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PUBLIC HEARING-153 Louden Road Demolition

7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Kenny said she is the owner of 153 Louden Road. She said she would like to request an extension for the cleanup of her property. She said she has lived there for twenty five years and has collected a lot. She said she has a hoarding disorder and it has taken her longer for cleanup. She and her daughter have filled a second dumpster up and are making progress. Please extend the cleanup in order for them to finish. Rachel Furman said they just cleaned up one complete side of the property and showed pictures to the board. Councilman Bogardus asked Mark Mykins, Senior Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, if he had seen the pictures. Mr. Mykins said he was at the property today and took some photos. There is a dumpster there and they have started to get a good path to the house.

Jon VanDyk, 157 Louden Road, said Nancy Kenney has been their neighbor for a while. They have been cleaning up and we have offered to assist them to help speed the process up.

Councilwoman Kolligian made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilman Bogardus seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING-Hamlet Zone Amendment

7:02 P.M.

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Joanne Klepetar said she would very much like the board to vote in favor of the elimination of language in the zoning code, H-1, on Route 9 to keep the allowable square footage in that area down with no possibility of a special permit. She said she wondered if the square footage should be higher, more in the 3500 square foot range. Some small businesses, Grey Ghost, Skinny Pancake, Bread Basket and Krew Coffee all operate within the confines of 1,000 to 3,500 square feet. She said her main concern is whether it will accomplish what it is meant to accomplish, which is what the hamlet was actually created to be, small retail businesses within a pedestrian oriented focused area. Only our town attorney, code enforcer, town planner and engineer can answer these questions with certainty. With some creativity, developers can still find plans available within the hamlet zoned. This is where the trained eye of these professionals is needed the most. With all of this in mind, she said the planning board needs to work with the town

board earlier in the game, when the project is first presented and not in its final stages. The fact that someone has been able to ignore the intent of the hamlet and receive special use permits will not be acceptable any longer. It is certainly a step in the right direction and long overdue. Realistically, the square footage should be a little bit higher.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilman O’Conor seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING-Proposed Local Law #4 of 2025
2026 Tax Cap Override Wilton EMS/Ambulance District

7:03 P.M.

Supervisor Lant opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

There were no comments.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilwoman Kolligian seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-October 2, 2025

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present except Councilman O’Conor who was excused. .

John Lant-Supervisor
John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
Erinn Kolligian- Councilwoman
Raymond O’Conor-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Ripper, P. E. and Comptroller, Maria Moran, CPA and Mark Schachner, Town Counsel.

Public Comment Session

Kate Ferris, 11 Cider Mill Way, said eleven years ago she said she built a house in the Mill at Smith Bridge. At that time, we were told that Smith Bridge Road would be straightened out and is glad to know this might actually happen. Over the last eleven years, the traffic on Smith Bridge Road has increased greatly.

Turning in and out of the Mill is a little scary sometimes. She said she also takes walks and thought it would be nice to walk over to Gavin Park, Vincek Farm or even over to Warren Tire but doesn't want to take her life in her hands just to take a walk. If there is an opportunity to add some kind of multi-use lane where people can walk or bike.

Nancy Kenny, 153 Loudon Road said she wanted to reiterate what she has asked earlier about the cleanup of the property. We are making progress and doing the best we can. They would appreciate a time limit extension.

Linda Baker thanked everyone for all of the work put into Phase 1 of the Larry Gordon Outdoor Education Center and making it a reality. She said she felt she was speaking on behalf of everyone who knew and loved Larry. We realize how much this town has come together, certainly the leadership and the various departments who have had a part. So many people gave their all getting this done. She gave a special thank you to Scott Harrington and Roy Vanderbogart for the actual construction portion. It is amazing the time and effort they put in transforming the old Health Lodge, to the Scout Camp to our new Welcome Cabin. Also, a huge thank you to those who worked on the pathways, landscaping and those types of things. It took so much effort and so appreciated.

Eva Lau of Hillcrest Drive said she was unaware of the Smith Bridge Road widening project until informed by a neighbor living near her. She thanked the board for tabling the engineering plans due to public comment. Smith Bridge Road is a direct route to Gavin Park for many residents. She said she is in strong support of having a pedestrian pathway. She asked the town board to support a greater number of pathways connecting residential areas to commercial areas. Hamlets are perfect for that and encouraged the board to consider reinstatement of the hamlet area in other parts of town. There is an agenda item regarding installation of street lighting. One of the concerns she has with the continued growth in the town is light pollution. In order to keep light pollution as low as possible, please consider things like lower the amount of time the lighting is on, using low intensity, warm lighting instead of bright lights and downward facing lights to minimize impact on surrounding areas. She asked if residents living in the proximity of the proposed lighting locations have been notified or have opportunity to weigh in before the lighting is installed. She said she receives notification from the digital newsletter for things like music, Narcan training, bulk trash collection but never notices regarding proposed projects about public hearings. Is that something the town could consider adding? Wilton is growing rapidly, instead of large signs, giant billboards and big ugly commercial storefronts that are blights on the visual landscape. It would be nice if people driving through town saw places enticing them to spend time and money here. The hamlet area would be far more attractive with small shops with places to eat while also being accessible to nearby neighborhoods without the need to get in a car. For example, she said she lives in the Loughberry Lake neighborhood, Artisanal Brew Works is perfectly in walking distance but would never take her bicycle or walk there. She said she knows a lot of people in her neighborhood would enjoy being able to do that and see more small business and retail location grow on Route 9 where we could just walk. There is a lot to love about living in Wilton. As it grows, she said she doesn't want to see Wilton live in the shadow of Saratoga Springs. It should be a destination on its own.

Steve Bederian said he spoke last month about the Smith Bridge Road project. He said he has not been made aware but hopes the board is taking advantage of Jim Deloria's offer to work with the town to find further funding to expand the scope of this project to include what has been asked for multiple times. He said the concept of widening the road a little bit when we have the opportunity as an acknowledgment of multiple users, bicyclists and pedestrians, this not always suits the needs of the population. There is an acronym for who you're looking to serve, MAMIL, middle aged men in Lycra. These are the fellas that are

fearless and mix it up with cars, they are about .5% of recreational public. If you could look at a means to serve, would you have your mother walk along Smith Bridge Road or a teenager or kindergartener ride a bicycle. He said he saw two young men riding bicycles on Northern Pines Road. Is that safe? That is what should be used as the basis to understand what you are being able to do. The Hamlet zone does extend to the back of properties on Davidson Drive which is a connection to Smith Bridge Road.

Joanne Klepetar, 101 Parkhurst Road said the first thing she would like to address is something she thought had been settled long ago and that is the 4-way stop at the corner of Parkhurst and Gailor Roads. We've lived on Parkhurst Road for forty nine years and only once has she encountered someone running the stop sign. To put in a 4-way stop makes no sense. What we have now works. Each winter, there are several occasions when if one would have to stop going up Parkhurst Road hill for a stop sign, you would never be able to start up again. Please abandon this request. She said her second issue is our town newsletter or lack there of and the content that it lacks when it does come. She said there have been 21 since 2024 when she signed up, 15 are regarding the summer music series and 6 with paving schedules, 1 emergency town board meeting for parking on Route 9 and passports. What is really needed is the information on public hearing. Just the notice that goes into the Saratogian, that nobody gets any longer, would be sufficient. She said she knows that this won't happen. This is way too much transparency. She said her third issue is regarding bike and pedestrian accessibility. It is outlined in our comprehensive plan. Efforts are not being made to accomplish this. Every time someone brings up the possibility of making this happen they are shot down with a plethora of different excuses. Where there is a will and money which the town has, there is certainly a way to make it happen. Yes, it will take effort and an interest by members of the town board, which is and always has been lacking. What a shame it would be to have someone get hit while walking or bicycling on Smith Bridge Road and knowing that something could've been done to prevent that. The residents of Wilton want this amenity missing in our town. On a personal note, she said her cousin's daughter was hit by a car while riding her bike on Monday. She was airlifted and is now in a coma in Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. Lastly, the architect's rendering of the proposed Dollar General on Route 9 is so ugly. In years past, there seemed to be more direction from the planning board as to what material was to be used for the siding, the design of the building and its color. This doesn't seem to be the case anymore. Todd Smith's building is absolutely beautiful and a welcome addition to the Route 9 corridor. She said she wished others would do the same. She said she can't wait to see Dollar General's big ugly sign out in front.

