



TOWN OF CANISTEO

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2026

Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Joseph Harrington with the Pledge to the Flag.

Council Members Present: Supervisor Harrington, James Dennis, Bill Lain, and Steve Kilmer, Gus Thompson

Also in attendance was **Town Clerk**, Steve Cotton and **Highway Supervisor**, Carl Howland

Others in attendance: Sue Frykholm (FEMA), Ben Burdick, Jay Coombs, Curtis George, Alan Maine, John Foy, Cindie Harrington, Debbie Castle-Harvey, Sean Perry (Invenergy), Ryan O'Neil (WLEA), Grant Seaman, Angela (Koco) Dunham, Michael Volino, (County Legislator))

Motion made by Kilmer and seconded by Dennis to **approve the minutes** from the June 8, 2026 meeting.

Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____

Department Reports:

Budget Officer	(Received)	Codes Officer	(Received)
Dog Control Officer	(Received)	Highway	(Received)
Historian	(Received)	Supervisor	(Received)
Town Clerk	(Received)	Assessor	(Reports only major changes.)

Old Business:

Motion was made by Kilmer to **finish out the rest of this year using Debra Castle-Harvey as the town's budget officer contracting with Wilson Bookkeeping. The motion was Seconded by Dennis.**

Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____

New Business:

Town Clerk, Steve Cotton,

- Mentioned that Budget time begins usually in August, if they budget meeting is the hour before next month's town board meeting, he won't be able to attend (but will be at the board meeting.)
- Steve also reviewed the Transfer Station statis. The town will run out of tickets in 6-8 months, The board will need to decide if we will continue selling them as a service to the public.

- On a motion made by Kilmer to **Dismiss the Five Star Bank contract from doing our (Town & County) tax collection** (beginning 2027). Motion was seconded by Lain.
Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____
Supervisor Harrington will follow-up with Five Star.
- Steve reviewed the new Town's Webpage with the board.
Motion made by Kilmer and seconded by Thompson to **Turn Webpage live on August 1st**.
Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____
- Steve will post the announcement of the new page on the Village Marquee.

Motion was made by Kilmer and seconded by Dennis to **Hire Davis Electric to move the electric panel into the storage room at the cost of \$9,375.75.**

Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____

Motion was made by Kilmer and seconded by Dennis to **Hire Davis Electric to install three AC unites in the town hall at the cost of \$19,800.**

Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____

FEMA

Sue Frykholm passed out package to the board saying they can see total amount town has received to date. There are Three outstanding – red spring two project and one on Rock Run. They have met with the engineer here – they are going to be doing data collection, survey, permit review. By august will have data – and will figure out how to fix the design. Red Spring – more than 25 feet – which will become a bridge. Once through design project for Red Spring Run – we will have county come to the table. Hopefully by sept meeting will have more information.

Fire Contract: Supervisor Harrington said we have received the Fire Contract that will become effective in 2027. It has a 5% bump each year for the 3 years of the contract. Terms the same as current contract. Supervisor Harrington will take to the Village Mayor. (Any Discussion will be tabled until next month's meeting.)

Motion made by Kilmer, seconded by Lain to approve the Budget Modifications

		Debit	Credit
•	A599 FUND Balance	\$12,405.18	
○	A3510.4 DOG CNTROL		\$11,535.18
○	A1355.4 ASSESSORS – CE		\$870.00
•	B599 FUND BALANCE	\$139.10	
○	B3620.4 SAFETY INSP – CE		\$139.10

Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____

Resolved by a Motion made by Kilmer and seconded by Dennis to **Pay Invoices.**

A. \$16,717.89	B. \$105.85
CD. 31,807.05	
DA. \$9,629.91	DB. \$25,726.45
Total: \$83,987.15	

Ayes: Dennis, Lain, Harrington, Kilmer, Thompson **Nays:** _____

Public Comment

- Cindie Harring asked AC in the town barn. The Superintendent's office has AC.
- **Invenenergy's** Sean Perry mentioned that the **Weston Group** has been selected as contractor, looking at late September or early October to start. Only roads in the scope will be Bush Hill and the upper part of Red Spring Run. There will be some work on State Route 36 and County Route 119. Invenenergy has done video and photographic work and surveys to capture accurate visual.
- Sean also discussed **NYSHPO, New York State Historic Preservation Office**, letter that was received by the town. There was some discussion on possible cemetery work.
- Gus Thompson expressed concern regarding wind guys driving out in fields. Landowners need to be told when the wind guys are there.
- Jim Dennis asked Mike Volino, our county representative, the status of the bridge replacement on Red Spring run off route 36. Mike will follow-up

Motion made by Kilmer and seconded Dennis to **Adjourn the Regular Board Meeting**; meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Council Members Harrington, Lain, Dennis, and Thompson talked to Highway Superintendent Howland and agreed that the **old 2011 pick-up be sold** at Auctions International.

Respectively Submitted,

Steve Cotton, Town Clerk