

**The Fine Town Board** held its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 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 6:30 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; J. Kennedy, Black Fly Program Director; D. Downey, C. Cook, Matilda Larson, County Planner, and Larry Denesha, County Legislator.

**Septic Program** – Matilda Larson was present to explain a septic system replacement program that is offered by the county for homeowners’ septic systems that are failing or at risk of failing within 250’ of qualifying waterways in the county. There is a map on the county’s webpage that shows what areas are included. There is an application on their website. Anyone with questions can direct them to the County Planning office. Funds are available through next year’s construction season.

**Black Fly Program** – Joe Kennedy was present to provide the board with an overview of the black fly program and the work that he and Ed Baxter do. He stated that black flies were worse this year due to the wet winter and spring. They only treat for black flies, not deer flies or mosquitoes. Clifton and Fine is a large treatment area, and they could use more personnel to treat the area better.

**Dogs** – The Dog Control Officer report was submitted to the board. Sam reported on the recent rabies clinic that was held at the arena. Part of the success of the clinic was due to Sandra’s diligence in getting people to license their dogs.

**Codes** – The Codes report for June was submitted to the board. Craig has issued a stop-work order on buildings at the Jewish camp on Lake Road. Jeremy will check with Craig to see about the progress on the demolition of the house on Route 3 that is partially down.

**County** – Larry Denesha, our county legislator, was present to give an update on county business. He shared a letter from the county attorney on two blighted properties in Fine. 4231 SH 3 has been put out for quotes on demolition, hoping that it will be completed by the end of September. The Finley property on Oswegatchie Trail has been cleared by the DEC to have the tanks removed. After that is done, the county can foreclose on that property and decide whether to demolish it or just put it up for auction. There are presently squatters in the building, so the county will not demolish it right now.

**Day Care Funding** – There is a state-funded program to help low-income families pay for day care so they can go to work. The county runs this program. There has been a 35% increase in the people using the program. As a result, the program is out of money, and the state will not send any more money until October. New applications are being denied because of the lack of funding.

**Budget** – The county has improved its fund balance since 2016 and is on target to reach its balances for the fund balance policy. Larry credited this achievement to the County Treasurer and the County Administrator.

**Golf Course** – The Jr. Golfer program is being run this week with about 20 kids participating. The new mower has been received, and the committee minutes were presented to the board.

**Hire – 07/2025-86** Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino to hire Tamika Provost as the clubhouse attendant retroactive to her start date at the clubhouse.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Youngs Road Bridge**- Construction is continuing on Youngs Road Bridge, and the temporary bridge should be installed by now.

**Water District** – The Annual Water Quality Report for 2024 for the Star Lake Water District has been completed and is available to view on the website.

**Report – 07/2025-87** Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino, to accept the town clerk's monthly report as presented.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Minutes – 07/2025-88** Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden, to accept the minutes from the June 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting as presented.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Reports – 07/2025-89** Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden, to accept the supervisor's monthly financial reports as presented.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Budget Amendments – 07/2025-90** Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant, to approve the attached budget amendments.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Bills – 07/2025-91** Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino, to approve the payment of the town bills represented by vouchers 25-220 through 25-266 with the exception of the vouchers for Joseph Kennedy and Ed Baxter for mileage for black fly control.

<i>General Fund -</i>	<i>\$18,806.88</i>
<i>Highway Fund -</i>	<i>\$39,913.03</i>
<i>Youngs Rd Bridge-</i>	<i>\$ 4,470.99</i>
<i>Youth Commission -</i>	<i>\$ 55.00</i>
<i>Golf Course-</i>	<i>\$ 3,024.85</i>
<i>Sewer District -</i>	<i>\$ 3,240.87</i>
<i>Water District -</i>	<i>\$13,700.61</i>
<i>Total -</i>	<i>\$83,212.23</i>

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Sewer Bond Payments – 07/2025-92** Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by S. Bryant to approve the automatic payments of the interest on the Wanakena Sewer Bonds in the amount of \$734.25 and \$1,830.93 on August 1, 2025.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Arena** – Arena financials were submitted to the board.

**Cemetery – 07/2025-93** Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to appoint Emerson Northrup to the position of caretaker for the Oswegatchie Cemetery.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Cemetery – 07/2025-94** Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by P. Giardino to appoint Joseph Kennedy as the groundskeeper for the Oswegatchie Cemetery for the rest of 2025, effective 7/9/2025.

Ayes: 5                      Noes: 0                      Carried.

**Youth Commission – 07/2025-95** Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by G. Hayden, to allow the youth commission committee to conduct interviews and hire one arts & crafts director and four attendants from the applications that were received. The program will begin on Monday, 7/14/2025, and run for 5 weeks, Monday through Thursday, from 8 AM – 12 PM at the arena.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

**Action Plan –** The action plan was reviewed.

**Website and emails –** The town's new website will be going live soon, and all officials should begin using their new .gov email addresses.

**Adjourn – 07/2025-96** Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk

## **BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS 07/9/2025**

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS –**

#### **GENERAL FUND-**

Transfer \$1750.00 from A19904 Contingency to A12202 Supervisor EQ

\*For new computer

Increase A88104.1 Cemetery CE (Oswegatchie) by \$5,000 and

Increase A2193.1 Proceeds from Abandonment by \$5,000

\*To cover expenses for the Oswegatchie Cemetery for 2025 (net zero effect)

#### **STAR LAKE WATER DISTRICT**

Transfer \$6,950.00 from SW19904 Contingency to SW83102 Equip & Capital Outlay

\*To pay for computers

#### **WANAKENA SEWER DISTRICT**

Transfer \$2,950.00 from SS915 Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance to SS81202 Equip & Capital Outlay

\*To pay for new mower

#### **CLIFTON-FINE GOLF COURSE**

Transfer \$90.00 from SPG19904 Contingency to SPG72504.3 Pro Shop Supplies CE