

**DRAFT TOWN OF SARATOGA TOWN BOARD
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
12 SPRING ST., SCHUYLERVILLE, NY**

**January 12, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Ian Murray opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Town Clerk Michelle Conover, called the roll: Supervisor Ian Murray - present, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – present, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – present, Councilman Gary Squires – present, Councilman Andy Ellis – present.

Also present: Deputy Town Clerk Emilee M. Jones, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Gil Albert, Highway Superintendent Ryan Campbell and other interested persons.

Recognitions/Presentations/ Bid openings/Public Hearings:

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, **to accept the minutes of the December 8th Regular Town Board meeting and the December 29, 2025 Year-End Audit meeting as written.** Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 –0

Town Clerk's report for December 2025: Fees paid to the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets for the Animal Population Control Program \$41.00 Fees paid to New York D.E.C. for hunting and fishing licenses \$9.45. Fees paid to the New York State Health Department for Marriage licenses \$45.00. Dog license fees to Supervisor Ian Murray \$170.00. Clerk fees to Supervisor Ian Murray \$155.55. Total State and Local Revenues received were \$421.00.

Zoning Officer's report for December 2025: 1 Building Permits, 14 Building Inspections, 2 Certificates of Occupancy, 0 Junkyard Permits, 0 Complaints, 0 Fire Inspections, 0 Order to Remedy, 3 misc., 2 Building Permit Renewals and 0 Property Maintenance Inspections. A check for \$717.50 was given to Supervisor Ian Murray.

Zoning Officer Gil Albert also provided the Town Board a year end summary for 2025.

Dog Control officer's report for December 2025: Ed Cross, Dog Control Officer answered 10 complaints, took 0 dogs to the shelter, 0 bite cases, traveled 20 miles, issued 10 warnings and 0 summons' were issued.

Town Court report for December 2025: 20 Traffic tickets closed, 3 Criminal/penal law case closed, 2 civil cases closed, 1 DWI case closed, 0 Encon/DEC closed, 2 Town and Dog cases closed. Supervisor Ian Murray received a check from Justice John McCarron in the amount of \$2,333.00, a check from Justice Charles Sherman in the amount of \$40.00, for a total of \$2,373.00.

Tax Collector's report: Town & County Property tax bills were mailed out to all Town property owners on December 31, 2025. As of January 12th, 2026, 9% of taxes have been collected, with a total to date of \$390,762.21. 239 mailed in their payments, 51 made payments on-line.

Historian's report December 2025:

December 2025: Henry Knox 250th Anniversary Outcomes

December concluded with an exceptionally successful observance of the Henry Knox 250th anniversary, led by Saratoga County, the Town of Saratoga, and the students of Schuylerville Central School District. Working in close partnership with Warren, Washington, Albany, and Columbia counties—alongside New York State Parks and Massachusetts Rev250—the Town helped establish a new regional benchmark for commemorating a major Revolutionary War anniversary through thoughtful ceremony, rigorous scholarship, and broad community engagement. The result was a cohesive, respectful, and widely praised series of events demonstrating how grassroots leadership in upstate New York can influence national practice.

A defining element of this success was the direct involvement of students in creating the material culture of commemoration. The Knox sleds used during the observance were built by WSWHE BOCES students, including Levi Machaud of Schuylerville. Their craftsmanship linked classroom learning to public history in tangible form, reinforcing that interpretation and remembrance live not only in texts and lectures, but also in skills, labor, and shared experience. This achievement required the coordinated efforts of many individuals and institutions. Particular recognition is due to Lauren Roberts, Chair of Saratoga 250, and the staff of the Saratoga County Clerk's Office and County Administrator's Office for their sustained leadership. Appreciation is also extended to the Village of Schuylerville and Town of Saratoga employees—especially the clerks, highway, and DPW teams—along with Saratoga County DPW, whose preparation and cleanup work made complex, multi-day programming possible.