Pam Fabry, Cider Mill Way said she is on Smith Bridge Road every day. She said she sees kids and people running, someone is going to get hurt. There are only inches between the bridge and the road. This is the time to do it. A sidewalk would be great to get to Gavin Park.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #201

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from September 4, 2025 as presented.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron,

duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilman O'Connor who abstained. The motion passed 4-0.

Tentative Budget

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #202

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt the preliminary budget and set a public hearing for the tentative budget at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2025.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

153 Louden Road Demolition

Mr. Mykins said the owners have cleaned up the property a little bit. If the board requires the demolition of the home and cleanup of the property, in accordance with our law, they have thirty days to commence cleanup and sixty days to complete before we can go to bid for the cleanup. We can address this again after sixty days. Councilman Bogardus said during the public hearing the residents said they have made a fairly good effort to cleanup the property. Is the issue the property or the house? Mr. Mykins said it is both. There are rats on the property and rats in the house. The house has deteriorated to the point where it is not habitable anymore. The ceiling is falling down, the urine and feces have gotten into the floor system. It is not only in the floor, but also in the insulation under the floor, it is beyond repair. Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked if it is the intention of the owner to remove the home? Mr. Mykins said this is a town board decision, not the owners. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he has heard they are cleaning it up but not a single word about removing the home. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if there is a plan for the house? If the house is uninhabitable, that is the pressing issue. Rachel Furman said she feels the house can be refurbished. A little TLC which she said she could do on her own. The ceiling is not coming down. What Mr. Mykins is describing is a branch that came down and went through the roof and caused a leak. There is no ceiling coming down except for that one spot and it was repaired. She said they are not Martha Stewart clean but it can be done. The house can be refurbished. She said she knows that in her heart and in her soul. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said our expert said the house is uninhabitable and could never be refurbished. Ms. Furman said all it needs is new windows and the interior gutted. Councilman Bogardus said they have been working on the outside but it sounds as though the priority should have been the house. Ms. Furman said they were told they were not allowed in the house. Councilwoman Kolligian said that was for their safety. Ms. Furman said they have been living there for twenty five years and never had a problem. Mr. Mykins said the house has not been there for twenty five years. The house was placed there in 2011. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said it is his understanding this has been addressed a few times. Ms. Furman said they were never given any warning and on August 15, 2025 and our home was raided and our lives destroyed, which is uncalled for. She said she and her mother have the right to refurbish the home, make everything better and do the dumpster

cleaning. It is just the two of them. Councilwoman Kolligian asked Mr. Mykins if he felt the structure is sound. Mr. Mykins said he believes the structure is beyond repair. The board can revisit the photos that were taken inside the structure. He said when he was inside, there were rats. You could tell where the kitchen was and there was not a usable bathroom. The ceiling is caked with mold. If it is in the ceiling, it is in the floor system. Animals urinating in a building that long, it gets absorbed into the wood and insulation. The insulation does not dry out. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if this is the structure that had to be aired out before entering. Mr. Mykins said there were ammonia readings were five times higher than acceptable. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he agreed with Mr. Mykins. If the owners can get this done in sixty days, more power to them. Someone will have to go in and re-evaluate the property in sixty days. Mr. Mykins said he will give the board an update for the December meeting. Ms. Furman asked if the board they are giving them sixty days and can they go in the house. Mr. Mykins said they can go in and work but cannot live in the home. They can clean everything out of it. Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked if there is insurance on the home. Ms. Furman said there is. Mark Schachner, Town Counsel noted that the December meeting is over 60 days away. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said that would be okay. At the December 4, 2025 meeting the board will be updated. Councilwoman Kolligian said the board is not looking to take anyone's home away from them. This is for everyone's safety including the resident, firemen or any emergency services. It is not safe to enter and address it. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said the board is behind them as well as their neighbors but we have to do the right thing. Ms. Kenny asked if the power could be turned back on. Mr. Mykins said it cannot. Councilwoman Kolligian said they can use a generator. They cannot risk having something happen to the structure if it is receiving power and emergency services has to respond.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #203

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton held a public hearing on October 2, 2025 regarding property at 153 Loudon Road, Tax Map No. 155.-1-4.121, in accordance with Resolution #186 of 2025.

WHEREAS, the property owner was notified by certified mail, return receipt, the subject property was posted and the notice was filed at Saratoga County in accordance with Town Law §130 D.

WHEREAS, Nancy Kenny appeared as the owner of record.

WHEREAS, demolition and site cleanup, by the property owner, shall commence on or before October 3, 2025 and shall be completed by December 4, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Wilton authorizes the demolition of the manufactured home, all accessory structures, site cleanup and removal of debris if not completed by December 4, 2025. The expense shall be levied to the 2027 Saratoga County Tax bill of subject parcel.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Hamlet Zone Amendment

The clerk noted the Saratoga County Planning Board reviewed the referral for the H-1 Zoning Text Amendment, removal of text #6 in notes of 129 Attachment 13:1, H-1 (Hamlet Zone) "Over 2,500 gross leasable square feet for those uses shall apply for a special permit through the Planning Board" and returned with a decision to approve.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked Town Counsel, Mark Schachner if this amendment closes the loophole in the Hamlet Zone that would allow anything other than retail space underneath apartments. Attorney Schachner said no, anyone can apply for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said it would be through the Zoning Board and not a Special Permit from the Planning Board. Attorney Schachner said that is correct.

Councilman O'Connor said 2,500 square feet is the size of a small house. He said he wondered if 2500 square feet is too small for some restaurants or retailers. They are usually about 3,000 to 4,000 square feet. Councilwoman Kolligian said to Attorney Schachner's point, they could request a variance from the zoning board. We would also know what the function of the space will be versus an arbitrary 4,000 square feet for whoever to go in.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #204

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the H-1 zone amendment.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Tax Cap Override for WEMS/Wilton Ambulance District

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #205

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Local Law #4 of 2025, the 2026 Tax Cap Override for WEMS/Wilton Ambulance District.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Installation of Street Lights

Supervisor Lant said he's located more intersections in need of streetlights. He said he's talked to the adjacent neighbors prior to installation. One resident on Joseph Lane said a lot of residents are happy the intersection is lit up. Supervisor Lant said if anyone knows of an area which needs lighting, please contact him. He said there is no charge for installing the lights as long as they are on existing polls. There have been multiple accidents on Northern Pines Road and Major Jonathan Herrick, Director of Traffic Services at New York State Police contacted him with recommendations. Major Herrick is certified with the State Police and New York City. He travels all over the state and trains different police agencies on traffic related functions to improve highway safety. Supervisor Lant said he felt he should listen to his advice. Councilwoman Kolligian asked if we have received the speed limit reduction request for Northern Pines Road. The clerk noted we have not.

RESOLUTION #206

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request to National Grid for the installation of streetlights for the following intersections:

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Fishing Platform Bid Acceptance

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he thinks we should go back out to bid on the Fishing Platform. He said he looked at both of the bids and it is a lot of money for a little deck. Councilman O'Connor said it is not a standard deck and it will be built next to a classified stream. He said he thought the lower bid came in around the amount he thought it should be. Mr. Riper said it is very durable with aluminum decking with galvanized steel support. It is a five foot cantilever over the embankment. Councilman O'Connor said he was surprised we received only two bids. Mr. Riper said there were a lot of interested contractors who received bid packets. The LA Group was going to reach out to the plan holders to see what the issues were, be it timeline, insurance or DEC requirements. Supervisor Lant said he thought it was a lot of money and should go back out to bid. Councilwoman Kolligian said there are local companies like Dock Doctors. Mr. Riper said nothing can go in the water. Councilwoman Kolligian said she wondered if one of the local dock companies could do something like this because it is what they do. Mr. Riper said there were twelve contractors who were plan holders. Councilman O'Connor said we could rebid.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #207

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to rebid the Northern Pines Fishing Platform.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Pickleball Court Bid Acceptance

The clerk noted the following bids opened at noon on October 2, 2025:

RMMI-\$117,725
NVS-\$159,715.78
Wm. J. Keller-\$177,000

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #208

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the low bid of \$117,725 from RMMI for the Pickleball Court Project.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Thirty Day Waiver-Rustic Pizza

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #209

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to waive the 30 day advance notice for a liquor license application for Rustic Pizza.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Demolition-7 Sarro Lane

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #210

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing on November 6, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. for the demolition of 7 Sarro Lane, TMN. 153.9-1-11.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilman Bogardus who recused himself. The motion passed 4-0.

Network Security Policy

Maria Moran, Comptroller said the town has a password policy in place for practical purposes, however, it is not written. We would like to have a written policy to outline what we have been doing. This way all employees are aware of it and can refer to it. There will be mention of it the employee handbook and it may be in the IT Governance Policy as we build on policies. It is based on best practices that are included on the Center for Internet Security, Microsoft Word and items touted as best practices.

RESOLUTION #211

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Network Security Policy for the Town of Wilton.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Fee Amendment

The clerk noted there was an additional item from the Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Mykins for a fee amendment and is as follows:

The addition of a new fee in The Town Code under 63-1 and 63-2.

The new fee would cover costs of the Building Department to re-review plans and any additional square footage for previously reviewed and or permitted building plans. This fee would be set at \$100 and .25 per square foot for any additional square footage added to a previously reviewed/permitted building plan. No refunds will be provided for already reviewed plans.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #212

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to set a public hearing on November 6, 2025 at 7:02 p.m. for a fee amendment for previously reviewed or/or additional square footage on permitted building plans.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O’Conor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Supervisor Lant said Bulk Waste Day will be Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Highway Garage and also at Gavin Park.

Last Monday, September 29, 2025 we had a Senior Health Fair at Gavin Park. He said he hoped for more people but the people who attended benefitted from the information. We had Saratoga County Department of Health, Office of the Aging, Sheriff’s Department and New York State Troopers. The people who attended were very impressed with the information they received and free gifts.

Last week the had a Girl Scout Troop tour the building, they visited each department and the departments explained what they did. The girls asked great questions.

We had the Grand Opening for the Larry Gordon Outdoor Education Center. It was well attended. Scott Harrington and Roy Vanderbogart did a wonderful job. They have a lot of talent. He thanked Mike Monroe and the Highway Department for their work, DA Collins and everyone involved. That’s how it worked. We had a lot of volunteers.

The stormwater project at town hall looks great. All of the pipe is in and the blacktop is complete.

Our newsletter is complete and it should be out by October 6 in order for people to get the notice regarding Bulk Waste Day.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he met with Jim Deloria and Supervisor Lant. There are no grant monies available this year. We are going to meet again and see what we can come up with.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said there is a 5K run at Gavin Park in October.

Councilman Bogardus said he is the Chairman of the Emergency Services Committee. We look at emergency services in the town, what has been done in the past and what we are doing now and in the future. Wilton EMS would like to expand. They are answering more calls than ever and have outgrown their building. In the last meeting, Wilton EMS presented diagrams and plans to expand, mostly in the footprint of their property. It's not official but a very good start. We had input from community residents and adjacent homeowners regarding light pollution. It is a very nice design and it will be a bigger building. They are building towards the future and including an EOC, Emergency Operation Center for our town. There will be a designated area in case there is ever a disaster in our town. Staff has gone to seminars on how to structure it. They are currently working on the financials and logistics. It's a good plan and it appears they will be moving forward in the next couple of years because they will need to add more ambulances for the services they provide to the town.

Mr. Riper said he met with Mark Mykins and John Herlihy on site with Wilton EMS. There will be some hurdles for them in regard to setbacks. It is difficult to rehabilitate an existing building while trying to maintain services. Someone asked about building new, maybe behind it. There is town land behind the Emergency Squad. Maybe the Town could donate that land to Emergency services for the new building. That is something they are looking into. It is something the town board could offer them. It is part of the Harran Lane subdivision land. If WEMS finds it financially feasible to do that as well as more efficient to keep the operations going. Councilman Bogardus said there was conversation about that and they were unsure as to how to approach the town and ask for the land. Mr. Riper said the land is proposed to be donated to the town next month. It is the board's choice to accept the land. The board could make modifications between now and then.

Councilman Bogardus said he had a couple of personal items to note. This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged everyone to support breast cancer awareness and donate if you can. There are flyers on the back table as well as bracelets. He said he participates in a walk at Siena College. It used to be for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and has now been renamed to Blood Cancers Society. It is a wonderful and well attended experience held on October 18, 2025. If you can't donate, just walk the campus.

Councilman Bogardus said the Town has a Local Law for Lithium Battery Storage Facility. The verbiage in our local law prohibits lithium battery storage facilities tied to solar projects. There are some companies trying to build stand alone facilities that will back feed into National Grid. Mr. Riper has received emails on it. He said he would like to amend the local law to include any and all battery storage facilities as they are fire risks. He asked if Counsel would look at our local law and amend it to include the prohibition of any stand alone battery storage facilities. It is lithium batteries in a large cabinet. Overnight power is fed into the batteries to charge them and during the day, it boosts National Grid. The lithium battery storage facilities tied to solar projects are fire hazards. Once they burn, the general policy is to let them burn. They do emit toxic fumes, odors and gas. The Town of Stillwater has one and there was an incident in June. It set off alarms and created panic. Saratoga County Hazmat is trying to give training on these calls. There is a ten or twenty year life on the battery storage like solar panels. We require the solar projects to clean up the site. If a battery storage facility does come into our town we need to have them clean up the site too. Mr. Riper said the Solar Law was written to not include battery energy storage systems or BESS. We can go through the law to change and clarify. Councilman Bogardus said they are targeting the Route

9 corridor to build these because the transfer station is there. There are water suppression systems which are built into the storage systems but once they go into a thermal overload, you can't stop the fire. It creates a very hot fire. Any structure around it is at risk for the thermal heat as well as toxic gasses that can be emitted.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said there is a 5K walk on October 19 at Gavin Park as well as one on October 4 also at Gavin Park.

Councilman O'Connor said the 10th Annual Veteran's Ball to support Veterans and Community Housing Coalition. We have a facility here in town, subsidized housing for veterans. The Veteran's Ball will be held at the Hall of Springs on Sunday, November 2, 2025. There are still some tickets available if you go to www.vchcny.org They do extraordinary work for those who are struggling with the transition from military to civilian life. We just opened up, the very first in the United State, a two family home for single veteran Moms and their children in the Town of Ballston.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2025 Budget Transfer

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #213

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2025 budget transfer requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 10/2/2025 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

2.) Fiscal Score-Informational

Ms. Moran said the Office of the State Comptroller released the annual reports to the municipalities and school districts for the fiscal stress evaluations. We have once again achieved the highest level of designation which is a no designation or a zero. Some of the key indicators include fund balance which is very high as compared to expenditures, our cash position is high and another point to make is that we are not using fund balance to fund our current period of expenditures when we set the budget. The Tentative Budget utilizes current period revenues to fund current period expenditures. That is especially important because it creates financial stability for years to come. It is like living off a savings account, eventually the savings account will deplete to nothing and you can't pay payroll, supplies or anything you need for government to function. She congratulated the board for setting a high priority on conservative spending.

3.) Resignation

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #214

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation from Tina Weber, effective 09/30/2025.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #215

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Nicole Monroe to the vacant position of Assessor, 10/02/2025-09/30/2031.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

4.) JCAP Grant

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #216

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Wilton authorizes the Wilton Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle for \$1,313.00.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor and seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, with all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John J. Lant

Councilman, Raymond O'Connor

Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

Councilwoman Erinn Kolligian