Town of Hardenburgh
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2026 7:00 PM
Town Hall, 51 Rider Hollow Road, Arkville, NY 12406

Present: Supervisor O'Reilly and Councilpersons Buerge, Testani, Fairbairn and Shaver

Also present: Town Clerk Buerge, Highway Superintendent Soules, Christian Davis, Rob Lindsey, Maria and Vitaly Sherman

Supervisor O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and Councilperson Buerge led the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor O'Reilly made a motion to correct the minutes of the August 13, 2026 meeting, which was seconded by Councilperson Fairbairn, with all in favor.

Supervisor O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes as written, which was seconded by Councilperson Fairbairn, with all in favor.

HIGHWAY:

1. Supervisor O'Reilly offered the following Resolution:

   WHEREAS, I Supervisor O'Reilly do, on the 10th day of September 2026, duly recommend the purchase of a used 2018 Layor Sweeper #38406 from A Montano Co Inc.,

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Supervisor O'Reilly is authorized to purchase, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, a used 2018 Layor Sweeper #38406 for the sum of $35,000.

   This was seconded by Councilperson Buerge.

   Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY
Councilperson Jake (John) Fairbairn:	X	
Councilperson Sherry Shaver:	X	
Councilperson Wade Buerge:	X	
Supervisor Wendy O'Reilly:	X	
Councilperson Rosa Testani:	X	

   Resolution 26-40 adopted.

Supervisor O'Reilly made a motion to audit the bills, which was seconded by Councilperson Fairbairn, with all in favor.

Supervisor O'Reilly made a motion to accept the bills as audited, which was seconded by Councilperson Fairbairn, with all in favor. Vouchers approved for payment were numbered 242-273 with General accounts totaling $9037.34 and Highway accounts totaling $201,542.42.

HIGHWAY continued:

2. Update on summer road work-Flood cleanup is mostly done
3. Supervisor O'Reilly moved by Resolution to appoint Spencer Carlson to "Working Supervisor", effective September 1, 2026.

   This was seconded by Councilperson Fairbairn.

Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY
Councilperson Jake (John) Fairbairn:	X	
Councilperson Sherry Shaver:	X	
Councilperson Wade Buerge:	X	
Supervisor Wendy O'Reilly:	X	
Councilperson Rosa Testani:	X	

Resolution 26-41 adopted.

4. Supervisor O'Reilly accepted the resignation of Bradley Campbell as of August 20, 2026.

5. Supervisor O'Reilly moved by Resolution to have Christian Davis attend 184 hour CDL Permit and License Class at Commercial Driver Training, Inc, with the class and wages during the training to be paid by the Town of Hardenburgh, contingent upon a contract signed by Christian and the Town that reimburses the Town for the training if he leaves before three (3) years of service after training is completed.

   This was seconded by Councilperson Buerge.

   Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY
Councilperson Jake (John) Fairbairn:	X	
Councilperson Sherry Shaver:	X	
Councilperson Wade Buerge:	X	
Supervisor Wendy O'Reilly:	X	
Councilperson Rosa Testani:	X	

   Resolution 26-42 adopted.

6. Supervisor O'Reilly moved by Resolution to adopt the following pay increases for the following employees on the next full highway payroll:
   - MEO Employee **39 increase to $21.20 per hour
   - MEO Employee **97 increase to $26.00 per hour

   This was seconded by Councilperson Shaver.

   Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY
Councilperson Jake (John) Fairbairn:	X	
Councilperson Sherry Shaver:	X	
Councilperson Wade Buerge:	X	
Supervisor Wendy O'Reilly:	X	
Councilperson Rosa Testani:	X	

   Resolution 26-43 adopted.

JUSTICE:

1. No activity for July

HISTORIAN:

1. Supervisor O'Reilly provided a job description for the Historian position which will be forwarded to interested party Jenny Neal.

PLANNING:

1. Supervisor O'Reilly moved by Resolution to reappoint Anthony Ploutz to the Planning Board, with term to expire September 10, 2033.

   This was seconded by Councilperson Shaver.

   Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY
Councilperson Jake (John) Fairbairn:	X	
Councilperson Sherry Shaver:	X	
Councilperson Wade Buerge:	X	
Supervisor Wendy O'Reilly:	X	
Councilperson Rosa Testani:	X	

   Resolution 26-44 adopted.

2. The Planning Board will hold a work session meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall to begin to formulate a recommendation for a Short Term Rental Policy. The meeting is open to the public but public comment will be taken at a future Planning Board Public Hearing.

REVENUE:

1. Town Clerk's Monthly Report for August: $155.00
2. Investment Cash Sweep Account Interest: $6,467.70
3. From Ulster County Department of Finance: $15,901.65 for sales tax April-June 2026
4. From Otsego Auto Crushers: $394.85 for scrap metal

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. From Catskill Watershed Corporation-Notice of Preliminary Decisions as of September 2, 2026

Supervisor O'Reilly moved by Resolution to set the Tentative Budget Meeting for October 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM, with a Special Meeting to follow the Tentative Budget Meeting on the same night, which is a reschedule of the Regular Monthly Meeting, originally scheduled for October 8.

This was seconded by Councilperson Fairbairn.

Roll Call Vote:

	AYE	NAY
Councilperson Jake (John) Fairbairn:	X	
Councilperson Sherry Shaver:	X	
Councilperson Wade Buerge:	X	
Supervisor Wendy O'Reilly:	X	
Councilperson Rosa Testani:	X	

Resolution 26-45 adopted.

Supervisor O'Reilly opened the floor up for public comment and received feedback from Maria Sherman regarding notification of meetings and an introduction by new resident

Rob Lindsey. At 7:36 PM, Supervisor O'Reilly made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilperson Fairbairn, with all in favor.

Next meeting: October 5, 2026 Tentative Budget Meeting and Special Meeting

Date: September 14, 2026 _____

Wendy M. Buerge, Town Clerk