Town leadership played an active and highly visible role. Supervisor Ian Murray, Deputy Supervisor Mike McLaughlin, Councilman-Elect Andy Ellis, and Mayor Dan Carpenter not only supported the events administratively but also assisted personally, including preparing breakfast for approximately twenty living historians who stayed two nights in the Town building. The living historians themselves represented some of the strongest interpretive groups in the Northeast, including participants from the Boston area such as the Lexington Minute Men. Their response to Saratoga was uniformly enthusiastic—both for the historical significance of place and for the depth of public engagement, which exceeded 1,200 visitors at Fort Hardy Park alone. Equally meaningful were the smaller gestures: neighbors baking quick breads and cookies, volunteers stepping in without prompting, and a shared sense that all involved had elevated their efforts to make the commemoration memorable.

The broader impact of this work is already evident. The quality and authenticity of Saratoga-area programming have inspired counterparts in Massachusetts, where organizers have noted that Boston-area efforts were strengthened after observing what was accomplished here. Saratoga's community-centered, historically grounded, and collaborative approach is now shaping planning well beyond the region.

December also marked continued progress in infrastructure and outreach. New Saratoga 250 equipment—including a pop-up tent and branded tablecloth—debuted shortly thereafter at a national living history umbrella organization meeting near Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The reception was notably positive, confirming that Saratoga's major 2027 event is firmly on the national reenactment calendar. Many living historians are already planning new impressions and material culture specifically for Saratoga.

Looking Ahead: 2027 Battles of Saratoga Reenactment

The most significant forward-looking development is the securing of a primary battlefield site for 2027 on Wilbur Road in the Town of Saratoga. Sincere thanks are extended to McMahon Thoroughbreds and the Hanna family for their cooperation and generosity. While additional adjacent properties will be needed to fully realize the vision, this milestone places the Town in a strong position as planning advances.

December also underscored a commitment to cultivating the next generation of history keepers. The Town and Saratoga 250 proudly congratulate **Emma Battles-Foley**, the inaugural recipient of the **Saratoga 250 Scholarship**, which honors students who demonstrate an understanding of the lasting national and international impact of the Battles of Saratoga. This recognition affirms that stewardship of the past is an ongoing, intergenerational responsibility.

As January 2026 begins, focus has shifted to formalizing plans for the 2027 Battles of Saratoga reenactment, scheduled for **October 7–11, 2027**, in the Town of Saratoga. The term Battles of Saratoga—encompassing Freeman’s Farm, Bemus Heights, the Siege of Saratoga, the Surrender of Burgoyne, and related actions such as Brown’s Raid—reflects a narrative framework developed over decades. First advanced by the National Park Service, it has since been adopted by Saratoga County. The growing acceptance of this inclusive interpretation marks a meaningful shift: the siege and surrender are now firmly integrated into the public narrative.

Current planning anticipates that the 2027 encampment will open no later than Thursday, October 7, and close on Monday, October 11. Friday, October 8, is envisioned as a dedicated education day, featuring structured learning stations within camps and fortifications, with possible drills and limited skirmish demonstrations.

As January progresses, emphasis will remain on coordination, land access, interpretive standards, and clear communication with participating units and partner organizations. The momentum generated in December brings both confidence and responsibility: Saratoga has demonstrated leadership, and expectations—for 2027 and beyond—are now appropriately high.

Submitted by:

Sean Kelleher, Historian
Town of Saratoga

Assessor's report December 2025: No Report.

Highway Superintendent's report for December 2025

- ❖ Cleared large branches, trees & brush from Highways & right of way
- ❖ Patched pot holes throughout Town
- ❖ Repaired/replaced damaged or missing road signs throughout Town
- ❖ Removed Snow & Ice from Town Highways, Parking Lots & Sidewalks
- ❖ Hauled in material for upcoming projects
- ❖ Monthly maintenance completed on trucks & equipment
- ❖ Multiple repairs made to trucks & equipment
- ❖ Completed Annual Harassment Training
- ❖ Fixed a plumbing issue and replaced some lights at Town Hall
- ❖ Overhead door came and fixed a garage door at Town Hall
- ❖ Contacted B&M Mechanical to come and look at the heating system on the roof at Town Hall, a part has to be replaced and they will go over the system once the weather clears up
- ❖ Working with the Town Clerks office to come up with and streamline a basic maintenance schedule for the needs at Town Hall

Councilmember Michael McLoughlin advised that he heard from several residents commenting on how well the Highway crew is working with all the sanding and salting that has been taking

place with all these storms that have occurred. Supervisor Ian Murray told Highway Superintendent Ryan Campbell good job and to please advise the crew the same.

Supervisor's Report:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT December 2025

GENERAL FUND – TOWNWIDE (A FUND)

Balance on hand 12/1/2025	\$ 505,595.12
Revenues	+ 69,942.12
Disbursements	<u>- (151,293.63)</u>
Balance 12/31/2025	\$ 424,243.61

GENERAL FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (B FUND)

Balance on hand 12/1/2025	\$2,430,430.64
Revenues	+ 5,011.30
Disbursements	<u>- (7,188.98)</u>
Balance 12/31/2025	\$2,428,252.96

HIGHWAY FUND – OUTSIDE VILLAGE (DB FUND)

Balance on hand 12/1/2025	\$ 91,378.14
Revenues	+ 310,033.98
Disbursements	<u>- (162,966.78)</u>
Balance 12/31/2025	\$ 238,445.34

SCHUYLER PARK 12/31/2025	\$109,576.01
YOUTH RECREATION & SERVICE 12/31/2025	\$ 8,673.85
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE 12/31/2025	\$244,947.17
BUILDING RESERVE 12/31/2025	\$484,391.09
CDPHP & HRA 12/31/2025	\$ 4,939.55
AHC HOME IMPROVEMENT 12/31/2025	\$ 220.00
CDBG PROJECT 12/31/25	\$ 16,533.20
SCENIC BY WAYS QRTRLY 12/31/2025	\$ 312.57
PARKS RESERVE 12/31/2025	\$376,956.55
GFNB Certificate of Deposit 12/31/2025	\$848,314.69
NYCLASS 12/31/2025	\$819,577.02

November 2025 Distribution - Sales Tax Received - \$ 173,260.00

December 2025 Distribution- Mortgage Tax Received - \$ 16,719.00

Public comments on agenda items: None.

Committee reports:

Landfill: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Youth: Councilmember Michael McLoughlin stated that two Schuylerville Central School Juniors made history by earning selection to the New York State School Music Association All State ensembles, performing at the All-State Conference in Rochester. Sarah DeLaCruz earned a spot in the All-State Symphonic Band performing French horn. Jason McCaughey was selected to perform with the All-State Mixed Choir.

Councilmember Michael McLoughlin advised he has been in contact with Christ the King Spiritual Center hoping that they can secure a lifeguard for swim lessons this year.

Supervisor Murray stated he's been in contact with Saratoga County and what we did last year since we couldn't have the swim program, we had adventure activities for the kids to participate in. We are looking to partner with The Town of Northumberland and pool their monies together so a bus can be rented and the kids can take part in adventure activities, such as the high rope course, rafting and the Great Escape. We are also having arts and craft activities with the Olde Schuylerville Seniors. Supervisor Peck of the Town of Northumberland is on board with the partnership.

Park Committee: no formal report but Councilmember Gary Squires advised there is a New Schuyler Park website that is almost ready to launch.

Office of Emergency Management (OEM): No report.

WEMS: No report.

New Business:

Supervisor Ian Murray went through organizational appointments and designations.

On a motion by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm, the following, **Resolution #26-01 - #26-21 – Rules of the Board and Organizational Designations and Appointments**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

❖ **Resolution #25-01** setting the “Rules of the Board”

RULES OF ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA

1. The Supervisor shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall preserve order and decorum in debate.
2. The Board shall be called to order by the Supervisor. A quorum must be present in order to conduct business of the town. A quorum shall be defined as three members of the Town Board.
3. The Supervisor, immediately following the opening of every regular meeting of the Board, shall proceed to the regular order of Town business as follows: Roll Call, Approval of Minutes, Town Clerk's Report, Zoning Officer's Report, Dog Control Officer's Report, Town Court Report, Tax Collector's Report, Historian's Report, Assessor's Report, Highway Superintendent's Report, Supervisor's Report, Public comments on agenda items, Committee reports, Old Business, New Business, Communications, Privilege of the Floor, Auditing Bills, Establishment of the Next Regular Meeting, Adjournment.
4. Public Hearings: It shall be the duty of the Supervisor to preside at all general or special business hearings, to instruct all persons addressing the Board to state their names, addresses, and to state whether they are for or against the proposal. Those in favor of the proposal before the Board should speak first and those in opposition should speak last. At such hearings the Board may have special rules and prescribe the time to be allotted as 3 minutes to each speaker. Once all persons wishing to speak have spoken once, any person wishing to speak a second time may do so for a maximum of 2 minutes.
5. At the close of the public hearing as provided for in paragraph “4” above, the Supervisor may grant any member of the general public in attendance at such meeting a reasonable opportunity to be heard on any question or subject in which the Town is concerned.
6. Every resolution or motion must be seconded before being put to a vote by the Supervisor and all resolutions or motions shall be recorded in their entirety in the official minutes of the Town Board.
7. The Supervisor may offer or second a resolution or a motion and need not relinquish the chair for such purpose.

8. No motion or resolution may be brought to a vote except by the majority consent of those present unless printed or typewritten copies thereof are presented to each member of the Board 48 hours prior to the opening of the meeting at which such motion or resolution is offered.
9. No member shall speak more than once on any question until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, nor more than twice in any case without leave of the Board.
10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained unless (a) for an adjournment or recess, (b) for the previous question to lay on the table, (c) to postpone to refer to a committee, or (d) to amend.
11. A majority vote of all the members of the Board shall be required to suspend these rules of order. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
12. If the above stated rules are or become at any time in conflict with the statutory law, the statutory law shall take precedence.
13. No member of the public shall engage in any demonstration, booing, hand clapping or otherwise disrupt the formality of a Town Board meeting.
14. Any persons speaking to the Town Board with the consent of the Supervisor shall address their remarks to the Town Board, not to other members of the audience in the form of a debate. Residents will be limited to speaking for three minutes unless extended by permission of the majority consent of the Board. All persons speaking will be given respect and courtesy and in return are expected to be respectful and courteous. The use of profane and inappropriate language is not acceptable.

- ❖ **Resolution #26-02** setting the meeting time and place for the Town Board meetings as the 2nd Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-03** designating Arrow Bank & Trust as the official bank depository.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-04** designating *The Saratogian* as the official newspaper for the Town.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-05** authorizing the Supervisor to invest idle cash balances.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-06** authorizing the Supervisor to submit claims for state aid for youth recreation programs.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-07** authorizing the Supervisor to execute & pay contracts & annual appropriations as provided in the budget.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-08** approving the salaries & highway scale of wages and additional benefits as set forth in the 2026 Budget.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-09** appointing the Supervisor as Health Insurance Administrator.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-10** authorizing the Supervisor to pay bills of utility, fuel, gas, oil, credit card & any discounted bills, without prior audit and providing that bills are presented at first available meeting for audit.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-11** authorizing the Highway Superintendent to spend/purchase up to \$2,000.00 without prior notice to Town Board.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-12** setting the mileage rate for actual town business at \$0.725 per mile.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-13** setting the election inspector rates at \$100.00 and machine custodians at \$75 per machine for Special Elections.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-14** appointing Edward Cross as the Dog Control Officer.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-15** appointing Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner LLC as the Attorney for the Town.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-16** appointing Gilman Albert as the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement and MS-4 Coordinator.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-17** appointing Gilman Albert as the Fire Code Officer.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-18** appointing Michelle Conover Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-19** appointing Kenneth Martin as the Engineer for the Town.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-20** appointing Cassidie Ruzycky as part-time Assessor's Assistant.
- ❖ **Resolution #26-21** appointing Linda McCabe as Clerk to the Planning Board and Clerk to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Supervisor Ian Murray made the following annual appointments:

- ❖ **Deputy Supervisor** – Councilmember Michael McLoughlin
- ❖ **Town Historian** – Sean Kelleher
- ❖ **Deputy Town Historian** – Patricia Peck
- ❖ **Highway Committee** – Supervisor Ian Murray, Councilmember Andy Ellis
- ❖ **Youth Committee** – Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, Councilmember Gary Squires
- ❖ **Insurance Committee** – Supervisor Ian Murray and Councilmember Ruth Drumm
- ❖ **Landfill Committee** – Supervisor Ian Murray, Councilmember Gary Squires
- ❖ **Park Committee** – Councilmember Gary Squires, Councilmember Andy Ellis

The following annual appointments made by elected officials and read by Supervisor Ian Murray:

- ❖ **Town Clerk Michelle Conover** appoints Emilee Jones as Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- ❖ **Town Justice Charles Sherman and Justice John McCarron** appoint Bonnie Williams and Jennifer Johnston as part-time Court Clerks.

On a motion by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin, the following **Resolution #26-22 2025 Fund Transfers** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga authorizes the transfer of the following 2025 funds:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
A1990.4 Contingency	A1110.4 Justice Contractual	\$1000	To cover year end expenses
A1990.4 Contingency	A1355.4 Assessor Contractual	\$2000	To cover year end expenses
A1990.4 Contingency	A1420.4 Attorney Contractual	\$2000	To cover additional expenses for attorneys
A1990.4 Contingency	A1460.4 Records Management Contractual	\$1000	To cover annual maintenance
A1620.41 Buildings – Sound Contractual	A1680.4 Data Processing Contractual	\$11000	To cover sound and audio expenses through data processing
A1990.4 Contingency	A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance	\$9500	To cover additional insurance for year
A1990.4 Contingency	A3120.4 Police & Constable Contractual	\$500	To cover security for court hearings
A1990.4 Contingency	A5010.1 Superintendent of Highways	\$100	To cover year end payroll
A1990.4 Contingency	A5010.4 Superintendent of Highways Contractual	\$100	To cover highway employee training held in 2025
A1990.4 Contingency	A5182.4 Street Lighting Contractual	\$1500	To cover year end expenses
A1990.4 Contingency	A7510.4 Historian Contractual	\$100	To cover year end expenses

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
A1990.4 Contingency	A7550.4 Celebrations Contractual	\$1500	To cover additional expenses for historical program
A1990.4 Contingency	A8160.4 Refuse/Garbage Contractual	\$3000	To cover year end expenses
B1990.4 Contingency	B4020.1 Regis. Of Vital Stats Personal Services	\$100	To cover payroll through year end
B1990.4 Contingency	B9010.8 State Retirement	\$6000	To cover yearly retirement for 2025
B1990.4 Contingency	B9030.8 Social Security	\$650	To cover social security through year end
DB5130.2 Machinery	DB5110.4 General Repairs Contractual	\$5000	To cover striping for year-end expense
DB5130.2 Machinery	DB5140.1 Brush & Weeds Personal Services	\$3000	To cover payroll through year end
DB5130.2 Machinery	DB5142.1 Snow Removal Personal Services	\$12000	To cover payroll through year end
DB5130.2 Machinery	DB9030.8 Social Security	\$2000	To cover social security for year end
DB5130.2 Machinery	DB9060.8 Medical Insurance	\$4000	To cover insurance expense through year end
DB5130.2 Machinery	DB9089.8 Uniforms	\$750	To cover expenses through year end

On a motion by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember Andy Ellis, the following **Resolution #26-23 Approval to Enter into a Contract for Fire Protection with the Village of Schuylerville** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize entering into the fire protection contract with the Village of Schuylerville, for a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and will provide consideration to the Village of Schuylerville in the amount of \$41,598.00. The full agreement is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the form of such contract shall be subject to prior review and approval by the town attorney.

On a motion by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, the following **Resolution #26-24 Approval to Enter into a Contract for Fire Protection with the Village of Victory** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize entering into the fire protection contract with the Village of Victory, for a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and will provide consideration to the Village of Victory in the amount of \$15,010.00. The full agreement is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the form of such contract shall be subject to prior review and approval by the attorney for the Town.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Andy Ellis, the following **Resolution #26-25 Approval to Enter into a Contract for Emergency Medical Services with Wilton Emergency Squad, Inc.** was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga is authorized by virtue of Section 122 (B) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York to provide general ambulance service for the town; and

WHEREAS, the **WILTON EMERGENCY SQUAD INC.** has trained and experienced personnel and is certified by the Department of Health of the State of New York as an ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, the WEMS is desirous of furnishing emergency medical services to the town under the terms and conditions set forth in the Emergency Medical Services agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize entering into the Emergency Medical Services with the **WILTON EMERGENCY SQUAD, INC.**, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and will provide consideration in the amount of \$359,441.00. The full agreement is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the form of such contract shall be subject to prior review and approval by the Town attorney.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, the following **Resolution #26-26 Authorization to Enter into Contract with The Olde Saratoga Seniors and Quaker Springs Sunshiners**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined it is important to offer support for recreational services to the elderly residents of the Town and;

WHEREAS, the Olde Saratoga Seniors and the Quaker Springs Sunshiners senior groups are open to all Town of Saratoga seniors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, of the Town of Saratoga, authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign a contract with the Olde Saratoga Seniors and the Quaker Springs Sunshiners, providing each senior group with \$3,100.00 in support of the recreational services they provide their members, for the 2026 calendar year, and that the form of such contract shall be subject to prior review and approval by the attorney for the Town.

Rental Agreements for 2026 – Supervisor Murray stated the Town Board had a brief discussion regarding the rental agreement at the year end audit meeting. Supervisor Murray advised he felt a 5% increase is warranted. Overall expenses for the year have increased. Councilman Gary Squires feels a 5% increase is acceptable. Supervisor Murray said historically over the last few year rentals were increased by 3%. Supervisor Murray asked the Town Board Members if they have any other thoughts or suggestions. All Town Board Members agreed that an increase of 5% is reasonable.

On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Andy Ellis, **to approve 5% increase on the rental units** was adopted by vote Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

Communications: None

Privilege of the floor: no one spoke

Upcoming meetings:

- ❖ Regular Town Board meeting – Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Audit the Bills: On a motion by Councilmember Gary Squires and seconded by Councilmember Ruth Drumm, the following **Resolution #26-27 - Approving the Payment of Bills in Abstract 14G of 2025**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis – aye. **Carried 5 – 0.**

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in **Abstract 14G of 2025 in the following amounts:**

General Fund DB	No. 889-895	\$ 23,151.16
General Fund A	No. 873-875, 879-888	\$ 10,394.20
General Fund B	No. 896-898	\$ 1,907.07
General Fund H	No. 876	<u>\$ 29.52</u>
 Grand Total		 \$ 35,482.40

Audit the Bills: On a motion by Councilmember Michael McLoughlin and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires, the following **Resolution #26-28 Approving the Payment of Bills in Abstract 1G of 2026**, was adopted by vote: Supervisor Ian Murray- aye, Councilman Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilwoman Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilman Gary Squires - aye, Councilman Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Saratoga to authorize payment of the bills listed in **Abstract 1G of 2026 in the following amounts:**

General Fund DB	No. 010-011	\$ 829.83
General Fund A	No. 012-024	<u>\$ 9,045.25</u>
 Grand Total		 \$ 9,875.08

A motion was made by Councilmember Ruth Drumm and seconded by Councilmember Gary Squires to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Supervisor Ian Murray - aye, Councilmember Michael McLoughlin – aye, Councilmember Ruth Drumm – aye, Councilmember Gary Squires - aye, Councilmember Andy Ellis - aye.

Carried 5 – 0

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Conover
Town Clerk