

March 3, 2026  
Workshop Meeting

Minutes of a Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on March 3, 2026.

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

Others Present: Deputy Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen, Code Enforcement Officer Peter Rocchi, Highway Superintendent Steven Renko, Town Clerk Carolyn Renko

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Roman at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and a moment of silence.

The first item discussed was the Comprehensive Salary Analysis prepared and presented by Councilmember Mathews. After the Town Board reviewed the prepared document, it was determined that the Town of Southport was at the top tier of salaries in comparison to other regional townships and that a comprehensive municipal study was not needed at this time.

Next item was Elmer Goodwin Park Splash Pad. Councilmember Williams explained that a system needs to be installed at this location to reduce operating and maintenance costs associated with the splash pad. The board discussed the necessary steps that need to take place to install an Infiltration System at this park. It was determined that first the ground would need to be assessed with sizing and cost estimates to follow. This is something the Town can self-install per DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) guidelines. Councilmember Steed will assist in plans.

Next item was Chapel Park Community Center fee structure. Councilmember Hurley felt that after further discussion with Ivan Purifoy, Director of Recreation, and the current building being aged, charging various groups that utilize the building during the weekdays is not something he recommends doing at this point. This subject will be re-visited when a new community center is constructed.

Next Item of the workshop was the Chapel Park Drainage Ditch. It was unanimously agreed that a plan needs to be put in place for necessary repairs. Recommendations were made about doing one section at a time and the possibility of putting a retention pond at Trescott and Country Lane. It was recommended to speak to Chemung County Soil & Water for suggestions and researching available grants.

Last discussion item was the Fairway/Phoenix Sewer. Deputy Supervisor Szerszen gave a status update; the project was extended to November 2027. Mrs. Szerszen will meet with Fagan Engineers for revised cost estimates when this is complete, she will have a public meeting with the residents of that area. Possible additional grant funding was also discussed.

Council Member Steed made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk