

Town of Catlin  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2026

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 Mustico

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Collier; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koval accepting Town Clerk's minutes for February 12, 2026, into records as submitted.

CARRIED: ALL

**Correspondence:**

- Wright Insurance sent letter notifying the town of a Comp Alliance Loyalty Award of \$737.
- Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) sent notification of the town receiving \$5,199 in municipal assistance.
- Statewide Aqua Store, Inc. sent a quote for the BVWD Tank inspection for \$2,500.
- Advanced Tank and Infrastructure Solutions sent a quote for the BVWD Tank inspection for \$3,730.
- Charter Communications sent notice of most recent franchise fee remittance for \$3,579. This continues to decline every quarter.

Motion made by Moshier; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christiansen 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, Assessor, Animal Control and Sheriff.

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

CARRIED: ALL

**Abstracts:**

Motion for **Resolution 26-50** was made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collier approving March 12, 2026, Abstract #3 vouchers for payment: General vouchers 33-53: \$17,081.00; Highway vouchers 14-31: \$23,182.47; BV Light District vouchers 4-5: \$339.63; BV Water District vouchers 16-21: \$1110.56; for a total of \$41,713.66.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

**Beaver Valley Water District:**

- Every 5-6 years the water tank needs to be inspected. It should be done next year.

Received two quotes:

- Statewide Aqua Store, Inc. - \$2,500.00
- Advanced Tank and Infrastructure Solutions - \$3,730.00

General discussion on tank maintenance and moss growing on outside of tank.

- Moreland Drive ran water twice during the extremely cold weather.
  - One empty house had a frozen pipe. No damage
  - One house that has a renter had a pipe break under house while renter was away. 62,000 gallons of water ran. \$433 bill sent. General discussion on dealing with this situation.
- Annual Water Quality Report

**Old Business:**

- None presented.

**New Business:**

- Becky Simms sent schedule of potential funding.
- B&L Engineering updates:
  - Wants to set up meeting with Town Board in the next month.
  - Meeting with public
  - List of Projects
  - Funding
- Resolution request for the high cost of electric rates. Attorney Mustico to modify for Supervisor Phelps to have the power to make an application on behalf of the town.
- Hiring Pam Battisti as Deputy Town Clerk.

**Hearing of the Public:**

Opened: 7:22pm

No one spoke.

Closed: 7:22pm

**Resolutions:**

Motion for **Resolution 26-51** was made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collier hereby accepting the bid from Statewide Aqua Store, Inc for the inspection of the BVWD water tank for \$2500.00.

CARRIED:

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

Motion for **Resolution 26-52** was made by Collier; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koval hereby authorizing Supervisor Phelps to pass on the **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO CONTACT NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION(PSC) FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS, AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR, AT HIS DISCRETION, TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT TO THE PSC REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY** to Chemung County and any appropriate elected official.

CARRIED:

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

Motion for **Resolution 26-53** was made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collier hereby appointing Pam Battisti as Deputy Town Clerk at \$16.00 per hour.

CARRIED:

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

Motion was made by Phelps; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moshier adjourning the meeting at 7:30pm.

CARRIED: ALL

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne M. Cutler

**RESOLUTION 26-50**

March 12, 2026

By: LaVerne Phelps

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bill Collier

**ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Catlin hereby approves submitted March 12, 2026, Abstract #3 vouchers for payment: General vouchers 33-53: \$17,081.00; Highway vouchers 14-31: \$23,182.47; BV Light District vouchers 4-5: \$339.63; BV Water District vouchers 16-21: \$1110.56; for a total of \$41,713.66.

CARRIED

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

**RESOLUTION 26-51**

March 12, 2026

By: LaVerne Phelps

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bill Collier

**ACCEPTING BID FOR BVWD WATER TANK INSPECTION**

WHEREAS, the Beaver Valley Water Department water tank needs to be inspected every five to six years, and

WHEREAS, the water tank will need to be cleaned in the up coming year, and

WHEREAS, the town has received two quotes for inspecting, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Town Board of the Town of Catlin hereby accepts the bid from Statewide Aqua Store, Inc for the inspection of the BVWD water tank for \$2500.00.

CARRIED:

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2026**  
**March 12, 2026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO CONTACT NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION(PSC) FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS, AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR, AT HIS DISCRETION, TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT TO THE PSC REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY**

Motion by: William Collier

seconded by Michael Koval

**WHEREAS**, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Town of Catlin are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, a substantial portion of these increases are attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and

**WHEREAS**, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency and magnitude surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

**WHEREAS**, rural and low-density communities such as the Town of Catlin are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has duly considered the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Catlin formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG customers; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures from NYSEG, prior to approving any future rate increases; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor is, at his discretion, hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Town, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by NYSEG, and to encourage coordinated action among affected towns; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NAYES: None

**RESOLUTION 26-53**

March 12, 2026

By: LaVerne Phelps

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bill Collier

**DEPUTY TOWN CLERK APPOINTED**

WHEREAS, the Deputy Town Clerk position has been vacated, and

WHEREAS, Pam Battista has submitted a letter of interest in that position and has been training in that position since February 16, 2026, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Town Board of the Town of Catlin does hereby appoint Pam Battisti as Deputy Town Clerk at \$16.00 per hour.

CARRIED:

AYES: Koval, Moshier, Collier, Christiansen

NOES: None

## Town Supervisor

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**From:** Town Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026 10:21 AM  
**To:** cmoss@chemungcountyny.gov; mmargeson@chemungcountyny.gov;  
friendc@nyassembly.gov; palmesanop@nyassembly.gov; omara@nysenate.gov;  
lemorse@chemungcountyny.gov  
**Cc:** Town Supervisor  
**Subject:** Resolution Regarding Escalating Cost of Electricity  
**Attachments:** Resolution on High Cost of Electricity.docx

To members of our local, county and state government,

Please find attached Town of Catlin Resolution 52 of 2026 **“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO CONTACT NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION(PSC) FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS, AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR, AT HIS DISCRETION, TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT TO THE PSC REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY”**.

We appreciate the work you do at the local and state level to advocate for our citizens.

Respectfully,

*Yvonne M. Cutler*  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Town of Catlin  
Chemung County  
607-739-5598 opt. 1

Please note new email:  
townclerk@townofcatlin.com

RESOLUTION NO.

**CALLING ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO DECLARE AN “ENERGY STATE OF EMERGENCY” RELATED TO ESCALATING ENERGY COSTS**

**WHEREAS**, New York State’s energy costs are among the highest in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State residents have been facing an escalating energy burden this winter due to escalating supply costs and government mandates contributing to all-time high and unsustainable energy costs causing financial hardship for our residents, businesses, farmers, and manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS**, delivery rates have increased, however they are set by the Public Service Commission and can only increase with its approval and on a schedule prescribed by such authorization. This authorization does not include sudden spikes in energy commodity costs which are market driven; and

**WHEREAS**, due to several factors including a colder than average winter, New York State’s lack of adequate energy supply has been a significant contributing factor to increased supply costs, and the strained supply has placed an undue burden on customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) administers the markets under regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to ensure transparent price signals for all market participants, including utility companies who purchase supply on the market and then pass-through that supply charge to customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Service Commission in October, 2025 noted, “a residential electric customer using 600 kWh per month is expected to pay about \$60 per month for supply this winter, and an average residential customer using 719 therms of natural gas can expect to pay an estimated \$224 per month, up 1.4% and 8% respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, during the months of January 2026, a typical NYSEG or RG&E residential customer saw supply costs increase 39% from this same period in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a typical NYSEG natural gas customer experienced a 72% increase in supply costs in February, 2026 as compared to February, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, supply costs were significantly higher among time-of-use customers, which experienced a 75% increase in daytime supply costs and 87% increase in nighttime supply costs as compared to 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State’s lack of energy generation regulation is placing a hardship on residents across the state which will only continue without change; and