

The Fine Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 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 6:30 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; Craig Demmon, Code Enforcement Officer; Mark Hall, Water Superintendent; Mark Friden, Historian; Sandra Griffin, Dog Control Officer; D. Demmon, D. Downey, C. Cook, A. Brewer, and Larry Denesha, County Legislator.

Black Fly Program – There was discussion on the black fly program and if the town is still doing it. Black flies seem very bad this year. It was asked if the department head could give a progress report. Jeremy stated that he has received many questions and complaints this year and will ask Joe to come to our July meeting to give the board an update.

Petition- The board received a petition with twenty-one signatures on it asking for a speed limit reduction on Ridge Road from Route 3 to Sucker Lake Road. Jeremy explained that this is a process, and the NYS DOT needs to make that decision.

Authorize -06/2025-79 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by C. Kerr to authorize the town supervisor to write a letter to the NYS DOT requesting a traffic study with the intent of lowering the speed limit from 55 on Ridge Road from Route 3 to the Sucker Lake Road.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Carried.

Dogs—The dog monthly report was presented to the board. The board is very happy with Sandra's progress in licensing delinquent dogs. The rabies clinic will be held on June 26th at the arena. People must preregister their pets for the clinic. Registration will open on June 19th and run until noon on the day of the clinic.

Codes – The codes monthly report was submitted to the board. Craig has been very busy issuing permits and doing inspections.

Water – NYS Rural Water Association named the Star Lake Water District the 2025 Water System of the Year. Congratulations to Mark on all of his hard work on the water system upgrade and on receiving this award.

Report – 06/2025-80 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by G. Hayden to accept the town clerk's monthly report as presented.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Carried.

Minutes – 06/2025-81 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden to accept the minutes from the May 14th meeting as presented.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Carried.

Reports-06/2025-82 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant to accept the supervisor's financial reports as presented.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Carried.

Budget – 06/2025-83 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by C. Kerr to approve the attached budget amendments.

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Carried.

Bills-06/2025-84 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden to approve the payment of town bills represented by vouchers 25-176 through 25-219.

<i>General Fund -</i>	<i>\$13,901.86</i>
<i>Highway Fund -</i>	<i>\$22,732.59</i>
<i>Capital Project -</i>	<i>\$ 2,965.38</i>
<i>Golf Course-</i>	<i>\$23,978.07</i>
<i>Sewer District -</i>	<i>\$ 528.95</i>
<i>Water District -</i>	<i>\$17,342.22</i>
<i>Total -</i>	<i>\$81,449.07</i>

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Carried.

Arena – The financials for the arena were presented to the board.

Golf Course – The minutes for the golf course committee meeting were presented to the board. The golf course purchased a new rough mower. The committee will be interviewing a new attendant tomorrow. Dave would like the person to be able to start immediately.

Oswegatchie Cemetery – Volunteers have been taking care of the mowing. The board received one applicant for the caretaker position at the cemetery. Jeremy, Carlton, and Gigi will interview this person. The board received two sealed bids for the groundskeeping at the cemetery.

4 Seasons Services –	Routine Maintenance -	\$80/hour
	Spring/Fall Cleanup -	\$1200
	Alternate price per mowing	\$750
Joseph Kennedy –	Routine Maintenance -	1500
	Spring/Fall Cleanup -	\$250
	Alternate price per mowing	\$120

Jeremy will reach out to both bidders to get more clarification on their bids and make sure that they understood what we were asking for.

Dogs – Sandra thanked the board for allowing her to attend the dog training. She said it was very helpful, and she learned a lot.

County – Larry Denesha, County Legislator was present to give the board an update on what is happening at the county level. The county has been housing 23 inmates that should be transported to the State prisons, but the state is not ready to accept them yet. The state is supposed to pay the county \$100/day, a rate that has not changed since the 1980's. The state is terribly slow in paying, and this is an added burden for the county.

June has been named Dairy Month.

The county is moving forward with replacing the county highway facility. It will be moved from Park Street in Canton to Route 11 towards Potsdam.

Demolition – The demolition of the two houses in the Town of Fine that the county was supposed to do last summer was brought up. Larry could not say when these would be taken care of. Jeremy will call Steve Button to see where the county is with the demolitions.

Emergency Services – The application to the APA still has not been filed for the emergency towers in Clifton or Fine.

Youth Commission – The minutes from the 5/5 meeting were presented to the board. Sports programs are underway. Hometown General Store sponsored the teams and purchased shirts. There is a discussion to add cheer, tumble, and basketball. Arts & Crafts will be held at the arena this year. It was advised not to conflict with the week that the Jr. Golf Program is run.

They are in discussion with the school about a bus to transport. This may be too expensive, and the kids will have to find their own way to and from the program.

Action plan – The action plan was reviewed.

Grants – There was a grant application workshop held at the community center by the Charitable Rock Foundation. Sam and Mark will work on a grant for the Fine Town Hall. Carlton attended for the cemetery, but funding options for the cemetery are limited.

Arena – Sam spoke with a professor from Clarkson about the arena and what the towns would like to do about insulating it. He felt that his students could work on this as a class project. Sam gave the contact information to Jeremy.

Webpage – The town clerk is working on a new webpage for the town with a new web address that will be a .gov, which is recommended by the state.

Thank you – The board received a thank you card from the CF Senior Citizen's Club for the funding this year.

Adjourn – 06/2025-85 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by G. Hayden the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk

BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS 06/11/2025

BUDGET AMENDMENTS –

GENERAL FUND –

Transfer \$865.00 from Contingency Account A19904 for
\$700.00 to Dog Control CE A35104 (to cover the cost of training out of town)
\$165.00 to Registrar CE A40204 (to cover cost of safety paper)

GOLF COURSE-

Transfer \$500.00 from Contingency Account SPG19904 to
Equipment CE SPG72502.2 (to cover cost of mower purchase)