

November 12, 2025

Regular Meeting

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on November 12, 2025.

Members Present: Supervisor Joseph Roman, Council Members Daniel Hurley, Daniel Williams, Timothy Steed

Members Absent: Council Member Richard Mathews

Others Present: Attorney Kimberlee Balok-Middaugh, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Rocchi, Deputy Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen, Town Clerk Carolyn Renko, Deputy Town Clerk Marianne Schrom

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Roman at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC HEARING 6:02 P.M. – for the purpose of hearing any and all public comment regarding Local Law No. 6 of 2025, to Override Tax Levy Limit for taxable 2026 year established in General Municipal Law.

Town Clerk Carolyn Renko read the legal notice that appeared in the Star Gazette. Supervisor Roman explained what overriding the tax limit means and that the Town is exceeding the 2% cap. He then opened up the Public Hearing for comment at 6:08 p.m.

Lynn Thirion from Mt. View Drive is against any tax increase.

Richard Kennedy from Broadway Street is also against any tax increase.

Ira Manhoff from Dutch Hill Road commented on 2026 Budget.

The public portion of the Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2025

LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2025

A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT, NEW YORK TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C

Resolution by: Hurley
Seconded by: Steed

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport wishes to enact a local law to allow the Town of Southport to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c for the year commencing January 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, this proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2025 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c, thereof in its final form having been upon the desks of members of the Board for at least seven (7) calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to this day, and a public hearing having been duly held on November 12, 2025 before the Board upon public notice provided by law, and the said proposed local law having been read in its final form at this meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2025 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c, is hereby adopted and enacted, to wit:

Section 1: Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Southport to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 2: Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3: Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Southport, New York, County of Chemung is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 4: Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law for the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstances, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 7: Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mathews
CARRIED.

Monthly Reports were received as follows:

Town Clerk Carolyn A. Renko

Town Clerk & Dog License Fees	\$ 2,008.25
Funds Turned to State & County Agencies	<u>\$ 2,799.25</u>
	\$ 4,807.50

Code Enforcement Office

Fees Collected:	Building Permit Fees	\$ 1,372.00
	Building Permit Values	\$ 269,816.00

City of Elmira Animal Control
Justice Office
Recreation/Aging/Youth Services
Residential Deputy

Council Member Steed made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded to accept the monthly reports as filed.

There was no Correspondence received.

Council Member Hurley made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded to accept the minutes of October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Under Public Comments, agenda items only to include Resolutions & Discussions, Richard Kennedy from Broadway Street commented on Resolution #5, Authorizing Supervisor to Request County to Reassess Miscellaneous Property Charges.

Ira Manhoff from Dutch Hill Road commented on Resolution #1 Abstract of General Fund Claims.

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FUND CLAIMS

Resolution by: Williams
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of General Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of November 2025, No. 505 through No. 548, not to exceed \$60,205.99, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mathews
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF HIGHWAY FUND CLAIMS

Resolution by: Steed
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the Abstract of Highway Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of November 2025, No. 197 through No. 222, not to exceed \$248,167.95, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mathews
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2025

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SALT AT STATE BID PRICE

Resolution by: Steed
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent be and he hereby is authorized to purchase the necessary requirements of salt at the established State or County bid contract price.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mathews
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2025

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO REQUEST COUNTY TO REASSESS MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY CHARGES

Resolution by: Steed
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized to request the County to reassess unpaid mowing, tree, and refuse removal charges for the Town of Southport on January 1, 2026 Town and County Tax Statements as follows:

SWISS Code	Tax Map ID	Property Owner	Total Charges
073600	99.18-5-16	Walter Gilbert	\$ 325.00
073600	99.18-3-56	Nicholas Derico Estate	\$ 175.00

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073600	99.18-3-39	Kathleen Williamson	\$	500.00
073600	99.18-3-14	ACRE-J&G, LLC	\$	1,175.00
073600	99.18-3-1	Daniel Bockus	\$	815.00
073600	99.18-2-23	Curtis Payne, Jr.	\$	325.00
073600	99.18-1-17	John & Lisa Brennan	\$	500.00
073600	99.16-1-30	Marvin Bunch c/o Ollie Bunch	\$	175.00
073600	99.13-3-1	Michael Kennis	\$	650.00
073600	99.10-2-46	Constance Luke	\$	2,040.00
073600	99.10-1-33	Joseph Loudenslager	\$	325.00
073600	100.09-1-16	Daniel Weed	\$	200.00
073600	100.09-1-21	Harriet Roby c/o M. Fleming	\$	175.00
073600	100.09-4-59	Catherine Felker	\$	300.00
073600	106.00-1-20	Harry Mattison	\$	1,750.00
073600	108.00-1-3	Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC	\$	425.00
073600	109.08-3-21	Akram Shail Properties	\$	175.00
073600	109.06-1-20	Gerald Grasso	\$	175.00
073600	109.06-2-9	Golden Touch Real Estate	\$	400.00
073600	109.06-3-49	LMD Properties, LLC	\$	1,200.00
073600	109.07-3-35	Ralph Coppola	\$	400.00
073600	109.07-3-57	Philippe DoValie	\$	250.00
073600	109.07-4-49	Matthew Krause	\$	250.00
073600	109.07-5-4	Darren Cole	\$	975.00
073600	109.08-1-65	Jeffrey Smith	\$	4,535.00
073600	109.08-1-84	Cherry Lane Park, LLC	\$	1,075.00
073600	109.08-1-85	Cherry Lane Park, LLC	\$	1,075.00
073600	109.08-3-16	Laugie Group, LLC	\$	325.00
073600	109.08-3-29	Rick Curren Prop of Corning LLC	\$	325.00
073600	109.08-5-4	Mathews Resident Prop, LLC	\$	250.00
073600	109.08-6-28	Timothy Benjamin	\$	2,250.00
073600	109.09-5-13	Diane Cusick Estate	\$	650.00
073600	118.01-1-12.2	Jason Roosa	\$	645.00
073600	118.01-1-35	Jeffrey Wickley	\$	400.00
073600	118.01-2-14	Shawna Bailey	\$	500.00
073600	119.00-1-63	James Chilson-Purvis	\$	500.00s
073600	107.00-2-9	Brett & Jessica Bellows	\$	1,100.00
			Total	\$ 27,310.00

AYES: Hurley, Willams, Steed, Roman
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Mathews
 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2025

ACCEPTING PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Resolution by: Hurley
Seconded by: Williams

WHEREAS, the Town Board having on November 5, 2025, duly held a hearing on the preliminary budget approved by the Town Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 and having heard all persons desiring to be heard in this matter, and the matter of the budget of the Town for such fiscal year having been fully discussed and considered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the said preliminary budget approved and filed as aforesaid be and the same hereby is adopted and established as the adopted budget of this Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and that such annual budget be adopted and entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify, as required by Law, duplicate copies of said adopted budget hereby adopted and deliver one such copy to the Supervisor of the Town, and that the Supervisor shall present such copy to the Board of Legislature of the County as required by law.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mathews
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2025

SPONSORING THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE AND APPOINTING THE TOWN AS LEAD AGENCY

Resolution by: Steed
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the Town of Southport agrees to sponsor a holiday parade on December 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., and act as lead agency for said parade.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mathews
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2025

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Resolution by: Hurley
 Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the following transfer of funds are as follows:

Budget lines to be Modified	Prior Approved Budget Amt.	Amount of Requested Increase/Decrease	Revised Budget Amt.	Reason for Budget Rev.
From: A8010.4 Zoning	\$ 3,126.21	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 1,126.21	
From: A7510.4 Historian	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)		
From: A8510.4 Comm. Beautification	\$ 5000.00	\$ (5000.00)		
From: A8810.4 Cemetery	\$ 3,134.53	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 1,134.53	
From: A1990.4 Contingent	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (16,482.61)	\$ 33,517.39	
To: A1110.4 Justice Contractual	\$ (195.13)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 804.87	Bgt. Shortfall
To: A1315.4 Bookkeeper Cont.	\$ (461.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,539.00	Bgt. Shortfall
To: A1620.2 Bldgs. Equipment	\$ (2,573.82)	\$ 2,573.82		New Computers
To: A7310.4 Recreation Cont.	\$ (11,053.08)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,946.92	Community (Sr.) Ctr & Sp. Events
To: A7310.12 Summer Parks	\$ (908.79)	\$ 908.79		Bgt. Shortfall

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Mathews
 CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2025

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Resolution by: Steed
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to amend the following appropriations:

- A2706 – Grants from Local Gov't \$764.32
- A7110.2 – Parks Equipment \$764.32

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mathews
CARRIED.

Under Public Comments, Lynn Thirion from Mt. View Drive commented that there is no speed limit sign on her street and people are driving at excessive speeds up and down the road.

Supervisor Roman explained the FOIL request process and that the Town is following NYS guidelines.

Council Member Williams made a motion, Council Member Hurley seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk