SENECA TOWN BOARD

Regular Monthly Meeting | August 18th, 2026

PRESENT

ROSLYN GRAMMAR *Town Supervisor*	**HALEY EAGLEY** *Town Clerk*	**TREVOR SHELDON** *Town Resident*	**WILLIAM PALMER** *Casella*
JIM MALYJ *Councilman*	**DEB WRIGHT** *Bookkeeper*	**TIFFANY SHELDON** *Town Resident*	**AMANDA GIBEAU** *SHG Ambulance*
JASON MOSHER *Councilman*	**JERRY HOOVER** *Code Enforcement Officer*	**GARRETT GAYDOSH** *PWMA*	**JEFF NORTH** *SHG Ambulance*
JESSE ORBAKER *Councilman*	**PATRICK KING** *Highway Superintendent*	**EMMA SMITHERS** *Town Resident*	**DONNA SPINK** *SHG Ambulance*
KAREN MOON *Councilwoman*	**BEN KARLSEN** *Water Superintendent*	**LARRY TOWNLEY** *Town Resident*	

The August Town Board meeting of the Town of Seneca was held on August 18th, 2026, at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3675 Flint Rd., Stanley, NY 14561.

Supervisor Grammar called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, conducted the pledge of allegiance, and Clerk Eagley started Roll Call so that all in attendance were acquainted.

Before approving the agenda for tonight's meeting, Supervisor Grammar noted that we would be removing the executive session and following through with that at the September meeting. Supervisor Grammar looked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was made by Councilman Mosher and seconded by Councilwoman Moon.
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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Grammar offered privilege of the floor and Amanda Gibeau with the Stanley, Hall, Gorham Ambulance took this time to update the board on the activities that the Ambulance have has this month. They had an EMS Advisory Meeting that Supervisor Grammar was able to attend. They have been working on their MCI Plan, which is for incidents that require more resources than just one ambulance or agency can provide. This was last updated in 2011- so it has a ways to go.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Grammar added that she went to the EMS Advisory Committee as they asked to have a member of the Board of Supervisors on the committee. This member would not be for voting purposes. There will be another meeting at the end of October.

Budget Timeline: Supervisor Grammar prepared the budget timeline with help from Bookkeeper Wright and Assessor/ Former-Bookkeeper Hilton. They created the timeline based on all the statutory requirements for budgeting. The budget workshop date for the board will be on October 14th at 4:00 PM.

Supervisor Grammar looked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting from July 29th, 2026. The motion was made by Councilman Malyj and seconded by Councilman Orbaker.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CASELLA: William Palmer was in attendance to answer any questions that anyone had on his report. Clerk Eagley asked if he knew of why the transfer station phone had been disconnected as she has been getting calls from residents about this. Mr. Palmer stated that he wasn't sure, but he would get an answer for us.

Councilman Malyj asked if there was anything going on at the landfill that might be releasing more smell than usual in the last few weeks. Mr. Palmer stated that they have a capping project going on that may release some gasses; however, they are managing this with temporary collectors and other things that they are instructing that capping team to use. Councilman Malyj stated that last week or the week before- he had smelled gasses in places that he hadn't smelled in a few years.

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent King stated that they are finally starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel with their roadwork for the year. He extended a special Thank You to PWMA Rasmussen and his father for assisting the Highway team with an engine block that cracked. Mechanic Hollowell took the vehicle apart and got the engine out, PWMA Rasmussen took the engine to his father's shop in Hall and tig welded the engine to repair it. He said it was a team effort and he appreciates all that helped solve that issue.

Councilman Malyj asked what vehicle it was and Highway Superintendent King stated that it was the Road Widener that they share with 4 other towns. A new motor would have been thousands and thousands of dollars and PWMA Rasmussen helped repair it for much less than a new motor would cost.

Councilman Orbaker asked how the flail-mower (demoed by the Highway Department) worked on the mini compared to the boom-mower. Mr. King stated that it worked very well and the guys liked that they could look forward instead of over their shoulder all day. Overall, he received good feedback from them.

Councilman Mosher commended Highway Superintendent King on the great job that he and his team did on paving Flat Street.

WATER: Water Superintendent Karlsen stated that they rented a piece of equipment to rock-hound up at Olson Tank. They were able to get it graded down and seeded at the perfect time.

They have been working diligently on the maintenance of the hydrants. They've been using a rented piece of equipment out of Ohio called The Plug Hug. This implement fits on a skid steer. It's essentially a large circle brush that lowers down over a hydrant and spins. While spinning it rips all of the old paint and debris off. They have been approaching this as a team effort with one person helping control or watch for traffic, another person to go ahead of the machine to replace bad bolts and other parts, and another person in the skidsteer. Water Superintendent Karlsen stated that if you see any black hydrants around, this is a part of their process. He said that the black color is a really heavy-duty primer. They will be coming through with the yellow paint.

Councilman Orbaker asked how many per day they were able to get and if rain affects the project. Mr. Karlsen said that on a really good day, they're able to get to 18-20 hydrants per day and unfortunately, rain does affect it. He added that they have to return this piece of equipment to Ohio in the second week of September, so they're trying to do the worst roads first (while they have the equipment). Councilman Orbaker followed up and asked if they will have to do this every year. Water Superintendent Karlsen stated that by putting in as much work as possible on them now- completely stripping them down and replacing bolts where necessary- they should be able to get 3-5 years out of this project and then plan on just touch-up paint after that.

Councilman Malyj asked if it was similar to a sand-blaster type of process. PWMA Rasmussen answered that it's more like a large battery terminal cleaner- wire bristles on the inside are really close together and as you turn the brush forward or back, it rips the paint and debris off.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: CEO Hoover had an interesting time in Court with one property. Animal Control went back to the property after their court appearance and found that there were many more dogs than were disclosed. CEO Hoover is still waiting to hear from the judge to see what the judge will be doing or if they move the court date up. CEO Hoover stated that the neighbors have been pretty good throughout this whole process and that these things just take time. He stated that the easy answer would be just to go in with the Sheriffs Department and seize the dogs; however, there's a chain of command and following the correct procedures, and that takes time.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Mosher asked about the portion of Clerk Eagley's report that said we had some incorrect water bills. He asked if that was a software issue. Clerk Eagley stated that it happens every quarter with a handful of bills where the amount of zeros on a reading are wrong or it doesn't calculate correctly. This is typical when completing a water billing. She added that there are two different features in the system where a reading is calculated by the hundredth or the thousandth and we usually don't catch it until after the bills go out, which causes us to have to fix them later. Councilman Mosher asked if these issues would be fixed once we implement our new software. Clerk Eagley and Supervisor Grammar stated that it would be fixed with that.

Supervisor Grammar looked for a motion to accept the Town Clerk, Code Enforcement and Supervisor's Financial Reports. The motion was made by Councilman Orbaker and seconded by Councilman Mosher.

NEW BUSINESS

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OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Grammar made a comment to Town Resident, Larry Townley. Following up with a previous request that Mr. Townley has made- Supervisor Grammar said that she was able to locate the NYSEG Street Lighting Contract and found that the only time the Town will be responsible for paying anything is if the Town decides to make changes to the lighting on their own. If we decide to move anything to change the type of light on it, we are responsible. Regular maintenance will be covered by NYSEG.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Grammar offered Privilege of the Floor. Councilman Orbaker took this time to make a comment to two of our residents that were in attendance. He was invited out to Trevor and Tiffany Sheldon's barn that they have been renovating for the last couple of years. The invitation stemmed from a dispute they had been having with their neighbors. He said that if anyone else gets the opportunity to see the place and what they have done to it, he encourages them to check it out. He explained that he wasn't sure how close they were to opening their doors as a business at this time; however, they've done an incredible job. He added that he grew up right down the road from this property and the barn didn't look like this even when it was in use.

Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon thanked him for the kind words. Mr. Sheldon added that they are still working with an engineer on their plan and still working with CEO Hoover on some other things. They're working towards the proper permits and would be happy to open it up for anyone who wants to come and take a look. Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon hosted their own wedding there as well as a friend's so far. They look forward to officially opening to the public once everything is completed and approved.

Councilman Mosher asked if there was something specific that they wished to accomplish by coming tonight to make sure they were taken care of. Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon stated that they were just there in attendance as residents and shared that aside from some issues with their neighbors, they are working through everything and it's only up from here with positivity working its way into the mix.

Councilman Mosher wished them luck with their facility.

Supervisor Grammar asked if anyone else had anything to add. Town Resident, Larry Townley thanked Water Superintendent Karlsen for his hard work and wanted to note that he brought up the plug cleaner device two years ago.

He then asked to clarify that the budget workshop was for the 2027 budget. He then asked when the next general Financial Meeting would be. Supervisor Grammar stated that we just had one 2 weeks ago and that Clerk Eagley would be getting the minutes out shortly. She added that she gave Clerk Eagley a break as it was a very long meeting to sort through and write minutes for. Financial Meeting #5 has not been scheduled yet, but would likely be coming after the budget season calms down. Supervisor Grammar stated that her guess would be that the next financial meeting would happen in November or early December.

Mr. Townley followed up that he has an issue if that's the case because 4 months ago, he brought up the issue of having 4 pickup trucks going home everyday (one for each water employee). He added that he was told the next financial meeting would cover the Water Department. So, his issue is that we're about to finalize a budget for next year and this issue isn't going to be addressed before that.

Supervisor Grammar stated that she would like to correct Mr. Townley. She previously told Mr. Townley that this topic would be taken care of at a Financial Meeting and more specifically, when the Water Department had their Financial Meeting. She clarified to him that this has not happened yet. Mr. Townley interjected saying now it will happen after the budget is finalized and Supervisor Grammar agreed.

He stated that it doesn't solve the problem and we'll go another year with this being an issue. Supervisor Grammar stated that these 4 vehicles going home costs the Water Department $7.00 per day annually and that calculates to less than $6,000.00 per year. She further added that this department has successfully averaged a profit of $260,000.00 ***without*** landfill money and after expenses.

Mr. Townley stated that $6,000 is $6,000 and Supervisor Grammar agreed with that; however, we have not had a Financial meeting for the Water Department and they will be a huge part of the Budget Workshop when that time comes. Mr. Townley pointed out the Councilman Mosher wasn't a fan about the Water Department searching for a Dump Truck a few months ago and now we have 4 trucks going home with fuel and wear and tear. Councilman Mosher added that if we have a water emergency during an off hour, he'd rather these gentlemen have their truck that they can jump into without having to come to the Town Hall first.

Mr. Townley added that we never had a Water Department with 4 workers before and never had any issues in the past. Supervisor Grammar added that we have the largest infrastructure in the entire county for a Water Department. Mr. Townley stated this is just his opinion and this wasn't a part of their wage package.

Councilman Mosher added that it has been a part of their package as long as he has been on the board and the only difference is that we have one more worker than we've ever had.

Mr. Townley had a few other suggestions for the Water Department with the use of the Plug Hug, whether or not we could get it within the County to share between towns, and if there's a chance to make it work with the mini excavator.

With nothing left to be said, Supervisor Grammar looked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Councilman Orbaker and Seconded by Councilman Mosher. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully written & submitted by:
Haley S. Eagley, Town Clerk