A TOWN BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2026 AT 6:00P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NEW YORK

Present: John Wallace, Supervisor
Michael Perritano, Councilman
Joseph Tamburro, Councilman
Chief Matthew Palumbo
Karl Manne, Town Attorney
Absent: Christopher Evans, Councilman

Supervisor Wallace opened the regular meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Piseck, Chief Executive officer of the Herkimer County IDA, presented the Town Board with an award as a member of the Chips 2026 Supporting Team for its help in the cleanup of the former Chip's Service Station site Piseck went on to give an update on the Charlestown site, which has a $14 million lien. The IDA can get the lien removed and has a purchase agreement, but must hit several milestones first, said Piseck. The site is contaminated With chlorinated solvents, but said that there is a lot of rock at the site, including shale, which has kept the contamination from migrating off the property. The HCIDA is hoping to get a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to get it cleaned up.

Town Supervisor John Wallace said the town wants to be involved, to which Piseck replied they must be. Piseck went on to say Amazon called looking for additional parking for the holidays. Piseck suggested the Fairgrounds. He also reported that Tractor Supply had been assessed at the wrong value but did not ask for money to be returned, and a $584,000 check has gone out to the school district.

Frank and Michael Canarelli appeared to follow up on an issue raised in May, concerning water runoff on their mother's property in the Rolling Hills development, he had not heard anything, although he had sent an email. He asked the town not to dump storm water on private property. He asked if there was an easement, which he said New York State said was needed.

Supervisor Wallace said the town has never done anything on private property, adding that he regretted that Highway Superintendent Marcus Perritano was not present to address the issue.

Michael Canarelli described a pipe on Christensen Road and water coming down Albany Hill so much faster. Herkimer County told them the water is eroding everywhere. Supervisor Wallace said he would like the documentation from the county. He went on to apologize if he had ignored an email, citing a high volume of emails received, but said the town could not take responsibility for the flooding because the topography has been changed. Frank, argued that the town was liable.

Supervisor Wallace said he would have the highway superintendent visit the site. He said he would look for the email Frank had spoken of and start a new dialogue. He promised to look into the matter and see if it could be rectified.

Levi Dousharm appeared again to discuss bee saturation on Center Road. He and a number of other residents had been at last month's meeting asking for relief from a neighbor who was keeping bees far in excess of the number recommended by Cornell Cooperative Extension for non-commercial beekeeping. He said they had respected the town's guidelines and submitted a zoning complaint. Codes Enforcement Officer Mishele Spaman had been out to look at the site. The groundwork was done, Dousharm said, and they wanted a path forward for a zoning determination from the codes department.

Supervisor Wallace said it was a work in progress and that the board was looking at it. Codes Officer Spaman said the owner of the bees was out of the country, but his daughter was putting the bees to bed and said a sale was going on. Wallace asked how the town could control the situation, adding that the neighbors may need to resort to civil action. Town attorney Karl Manne said nuisance is a civil course of action.

NO. 165 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of September 24, 2026. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 166 APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the meeting minutes of October 1, 2026.

Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

COMMITTEE REPORT / DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Various reports submitted

Chief Matthew Palumbo submitted his report; attached and discussed.
Still waiting on the release/approval award for LETech funding.
Looking to update the Town Code 84-5. Penalties for offenses.
Request to purchase 2024 Ram 1500 Police Vehicle for $40,958.00. This is a left over vehicle that has been discounted.
Request increase in Part-time officer detail pay from $24.00 to $25.00. This is Grant funded details and reimbursable details.
Officers will be working Halloween detail as usual.
Superintendent Perritano submitted his report; attached and discussed.
I plan to place the 2009 Chevy pickup on Auctions International as surplus equipment. It needs a lot of work and is not worth it.
We have been fixing and replacing street signs Townwide
Our last round of mowing has been completed for the season
Brush pickup will begin 11/2/26 weather permitting
We are still hauling ice control material from Barrett
Some of our trucks are service and plows have been installed
We have been cutting tree branches back from the roadways for better visibility at intersections
Our new bobcat has been delivered and is in service
We haven't had heat in our office for over 2 weeks. We had 3 contractors come in for replacement estimates as our current unit is irreparable. I've only received one quote back in over a week. I would like to have M & R Heating to install the new furnace if I have not received any other quotes by 10/26/26 as there is a 3 week lead time for installation and its getting cold. We can't work here without heat, and the furnace heats the bathrooms, breakroom and offices. The repair quote is $21,450.00 and I still have this in my repair budget line.

FINANCIALS

Supervisor Wallace reported that he gave the town board the current bank balances and the Supervisors monthly report for September, NYClass is still doing very well. The town will be getting reimbursed $242,000.00 for road repairs through CHIP's; the town received the 3rd Quarter sales tax which was $270,941.79. the town received a $350,750.00 grant from WIIA from the state drinking water revolving fund for the lead line survey project; the town also received a $23,000.00 grant for the water District consolidation project. There is a quote from Air Temp Heating & Air Conditioning for the yearly contract for the heating and air conditioning at the town hall. Supervisor Wallace reported that there has been a lot of traffic with court people going to other offices when the court don't have office hours, so he bought extra signage to hopefully cut down on them going to other offices with court questions.

NO. 167 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH AIR TEMP

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the contract with Air Temp and authorize Supervisor Wallace to sign and execute any and all document. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 168 APPROVE HIGHWAY PHONE UPGRADE NORTHLAND COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board approves the yearly contract with Air Temp and authorizes the Supervisor Wallace to sign and execute any and all documents. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 169 APPROVE INCREASE IN PART-TIME OFFICER DETAIL PAY FROM $24.00 PER HOUR TO $25.00

MOTION made by Councilman Perritano that the town board resolves to approve the pay increase for Part-Time police Officers detail pay from $24.00 To $25.00 per hour; this is a grant funded detail and reimbursable. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 170 TOWN HALL SNOW REMOVAL-REQUST BIDS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to request bids for the Removal of Snow at the Town Hall, with bids to be received by 2 pm on Thursday November 12, 2026 and opened on November 12, 2026 at 2:30 PM. Contract period from November 12, 2026 to April 30, 2027, and authorize town clerk to publish the legal notice for the same. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon on roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 171 ESTABLISH FY2026 SALARY LEVELS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve FY2027 wages and salary levels for Elected Officials in the Preliminary Budget Legal Notice as follows: Town Supervisor $18,025.00.; Councilman (4) each $7,525.00.; Town Justice (2) each $14,093.00.; Town Clerk $44,770.00; Highway Supt. $73,159.00. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 172 APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to schedule public hearing for the FY2027 Preliminary Budget, which includes salaries for elected officials, on Thursday, November 5th at 3:00 PM, and the FY2027 Special Districts on Thursday November 5th at 3:00 PM, and authorizes the town clerk to issue the legal notice for the same. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 173 PROPOSED—LOCAL LAW NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 2026 (Override Tax Levy Limit) SCHEDULE PUBIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW NO. 4, 2027

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve Proposed Local Law #4, 2026, a local Law to override the tax limit established in General Municipal law Section 3-c, attached and read. It is further resolved to schedule a Public Hearing on Thursday November 5, 2026 at 3:00PM and authorize the town clerk to issue the legal notice for the same. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 174 PROPOSED—LOCAL LAW NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 2026 SCHEDULE PUBIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW NO. 5, 2026 A Local Law amending 84-5 of the Code of the Town of Frankfort for purpose of increasing parking fines within the Town

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve Proposed Local Law #5, 2026, a local law amending section 74-5 of the code of the Town of Frankfort for the purpose of increasing parking fines within the Town. It is further resolved to schedule a public hearing on Thursday November 5, 2026 at 3:00PM and authorize the town clerk to issue the legal notice for the same. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 175 APPROVE PART-TIME TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE —Wayne Ward

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to approve the appointment of Wayne Wood as Town Hall Custodian/ Maintenance; until or if Tom Vivacqua returns and keep to help out with Tom; it is a Part-time appointment 19.5 hours a week at $19.00 per hour, eligible for NYS retirement. Start date Monday October 26, 2026. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 176 APPROVE 2024 RAM 1500 POLICE VEHICLE

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves Chief Palumbo to purchase a 2024 Ram 1500 Police Vehicle for $40,958.00. This is a left over vehicle that has been discounted from Main Motorcar. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 177 APPROVE PURCHASE 2026 RAM 2500 PICKUP TRUCK

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board resolves to the purchase of a 2026 Ram Pickup truck with a plow on it using the money received from New Leaf Energy; not to exceed $56,000.00. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 178 APPROVE EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace that the town board establish an Equipment Reserve Account for the purpose of funding the future purchase, replacement and repair of Town equipment. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll

call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS—OCTOBER ABSTRACT #10

NO. 179 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve General Abstract #10—Claim No. 437-474E, Total $125,336.49. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 180 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve TOV Abstract #10—Claim No. 109-120, Total $5,590.16. Second by Councilman Tamburro Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 181 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Highway Abstract #10—Claim No. 182-199B Total $90,374.30 Second by Councilman Evans. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 182 **MOTION** made by Councilman Perritano to approve Highway TOV Abstract #8—Claim No. 30-34 Total $55,215.71. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 183 **MOTION** made by Councilman Tamburro to approve Special District Abstract #10—Claim No.115- 115, Total $7,240.80. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

NO. 184 **MOTION** made by Supervisor Wallace to approve Oakview Cemetery Abstract #6—Claim No.7, Total $1,866.66.00. Second by Councilman Perritano. Upon roll call; All in favor. Vote was 3-0 **APPROVED**

MOTION made by Supervisor Wallace to adjourn. Second by Councilman Tamburro. Upon roll call; All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorri DeRollo, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING: November 5, 2026 at 3:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting: November 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM