

The Fine Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at the Municipal Office Building in Star Lake. Attendance was taken, and a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32 PM.

Board Members	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Supervisor Jeremy Thompson	X			
Councilman Philip Giardino	X			
Councilman Carlton Kerr	X			
Councilman Samuel Bryant	X			
Councilwoman Gigi Hayden	X			

Others present were H. Dolan, Town Clerk; D. Ziemba, D. Downey, N. Martin, E. Northrop, S. Griffin, and Larry Denesha, County Legislator.

Boat Launch – Dave Ziemba wondered if the town could do something to limit access to the unofficial boat launch and beach in Wanakena. He suggested putting rocks or guard rails up so that only canoes or kayaks could use them. He is concerned about invasive species getting into the water. The board was not in favor of this. There is a question of ownership of those properties and a concern of liability if someone is hurt by anything that the town may put there.

Bunkhouse – Jeremy will follow up with Craig for code enforcement and the town attorney about the bunkhouse in Wanakena that was built, and the possibility of adding a charge for it in the sewer district.

Cemetery – Emerson introduced himself to the board. He is the new caretaker for the Oswegatchie Cemetery. He took a look at the buildings on the cemetery property. He said the vault roof needs to have the shingles replaced. This is something that he can do if the town is interested. There is a one-time grant that the town can apply for, and this could be covered under the grant. Jeremy asked him to come up with a proposal that could be submitted to the State.

Dog Control – The dog control officer's report was submitted to the board. She issued five tickets this month and will go to court next week. A dog complaint was overseen by her fill-in while she was on vacation, and it worked very well. She thanked the town for allowing her to have this reciprocal service.

Codes – The monthly codes report was submitted to the board.

County – Larry Denesha, our County Legislator, was present to give the board an update on what is happening at the county level. He congratulated Mark Hall on his appointment as the chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency. He announced that Rick Rusaw has been appointed the new Emergency Services Director. The county's 2026 tentative budget will be discussed at the finance committee on October 27th. CF Youth Commission will receive a grant in 2026 for \$5,290. The County will begin removing hazardous trees on County roads in Clifton and Fine in January 2026. Lastly, all ninety-two parcels that were sold at tax auction had successful bids.

Minutes – 10/2025-127 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to approve the minutes from the September 10th regular meeting with the correction to the Golf Course Budget Transfer, changing the \$900 from Contingency to \$410 from Contingency and \$490 from the Golf Course Fund Balance.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Minutes – 10/2025-128 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant to accept the minutes from the October 1st joint town board meeting as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Minutes – 10/2025-129 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to accept the minutes from the October 7th budget workshop as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Reports – There are no financials this month due to the meeting being so early in the month. They will be available next month.

Bills – 10/2025-130 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino the town bills represented by vouchers 25-346 through 25-383 be paid.

<i>General Fund -</i>	<i>\$ 15,721.53</i>
<i>Highway Fund -</i>	<i>\$ 32,467.70</i>
<i>Youngs Rd Bridge Project -</i>	<i>\$300,962.16</i>
<i>CF Golf Course -</i>	<i>\$ 5,049.09</i>
<i>Sewer District -</i>	<i>\$ 331.42</i>
<i>Water District -</i>	<i>\$ 5,655.00</i>
<i>Total -</i>	<i>\$360,186.90</i>

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Arena – The arena financials were submitted to the board. The committee identified some repairs and items needed for the arena. They will be advertising for a part-time employee to help with ice making. They are checking with the school to see if the bus can drop kids off for open skating, like they have in the past.

Report – 10/2025-131 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by S. Bryant to accept the town clerk's monthly report as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Golf Course – The committee meeting minutes were presented to the board. The clubhouse will close this Sunday, and the grounds crew will finish the following week.

Authorize – 10/2025-132 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to authorize the bookkeeper to write a check to Dave Downey for the purchase of a used Buffalo blower for \$7,300 from Lee Gill.

Discussion: Dave would like to purchase this as soon as possible to give the ground crew a chance to use it this year. He will pay for it and be reimbursed for it when the check arrives.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Youth Commission – Lydia contacted the County about the 2025 grant that was to be used mainly for sports. The County told her to submit the Youth Commission expenses anyway, and they will look at them.

Action Plan – The action plan was reviewed.

Audit – 10/2025-133 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino the Town Clerk and Tax Collector audit reports were accepted as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Audit – 10/2025-134 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by S. Bryant the Code Enforcement Officer audit report was accepted as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Audit – 10/2025-135 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino the Supervisor's audit report was accepted as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Safety Audits – The County Risk Assessment Coordinator did safety inspections at the town buildings, and his reports were presented to the board.

Security Cameras – Mark received an estimate for security cameras at the water filtration plant. The board was ok with moving forward with this purchase.

Budget – 10/2025-136 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to adopt the amended tentative budget as the Preliminary Budget and to hold the Preliminary Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM, with the regular meeting to follow.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Adjourn – 10/2025-137 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk