

10-09-2025 - OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING

Present:
Councilman Matthew Krist
Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel
Councilman Kathleen Becker
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Absent:
Councilman Krissy Kittleson

Also Present:
Highway Superintendent Christoper Dabolt
Town Clerk Jennifer Bray
Approx. 7 guests

Supervisor Gambino called the Regular October Town Board meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag led by Gerry Whittington.

Supervisor Gambino stated that there was one set of minutes to approve from the Regular September meeting held on the 11th. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Hochadel, the minutes were approved as submitted. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Warrant #9 of 2025, including vouchers #523 through #577, totaling \$237,071.34 of which \$202,785.91 was for the General Fund, \$33,394.73 was for the Highway Fund and \$890.70 was for the Streetlighting Fund. On a motion by Krist, seconded by Becker, the Warrant was approved for payment. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Department Reports:

Deputy Miller updated the Board on activities of the ECSO in the Town of Sardinia and gave a breakdown of the calls that were handled in Town.

Supervisor Gambino stated that she was able to get a date for the Senior Christmas dinner and that because there were only two dates available that it will be November 29th and will be a Holiday Dinner for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. She noted that it will be catered by The Valley. Next Supervisor Gambino stated that Public Hearings need to be set for the CDBG Funding as well as for the 2026 Budget. She stated that she would like to hold them both on the same night as the November regular meeting at the regular meeting time. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Hochadel, the Public Hearings were set for 6:30 pm on November 13th. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.** Councilman Hochadel asked if he should set up music for the Holiday Dinner. There was a brief discussion regarding the music, the date of the party and it being one Holiday dinner. It was agreed that he would set it up from noon to 2 pm. Supervisor Gambino reminded everyone about the early voting days and times. Supervisor Gambino stated that she had been working with Albert Hansen on getting prices for a debris blower to help with park clean up. She stated that she has two prices and they are as follows:

• Buffalo Turbine	Cyclone KB23	23hp	\$8103.00
• Buffalo Turbine	Cyclone KB7	26.5hp	\$9094.00

After a brief discussion the board agreed to get the bigger 26.5 horsepower blower. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Hochadel, permission was given to order the debris blower at a cost of \$9094.00. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.** Supervisor Gambino stated that the Planning Board Chairman Nancy Spink had submitted her resignation. Supervisor Gambino stated that she spoke to all of the Planning Board members and Ryan Wilkins agreed to take the position. **On a motion by Krist seconded by Hochadel, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #16 of 2025 was moved for adoption.**

**Resolution #16 – 2025
Approval of New Appointments**

WHEREAS the Town of Sardinia has received a resignation letter for the Planning Board Chairman Nancy Spink, and

WHEREAS the Town of Sardinia Town Board must appoint a new Chairman of the Planning Board and

WHEREAS Supervisor has spoken to each Planning Board member regarding the position of Chairman and recommends that the Town Board appoint current Planning Board Member Ryan Wilkins.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sardinia Town Board appoints Ryan Wilkins as Planning Board Chairman.

DULY ADOPTED, this 9th day of October, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, absent, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Councilman Becker reported that she had started calling seniors for the holiday dinner and people had a lot of questions about there only being one dinner this year and why there was not a Thanksgiving dinner at the Willows this year. She stated she didn't know what to tell them. Supervisor Gambino stated again that there were only two dates available for the Christmas Dinner and if there were still two dinner they would only be a week apart so they were combined into one Holiday dinner. A lengthy discussion followed.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution in support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act. **On a motion by Hochadel seconded by Krist, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #17 of 2025 was moved for adoption.**

Resolution #17 – 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

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 [NAME OF COUNTY LEGISLATURE/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 [NAME OF COUNTY LEGISLATURE/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 Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

DULY ADOPTED, this 9th day of October, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, absent, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next item on the agenda was a resolution to approve the snow plow contract with Erie County. **On a motion by Krist seconded by Hochadel, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #18 of 2025 was moved for adoption.**

Resolution #18 – 2025 SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has reviewed the contract for snow removal and ice control with the County of Erie; and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board agrees to the negotiated contract which entails a reimbursement price of **\$5,279.96 per lane mile for the 09/01/2025 to 08/31/2026** snow season; **\$5,491.16 per lane mile for the 09/01/2026 to 08/31/2027** snow season; and **\$5710.80 per lane mile for the 09/01/2027 to 08/31/2028** snow season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby approves this contract and authorizes Supervisor Gambino to sign and submit the contract on behalf of the Town of Sardinia.

DULY ADOPTED, this 9th day of October, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, absent, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Councilman Hochadel reported that the new parking lot at the park looked to be done as does the new playground at the Town Hall.

Councilman Kirst reported that he spoke to Town Attorney David DiMatteo regarding the speed limit reductions questions from the September meeting and Mr. DiMatteo confirmed that it would be very difficult to change it if it could be done at all therefore it was really not worth it.

Highway Superintendent Dabolt reported that he has gotten three quotes for new garage doors for the Highway Garage. They are as follows:

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| • Rupp Overhead Door | \$19,864.00 |
| • Hamburg Overhead Door | \$20,179.00 |
| • Precision Garage Door | \$31,613.13 |

After a brief discussion the bid was awarded to Rupp Overhead Door. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Hochadel, permission was given to order the Highway Garage Doors from Rupp Overhead Door for a cost of \$19,864.00. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.** Lastly Superintendent Dabolt stated that the 2018 plow truck needs new tires and the cost for them will be \$4560.00. **On a motion by Gambino, seconded by Krist, permission was given to purchase the tires. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. **On a motion by Gambino, seconded by Hochadel, the October Regular meeting was closed at 7:02 pm. Carried, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Bray, RMC
Town Clerk