

The Fine Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 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 Hope Dolan, Town Clerk; Larry Denesha, County Legislator; and Chris Cook (on the phone).

Report – The Dog Control Officer report was submitted to the board. The State did an inspection of Sandra's temporary kennel at her house, and it was satisfactory.

Training – 04/2025-53 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to authorize Sandra Griffin to attend a dog control training seminar in Webster, NY on May 14th and 15th.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Report – The Code Enforcement monthly report was submitted to the board. The board was also given a copy of the annual report for code enforcement that was submitted to the state.

Contract – 04/2025-54 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by C. Kerr to authorize the signing of the Mowing Contract with St. Lawrence County for \$3,298.75.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Contract – 04/2025-55 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden to authorize the signing of the contract with BOCES for Drug & Alcohol testing.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Report – 04/2025-56 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by P. Giardino to accept the town clerk's monthly report as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Minutes – 04/2025-57 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by S. Bryant to accept the minutes from the March 12th regular town board meeting as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Minutes – 04/2025-58 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by G. Hayden to accept the minutes from the April 2nd joint town board meeting as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Reports – 04/2025-59 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden to accept the supervisor's financial reports as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Abstract – 04/2025-60 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to authorize the payment of town bills represented by vouchers 25-95 through 25-133 in the amount of \$52,042.81.

<i>General Fund</i>	-	\$18,369.46
<i>Highway Fund -</i>	\$27,189.70	
<i>Golf Course -</i>	\$ 450.00	
<i>Sewer District -</i>	\$ 854.13	
<i>Water District -</i>	\$ 5,179.52	

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Arena – The arena monthly financials and the Annual Financial Report for 2024 was submitted from the Town of Clifton.

Cemetery – 04/2025-61 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by P. Giardino to approve the Rules & Regulations for the Oswegatchie Cemetery as modified pending approval from the Town Attorney.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

Job Descriptions – Different positions for the cemetery were discussed. The gravedigger will not be a town employee. The funeral directors should contact the gravedigger and payment to this person should be made by the funeral home.

Caretaker - A caretaker would be responsible for selling the lots, collecting the funds, and providing receipts and deeds for lots. Sales should be recorded on the map and mark out the graves by placing corner markers. This will be an in-house position and will be paid an annual salary. This position will be advertised with applications due May 1st. The annual salary will be set at \$1,200.00 per year. The board figures this position will be busiest April through October and only required if there is a burial to take place. Some years will be busier than others.

Groundskeeper—A groundskeeper will be responsible for mowing, weed-eating, raking, and removing debris from the grounds. They will also be responsible for spring and fall cleanups. This person will have to have their own insurance and will be an independent contractor for the town. The town will advertise this position, with sealed bids due by May 8th at 2:00 PM.

Fees – 04/2025-62 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden to set the fee for a burial lot in the Oswegatchie Cemetery at \$500.00. The fee for marble corner markers in the Oswegatchie Cemetery is \$150.00.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

Grant – The town can apply for a grant from the state for needed equipment and repairs to the cemetery. Carlton will work on getting estimates or quotes for this grant.

Funds – 04/2025-63 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by C. Kerr to acknowledge that the Oswegatchie Cemetery Association is hereby dissolved. The Town of Fine has taken over the running of the Oswegatchie Cemetery and hereby directs that all funds for the cemetery should be turned over to the town. The town supervisor is hereby directed to open a new account with Community Bank NA, with the Supervisor and the deputy supervisor as the signatures on the account, and to allow Christine Cook with read-only access. This new account should be coded under the General Fund.

Discussion: There is a Certificate of Deposit that will come due in November that will be turned over then.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

County - Larry Denesha, our County Legislator, was present to give the board an update on what is happening at the county level. Stewart's CEO attended a county meeting through Zoom to explain how gas prices are set for the county. The mines in Fowler have found shale graphite in their mine. This will add about thirty-five jobs. The EMS director has resigned from his position, the county is in the process of searching for a new one.

Youth Commission – Lydia has been working on getting numbers for the sports programs and summer recreation. She will be giving the towns a list of volunteer coaches to approve by the May meeting. Where the summer recreation program will take place is still in the works.

Policy – 04/2025-64 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by G. Hayden that the Drug & Alcohol Policy was reviewed, and no changes were recommended.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Policy – 04/2025-65 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to approve the recommended changes to the Investment Policy.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Adjourn – 04/2025-66 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk