

The Fine Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 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, D. Demmon, D. Downey, L. Vecchiarello, and Larry Denesha, County Legislator.

Solar Credits – Leo Vecchiarello from Solar on Earth was present to discuss solar credits that the town can have applied to their electricity bills. He will put together a proposal for the town once we send him copies of our electricity bills.

Report – The Dog Control Officer report was submitted to the board.

Report – The Codes report was submitted to the board.

Retirement – 05/2025-67 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden to adopt the attached Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for NYS Retirement.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Hold Harmless – 05/2025-68 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant to adopt the attached Hold Harmless Agreement with the Town of Hermon.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Report – 05/2025-69 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by C. Kerr to accept the town clerk's report as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Minutes – 05/2025-70 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to accept the minutes from the April 9th meeting as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Reports – 05/2025-71 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to accept the Supervisor's financial reports as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Budget Amendments – 05/2025-72 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by G. Hayden to approve the following budget amendment:

GENERAL FUND: *Transfer \$325.00 from Contingency Account A19904 to Records Management CE A14604 to pay for the special equipment fee to Digital Towpath.*

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Town Bills – 05/2025-73 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to pay the town bills represented by vouchers 25-135 through 25-175 totaling \$57,313.59.

General Fund - \$20,134.20

Highway Fund- \$29,500.31

Golf Course - \$ 78.49

Sewer District - \$ 533.29

Water District- \$ 7,067.30

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Golf Course – The minutes for March were presented to the board. Club Grub has opened, and Jeremy needs to contact them about paying the rent.

Arena – The financials were presented to the board.

Cemetery – The town received no responses to the advertisement for a caretaker or a groundskeeper. The positions will be advertised again. Volunteers will take care of the grounds right now. Anyone wishing to volunteer should fill out a volunteer application. The town attorney has a few recommendations for the Rules & Regulations, but he has not forwarded them yet. Carlton and Gigi will sell the lots, if necessary, until someone is hired.

Account – 05/2025-74 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to authorize the town to set up an account with UB's to purchase gas for the mowing at the cemetery. Only Gigi Hayden, Carlton Kerr, Mike Kerr, and Butch Brown will be authorized to charge.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Burial Opening – 05/2025-75 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to authorize a \$50 charge for any burial opening to be paid to the town retroactive to April 10th.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Youth Commission- The committee meeting minutes for Youth Commission were presented to the board.

Coaches – 05/2025-76 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by C. Kerr upon recommendation of the Youth Commission Director and a successful background check to approve the following:

T-Ball – Emma Schoff and Dalton McIntosh

Coach Pitch - Parker Perrault & Aiden Hooven

Baseball – Ryan Horne & Cory Hayes

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Arts & Crafts – The school is not an option this summer. The committee will need to find another location. The next committee meeting will be May 28th at 6:30 PM.

County – Larry Denesha, our County Legislator, was present to give us an update on what is happening at the county level. The Public Safety Building is nearing completion, and an open house is planned for 5/22/25. The county has hired 4 part-time special patrol officers for security at the DSS building. They have extended a lease to Empire State Mines to explore the county's mineral rights around the mines in Fowler. The county will be doing window replacement in some of the older county buildings. Sales tax revenue is up 8.5% in the first quarter. Larry is asking all of his towns to write letters to our federal representatives opposing many of the proposed budget cuts that could harm our rural towns. Sam asked how the two proposed property cleanups in the Town of Fine are coming. Larry said they are still on the list for demolition.

Action Plan- The action plan was reviewed. Carlton got some prices on equipment for the cemetery; Jeremy will talk to the State Representative for cemeteries to see what else we need to do to apply for a grant.

Hospital- The hospital will have a Thank-You celebration on 6/13/25 @ 2 PM.

Computers – ABS is recommending the purchase of two new computers since they are still on Windows 10, and it will no longer be supported. They are also recommending getting away from Gmail and switching to .gov email addresses. They have sent proposals for both. Hope has applied and been approved to switch our webpage to a .gov website. She is working with Digital Towpath to convert our website. We will work on switching our emails over to .gov emails after that.

Authorize – 05/2025-77 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by G. Hayden to authorize the purchase of two new computers from Advanced Business Systems.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Adjourn – 05/2025-78 Moved by P. Giardino, seconded by C. Kerr the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk

**Town of Fine
Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution
For NYS Retirement
05/2025-67**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Fine / Location code 30379 hereby establishes the following as standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Standard workday (hrs./day)	Name	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term begins/Ends	Record of Activities Result*	Not Submitted (check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
Elected Officials						
Appointed Officials						
Code Enforcement Officer	6	Craig Demmon		01/01/2025-12/31/2025	2.00	

I., Hope M. Dolan, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Fine of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2025 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

I further certify that the full board, consists of 5 members, and that 5 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Fine.

On this 14th day of May, 2025

Hope M. Dolan
Hope M. Dolan

Date enacted: 05/14/2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 05/2025-68
OF THE TOWN OF FINE
HOLDING HARMLESS THE TOWN OF HERMON FOR
PROVIDING SERVICE FOR 2025**

By Town Board, Town of Fine

WHEREAS, the Town of Fine is desirous of the Town of Hermon Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting, and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the Town of Fine and the Town of Hermon are desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor the Town of Fine and the Town of Hermon desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the Town of Hermon may incur liability in the providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the Town of Hermon in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town of Fine will indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Hermon, their officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the Town of Fine or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL) coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Hermon shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy.

05/14/2025
Date

Hope M. Dolan
Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk Town of Fine