

From the Desk of the Supervisor:

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Workshop- The town board discussed revising the language of the 2004 Escrow Law to remove the Town Clerk as the responsible party for tracking escrow accounts. This was the recommendation of the accountant and the Town Clerk.

There was discussion about the 250th celebration and it was decided a committee was needed. The Town was hosting the Memorial Day Parade this year and the board discussed the possibility of working with Copake and Hillsdale to have something for the 250th during the parade. The Paper Mill was also considered as a potential collaborator.

The Board opened the discussion about Kids Camp and the possibility of collecting a small fee for residents this year. Currently, only non-residents pay a fee. The Supervisor distributed a chart with some of the fees that other Columbia County town summer camps charge to use as a comparison.

The Board also discussed the option of doing a trending through NYS to help bring the equalization rate back up closer to 100%. The assessor will be attending the March town board meeting to discuss this further.

Regular Meeting-

During our regular town board meeting on February 19th, 2026, the town board recognized past court clerks Ruth Wittlinger and Lori Weigl for their dedication to the town and the office of the town court.

The supervisor gave a brief report about the county Public Safety and Public Works Committees. She also discussed the Association of Towns Annual Meeting and Training that she attended. Highway Superintendent Jim Miller gave the report for the highway department. The Town Clerk and Tax Collector Monica Cleveland gave the report for the town clerk's office and reported that she had collected approximately 25% of the tax roll. She also urged people to submit their tax exemption forms to the assessor's office.

Councilmember Jennifer Boice reported on her recent cleaning of the town hall kitchen as well as waste issues at the town hall. Councilmember Amy Gold reported on the tech and website committee's recommendation for a website designer/consultant for the town. Councilmember David Boice shared the recent activity of the landing pad. He also discussed changing the locks and updating the security in the building.

Several new business items were discussed including, revision of the escrow law, 250-year celebration. The solar panels and EV charger were tabled. The Board approved a resolution to continue the Columbia County Sheriff Contract for deputy services during court. Additionally, the Board authorized the Supervisor to sign the contract for the website design with CivicPlus.

Several members of the public reported the actions of the ZRC, its purpose, and alignment with the Comprehensive Plan.