

11-13-2025 - NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Present:

Councilman Matthew Krist
Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel
Councilman Kathleen Becker
Councilman Krissy Kittleson
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Absent:

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Christopher Dabolt
Town Clerk Jennifer Bray
Approx. 7 guests

Supervisor Gambino opened the Regular November Town Board meeting to order at 6:42 PM following the CDBG Public Hearing and the 2026 Budget Public Hearing.

Supervisor Gambino stated that there are two sets of minutes to approve. One from the Regular October meeting held on the 9th and the other from the budget work session held on October 18th. **On a motion by Kittleson, seconded by Krist, the minutes were approved as submitted. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

Warrant #11 of 2025, including vouchers #578 through #644, totaling \$159,675.92 of which \$109,774.51 was for the General Fund, \$47,746.19 was for the Highway Fund, \$897.73 was for the Fire Protection Fund and \$1,257.49 was for the Streetlighting Fund. On a motion by Krist, seconded by Kittleson, the Warrant was approved for payment. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

Department Reports:

Deputy Miller the Community Engagement Officer with the Erie County Sheriff's office reported on police activities in Town.

Supervisor Gambino updated the Board on the Senior Holiday dinner that will be held on November 29th from 11am – 2pm and confirmed with Councilman Hochadel that the band was scheduled from 12pm – 2pm. She noted that the catering will be done by the Valley and thanked Waste Management for their \$1600.00 contribution to the dinner.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the first resolution on the agenda was for approval to execute the contract with Erie County for the Rural Transit Bus Program. **On a motion by Krist seconded by Hochadel, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #19 of 2025 was moved for adoption.**

Resolution #19 – 2025 COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Sardinia Town Board held on November 13th 2025, the Board authorized the Town Supervisor, to sign, submit and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following project(s) upon approval of ECCDBG.

1. Rural Transit Van Program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign, submit and execute with the ECCDBG program for the above listed project(s) upon approval of ECCDBG.

DULY ADOPTED, this 13th day of November, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the second resolution was approval to override the tax cap for the special districts. **On a motion by Krist seconded by Gambino, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #20 of 2025 was moved for adoption.**

Resolution #20 – 2025

REQUEST TO “OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C

WHEREAS, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 – “The Property Tax Cap” add a new section 3-c to the General Municipal Law that provides that the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by or on behalf of any local government shall not exceed two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, in order to adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, only if the Town Board first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the total voting power, a resolution to override such limits for such coming fiscal year only, and

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Sardinia feels it is in the best interests of the Town of Sardinia to adopt said resolution, and.

NOW ON MOTION OF Councilman Krist, which has been duly seconded by Supervisor Gambino, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Sardinia feels it is in the best interests of the Town of Sardinia to override the Tax Cap, and

DULY ADOPTED, this 13th day of November, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

Supervisor Gambino stated that the next resolution was for approval of the 2026 Budget. She asked if there were any comments, concerns or any changes from the Board. There were none. **On a motion by Hochadel seconded by Kittleson, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #21 of 2025 was moved for adoption.**

**Resolution #21 – 2025
APPROVAL OF 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board has reviewed the 2026 Preliminary Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board approves the 2026 Budget with the following changes (if applicable), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board hereby approves the 2026 Budget for the Town of Sardinia as presented to the Town Board with the noted changes, (if applicable), and

DULY ADOPTED, this 13th day of November, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

Supervisor Gambino stated that fees for commercial solar projects need to be set for items that are already in the Town Zoning. There was a lengthy discussion on the topic. **On a motion by Krist seconded by Hochadel, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #22 of 2025 was moved for adoption.**

**Resolution #22 – 2025
COMMERCIAL SOLAR FEES**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sardinia has enacted legislation for the regulation of commercial solar projects and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to set fees for the permits required for commercial solar projects and

WHEREAS, the Sardinia Town Board hereby adopts the following fees for Commercial Tier 3 and Tier 4 Solar Project Special Use Permits and Building Permits

- \$1000.00 for the first megawatt and \$1000.00 for each additional megawatt for Special Use Permit.
- \$.10 cents per square foot for Solar Panels
- \$2000.00 for any Tier 2 Solar Battery Storage Facility Special Use Permit

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sardinia Town Board adopts these fees effective this 13th day of November 2025.

DULY ADOPTED, this 13th day of November, 2025 by the following vote: Becker, aye, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

Councilman Kittleson reported that the Community Band will be playing at the Town Hall on Tuesday December 9th at 7pm. Lastly she stated that she would continue looking into playground sets and swings.

Councilman Becker reported that she has 111 people signed up for the Holiday dinner. Councilman Becker also reported that since she is now on the Streetlighting Committee she has been watching the streetlights and they are all working.

Councilman Hochadel stated he would like to reach out to the County about the poor condition of Savage Rd. from Rt. 39 to Genesee Rd.

Councilman Krist reported that he had been to the park and was shown the new leaf blower. Councilman Krist stated that he has gotten a few more complaints about the location of the fence around the pickleball courts and he would like to look at options to fix the situation this next spring.

Superintendent Dabolt reported that the doors for the highway garage have not come in yet and stated that he will follow up on the generator order for the Town Hall.

There was a brief discussion regarding Hand Rd. Waste Management has requested that the Town keep the road closed for operational safety for 1 year. It was noted that the road will be maintained through the winter by both Waste Management and the Town so that should an emergency arise the road can be opened. Lastly there was also discussion about the possibility of Waste Management providing new recycling bins to Town Residents. 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 7:11 pm. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Bray, RMC
Town Clerk