

Town of Catlin
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor LaVerne Phelps.

ROLLCALL: BM: Mike Koval, Ron Moshier, Bill Collier, Craig Christiansen, Supervisor LaVerne Phelps, Attorney John Mustico

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence with thoughts of September 11th, 2001.

Minutes:

Motion made by Collier; 2nd by Koval accepting Town Clerk's minutes for August 14, 2025, into records as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

Correspondence:

- Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Corning for Assessor Services
- Charter Communications – Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment going down
- Dail Phelps - Resignation letter for Deputy Clerk, Deputy Court Clerk and Code Clerk
- Finger Lakes Landscaping Tree Removal LLC – estimate for BVWD
- GS Power Partners – repairing damaged tarp around Callahan Solar Farm

Motion made by Moshier; 2nd by Collier to receive and place on file all correspondence for further action if required.

CARRIED: ALL

Departmental Reports:

Reports submitted by Highway Superintendent, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, Assessor, and Sheriff.

- Supervisor – working with Bill on budget, GS Power, Conversation with town court on need for deputy clerk and justice, work done on highway office was \$247 over budget.
- Assessor – issue with school taxes.

Motion made by Christiansen; 2nd by Moshier to receive and place on file all departmental reports for further action if required.

CARRIED: ALL

Abstracts:

Motion for **Resolution 25-73** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier approving September 11, 2025, Abstract #9 vouchers for payment: General vouchers 201-218: \$35,895.47; Highway vouchers 114-125: \$125,041.97; BV Light District vouchers 16-17: \$323.28; and BV Water District vouchers 65-69: \$1,293.55; for a total of \$162,554.27.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

Beaver Valley Water District:

- Engineering Meeting August 19, 2025 – six companies attended
- Four bids arrived by the deadline, September 5th, 2025
- Interviews for engineering companies on September 16, 2025
- Income survey was put in mail today, September 11, 2025
- Appointing Yvonne Cutler deputy BVWD billing clerk
- Bid for tree removal, \$2500.

Old Business:

- Highway office work was completed using the Clean Energy Grant, siding, insulation, windows, and new lights. Could use some paint.

New Business:

- Intermunicipal agreement for Assessor Services – 5% increase in pay for Assessor.
- Need to reappoint Assessor for 6-year term.
- ZBA codes need to be amended to match Planning Board.
- Tentative Budget was presented by town clerk to the town board.
- Budget Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2025, at 8am.
- Public Hearing for 2% tax cap to be scheduled on October 9, 2025.
- Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget to be scheduled on October 9, 2025.

Hearing of the Public:

Opened: 7:25pm

Alex Pastrick, Tompkins Corner's Fire Chief spoke. He thanked board members for attending banquet.

Closed: 7:25pm

Resolutions:

Motion for **Resolution 25-74** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier amending the budget codes for the ZBA as follows: A8010.41: Member Stipend; A8010.42: Chairman Stipend; A8010.43: Secretary Stipend.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-75** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier setting a budget meeting for Monday September 22, 2025, at 8am.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-76** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier setting a Public Hearing for October 9, 2025, at 7pm at 1448 Chambers Road, Beaver Dams, concerning LL1 of 2025 – "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c". It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Catlin to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the 'tax levy limit' as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c. . And also, directing Town Clerk to advertise for the foresaid Public Hearing.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-77** was made by Collier; 2nd by Christiansen setting a Public Hearing for October 9, 2025, at 7 pm at the Town Hall, Town of Catlin, concerning the 2026 Tentative Budget which may be adopted as the 2026 Preliminary Budget after any concerns are addressed within 5 days of the hearing being held. And also, directing Town Clerk to advertise for the foresaid Public Hearing.

2026 Proposed Salaries:	Supervisor - \$17,500.00
	Town Clerk - \$18,500.00
	Highway Superintendent - \$80,000.00
	Town Justice - \$9,000.00

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Board Members (4) - \$2,750.00/each

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-78** was made by Koval; 2nd by Moshier authorizing Supervisor Phelps to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Corning for Assessor Services for the year 2026, not to exceed \$16,248.48 per year or \$1,354.04 per month.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-79** was made by Phelps; 2nd by Koval appointing Katherine Gabriel as the Town Assessor, term beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2031.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-80** was made by Moshier; 2nd by Christiansen appointing Yvonne Cutler as the Beaver Valley Water Department deputy clerk at \$15.50 per hour.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-81** was made by Christiansen; 2nd by Collier authorizing Supervisor Phelps to enter into an agreement with Finger Lakes Landscaping Tree Removal, LLC, not to exceed \$2,500.00.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYS: None

Motion was made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier to adjourn this meeting at 7:38pm until September 22 at 8am.

CARRIED: ALL

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne M. Cutler

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Special Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2025

Meeting called to order at 8:00am by Supervisor LaVerne Phelps.

ROLLCALL: BM: Mike Koval, Ron Moshier, Bill Collier, Craig Christiansen, Supervisor LaVerne Phelps

Motion for **Resolution 25-82** made by Collier; 2nd by Phelps adopting the 2026 Tentative Budget as the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYES: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-83** made by Phelps; 2nd by Collier authoring Supervisor Phelps to enter into agreement with Barton & Loguidice as Engineering Planning Service for the Beaver Valley Water District.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYES: None

Motion for **Resolution 25-84** made by Koval; 2nd by Collier in support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) And in Opposition to Government-Mandated Natural Gas Bans.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYES: None

Motion was made by Collier; 2nd by Moshier to adjourn at 8:20am.

CARRIED: ALL

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne M. Cutler

RESOLVED, The Town of Catlin does hereby authorize Supervisor Phelps to enter into agreement with Barton and Loguidice for Engineering Planning Services for the Beaver Valley Water District.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

RESOLUTION 25-84

September 22, 2025

By: Mike Koval

2nd by: Bill Collier

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 Town Board of the Town of Catlin 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 Town Board of the Town of Catlin 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.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYES: None