Town-\$1566.50; Supervisor – \$939.13.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS – Highway Superintendent Uhl provided the September 2025 report.

WATER/SEWER

Jason Beaver presented the monthly activity report to the Board. Jason discussed that the batteries for the large meters have died all around the same time. Replacement batteries are approximately \$550 per battery. New meters with better battery life and technology are approximately \$1,500 per meter. Jason will obtain quotes for both options.

SAMPLE HILL No activity

ASSESSORS In office hours will begin 10/24 and be every Friday 12:30–3:30.

RREMS Provided their quarterly report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Congressman Langworthy Support of Energy Choice Act

FEMA submitted a letter acknowledging receipt of the Town's disagreement with the proposed new Floodplain mapping.

OLD BUSINESS

Bi-Centennial – Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30.

Municipal Building Trim: Cody Uhl provided draft bidding documents for Board review for the municipal building trim. There was discussion regarding how to pay for the project without increasing taxes.

RESOLUTION 105-2025

SAMPLE HILL CEMETERY LOT PURCHASE REQUEST DECLINED

On a motion of Councilmember Learn, seconded by Councilmember Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the request to purchase a cemetery lot at Sample Hill from Larry Greene be declined per the Cemetery Bi-Laws.

Attorney Marshall entered at 8:01PM

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 106-2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

On a motion of Councilperson Beach seconded by Councilperson Learn, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
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Nays 0

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Randolph Town Board strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Randolph Town Board urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck

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Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

RESOLUTION 107-2025

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

On a motion of Councilmember Nagle, seconded by Councilmember Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Town Board set Trick-or-Treat hours for October 31st 6:00 – 7:30PM

RESOLUTION 108-2025

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY SECURITY SERVICES CONTRACT

On a motion of Councilperson Beach, seconded by Councilperson Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Town approves the contract with Cattaraugus County to provide Security Services.

RESOLUTION 109-2025

WILLIAMSON LAW ANNUAL AGREEMENT

On a motion of Councilperson Learn, seconded by Councilperson Beach, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Town authorizes signing the Annual Support Agreement with Williamson Law Book.

RESOLUTION 110-2025

RREMS

On a motion of Councilmember Beach, seconded by Councilmember Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	5	Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
	Nays	0	

Resolved that the Town Board approves and authorizes Supervisor Senn to sign the contract for 2026 Randolph Regional Emergency Services.

RESOLUTION 111-2025

2025 WATER & SEWER RELEVY

On a motion of Councilperson Nagle, seconded by Councilperson Learn, the following resolution was

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ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town approves the 2025 Water and Sewer Relevy as submitted and approves submittal to Cattaraugus County for 2026 taxes.

RESOLUTION 112-2025

NED-NEW ENERGY SOLAR 1, LLC PAYMENT OF ENGINEERING FEES FOR SARVER ROAD SOLAR PROJECT

On a motion of Councilmember Beach, seconded by Councilmember Nagle, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board approves and authorizes Supervisor Senn to sign the contract with NED-New Energy Solar 1, LLC which provides reimbursement to the Town for engineering services. \$40,000 initial fee will be deposited into a Town Escrow account.

RESOLUTION 113-2025

BANK ACCOUNT CREATION FOR SARVER ROAD SOLAR PROJECT

On a motion of Councilmember Beach, seconded by Councilmember Nagle, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board authorizes opening a new checking account with Community Bank to hold escrow payment from NED-New Energy Solar 1, LLC. The account will be used to pay associated engineering fees for the project with Supervisor Dale Senn and Town Clerk Gretchen Hind as signors.

RESOLUTION 114-2025

JCAP GRANT

On a motion of Councilmember Learn, seconded by Councilmember Beach, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

Be it Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Randolph authorizes the Town of Randolph Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

RESOLUTION 115-2025

RIDOUT'S WARRANTY 12-YEAR LABOR

On a motion of Councilmember Learn, seconded by Councilmember Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn

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Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board approves adding an option of a 12-year labor warranty for \$750.00 to the Ridout Heating and Cooling quote received and approved in September for 2 3ton mini split systems for the Community Room.

RESOLUTION 116-2025

DECLARE ONE SALT SPREADER SUPRLUS AND AUTHORIZE SALE

On a motion of Councilmember Beach, seconded by Councilmember Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town Board declares one salt spreader as surplus and authorizes the sale to the Town of South Valley for \$500.

The 2026 Tentative Budget was reviewed. Councilman Learn questioned the increase in Records .1 and Parks .2. After a discussion,

RESOLUTION 117-2025

ADOPT 2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET AS THE 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On a motion of Councilmember Beach, seconded by Councilmember Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town adopts the 2026 Tentative Budget as the 2026 Preliminary Budget with the following changes: Reduce Supt. Of Highways A5010.1 to \$63,430.49; Reduce Parks A7110.2 to \$3,500; Increase Building A1620.2 to \$70,000. The \$50,000 increase will be transferred from the Building Capital Reserve for building reconstruction purposes.

RESOLUTION 118-2025

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026 TOWN BUDGET

On a motion of Councilperson Beach, seconded by Councilperson Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

Resolved that the Town hold a Public Hearing on the Adoption of the 2026 Town Budget on November 5, 2025 at 7:30PM.

RESOLUTION 119-2025

BUDGET TRANSFERS AND MODIFICATIONS

On a motion of Councilperson Hale seconded by Councilperson Beach, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

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Resolved that the board authorizes the following budget transfers and modifications:

GENERAL FUND

Budget Transfers:

\$931 FROM A1990.4 - SPECIAL ITEMS - CONTINGENT

\$931 TO A7110.4 - PARKS - CONTRACTUAL

HIGHWAY fund

Budget Modification:

We resolve to increase the Highway Fund 2025 expenditure budget by \$51,835 due to additional CHIPS funds available. This will increase accounts DA3501 - STATE AID - CONSOLIDATED HIGHWAY and DA5112.4 - PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS - CONTRACTUAL.

We resolve to increase the Highway Fund 2025 expenditure budget by \$691 due to the sale of scrap materials. This will increase accounts DA2650 - SALES OF SCRAP MATERIALS and DA5110.4 - GENERAL REPAIRS - CONTRACTUAL

RESOLUTION 120-2025

AUDIT OF BILLS

On a motion of Councilman Learn, seconded by Councilmember Hale, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Senn, Hale, Nagle, Beach, Learn
 Nays 0

ABSTRACT #10:

General Fund	No. 240-261	\$25,002.66
Street Lighting District		2,947.32
Refuse District		34.00
Fire District		0
Snow Removal		0
Highway Fund	No. 172-190	21,460.64
Sewer CAPITAL PROJECT	No. 26	2,079.00
Sewer Fund	No. 85-94	2,435.16
Water Fund	No. 147-167	17,473.55

With no further business, on a motion from Councilperson Learn, seconded by Councilman Nagle the meeting was adjourned at 8:49PM. Carried unanimously.

Gretchen Hind, RMC/CMC, Town Clerk