

February 11, 2025

Regular Meeting

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Southport held at the Southport Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue on February 11, 2025.

Members Present: Supervisor Joseph Roman, Council Members Daniel Hurley, Daniel Williams, Richard Mathews, Timothy Steed

Others Present: Code Enforcement Officer Peter Rocchi, Deputy Town Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen, Highway Superintendent Steven Renko, Director of Recreation Ivan Purifoy, Town Clerk Carolyn Renko, Deputy Town Clerk Marianne Schrom

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Roman at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**PUBLIC HEARING 6:03 P.M.** - for the purpose of hearing any and all public comment regarding Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025, A Six-Month Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Southport.

Town Clerk Carolyn Renko read the legal notice that appeared in the Elmira Star-Gazette and opened up the Public Hearing for comment at 6:03 p.m. No one wished to speak so the public portion of the public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2025

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025

A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND COMMERCIAL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Mathews

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport wishes to review the Town Code and zoning laws along with the Town's Comprehensive Plan to further understand how Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Energy Storage Systems will impact the Town, its residents, the agricultural community and landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport, as part of its planning in preparation for this potential development in the Town of Southport, requires time to conduct such review; therefore, the Town Board is enacting a moratorium to prohibit the development of Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Energy Storage Systems during this period of review; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport Town Board is in receipt of approvals and recommendations from the Town of Southport Planning Board and the Chemung County Planning Board for this proposed moratorium; and

WHEREAS, SEQRA classifies a moratorium as a Type II action, and therefore no additional review under SEQRA is required; and

WHEREAS, that this Local Law No. 1 of 2025, A Six-Month Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Southport in its final form having been upon the desks of members of the Town Board for at least seven (7) calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to this day, and a public hearing having been duly held on February 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., before the Town Board at the Town of Southport Town Hall located at 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, N.Y. 14904 upon public notice provided by law, and the said proposed local law having been read in its final form at this meeting; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Southport, County of Chemung, State of New York hereby adopts Local Law No. 1 of 2025, A Six-Month Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Southport, and is hereby enacted to wit:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2025

A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND COMMERCIAL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

Section 1. Title.

This local law shall be known as “Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2025, A Six-Month Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Energy Storage Systems within the Town of Southport”.

Section 2. Legislative Intent.

- A. It is the intent of this local law to impose a six-month moratorium for any development, installation, or creation of commercial solar energy systems or commercial energy storage systems, as defined herein, within the Town of Southport. The Town imposes this temporary moratorium on the issuance of building permits, special use permits, variances, site plan approvals, or any related review pursuant to a request for such commercial solar energy systems or commercial energy storage systems within the Town of Southport.
- B. The purpose of this moratorium is to allow the Town of Southport time to review its current zoning laws and comprehensive plan related to development for commercial solar energy and storage systems.
- C. In recent years, installation of solar energy and storage systems on properties has become more popular due governmental funding, tax incentives and provider options. The Town recognizes the importance of the use of this alternate clean type of energy and its potential to provide another source of energy use for residents.

The Town seeks to preserve and protect agriculture use, aesthetics and natural resources of the Town and property values while understanding the impact this type of development will have on land use for the overall benefit of the Town.

D. During the period for this moratorium, the Town Board intends to suspend land use regulations in the Town of Southport which conflict with the effect and intent of this local law.

E. The Town Board finds pursuant to 6NYCRR 617.5(c) (30) that the adoption of a moratorium of land development or construction is a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") which has been determined to not have a significant impact on the environment.

Section 3. Definitions.

"Commercial Solar Energy Systems" are defined, for the purpose of this local law, as any device or assembly of devices that is ground installed and uses solar energy from the sun for generating electricity for the primary purpose of wholesale or retail sale and not primarily for the consumption on the property on which the device or devices reside.

"Commercial Energy Storage Systems" are defined, for the purpose of this local law, as any rechargeable energy storage system consisting of electrochemical storage batteries, battery chargers, controls, power conditioning systems, and associated electrical equipment designed to store and provide electrical power primarily off site or for commercial purposes. Any installations by, or undertaken on behalf of individual landowners, householders, businesses or farmers, primarily for personal, residential and onsite use shall not be considered a commercial energy storage system and shall be specifically exempted from this moratorium.

Section 4. Scope of Controls.

- A. For a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this Local Law, the Town Board, Town Planning Board, Town Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Town Code (Zoning) Enforcement Officer shall not permit, accept, process, interpret, deliberate upon or approve any application for the installation, development, or creation of commercial solar energy systems or commercial energy storage systems, as defined herein, except as set forth in Section 5 of this Local Law.
- B. During the term of this moratorium the Town Board intends to develop, consider, and adopt changes to its comprehensive plan and local laws to allow for regulation of commercial solar energy systems and commercial energy storage systems.

Section 5. Exception.

Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, any person or entity that has been granted a Special Use Permit by the Town of Southport Planning Board for construction of a solar facility prior to the effective date of this Local Law may continue such project and related activities while this Moratorium is in effect so long as all construction and supporting activities are conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and any conditions of the Special Use Permit.

Section 6. Relief from Provisions of This Local Law.

Should any owner of property affected by this local law suffer any unnecessary hardship and seek relief from this moratorium to enable such owner to obtain a permit for activity otherwise prohibited under this moratorium, such owner shall make application to the Town Board. Such request shall be taken under the procedural provisions of the existing Town of Southport zoning law in relation to appeals and shall be subject to a public hearing before the Town Board in accordance with these same procedures. It shall be within the discretion of the Town Board to grant, in whole or in part, or deny, the application for such relief from the terms of this moratorium. It shall be the burden of the applicant for such relief to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Town Board, upon competent evidence that an unjust result and extraordinary hardship would occur to the applicant, if such relief is not granted, and such showing must demonstrate that the proposed activity for which relief is sought shall be consistent with the reasonable and orderly development of the Town. The unnecessary hardship shall not be the delay in the application process created by this local law.

Section 7. Penalties.

A. Any person, firm, entity, or corporation that shall construct, reconstruct, relocate, enlarge, or alter any building or structure in violation of the provisions of this local law, or otherwise violate any provisions of this local law, shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day the violation continues shall be a separate offense.

B. A civil action inclusive of injunctive relief in favor of the Town to cease any and all such actions which conflict with this local law and, if necessary, to remove any constructions, improvements, or related items or byproducts which may have taken place in violation of this local law.

Section 8. Enforcement.

This local law shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Southport.

Section 9. Authority.

This moratorium is enacted by the Town Board pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rules Law § 10.

Section 10. Supersession of the Town Law.

This local law is hereby adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rules Law § 10. It is the intent of the Town Board, pursuant to Municipal Home Rules Law to supersede the following provisions of the New York State Town Law as it relates to zoning and planning determinations under Town Law § 274-a, § 274-b, § 267-a, § 267-b, § 276, and § 277.

Section 11. Inconsistent Laws.

All laws inconsistent with any provision or provisions of this law are hereby repealed.

Section 12. Severability.

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law, or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation or circumstance, is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law, or in its application to the person, individual, firm, or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 13. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State and shall remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) months from the date of passage.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING 6:05 P.M.** - for the purpose of hearing any and all public comment regarding Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2025, Camping Prohibitions within the Town of Southport.

Town Clerk Carolyn Renko read the legal notice that appeared in the Elmira Star-Gazette and opened up the Public Hearing for comment at 6:05 p.m.

Scott Arnold from 982 Hudson Acres Road commented on the restrictions of resident owned campers/RV's and questioned if this Local Law was based off another municipality.

Andy Patros from 1127 Pennsylvania Avenue stated he supports this Local Law and thinks the Town Board is taking the right steps to protect the residents.

The public portion of the Public Hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

Council Member Williams stated he needed clarity regarding restrictions of resident owned campers/RV's.

Council Member Hurley questioned Section 4 (b) only one camper per lot, as some residents have an adequate amount of land for more.

Council Member Mathews made a motion, Council Member Steed seconded to table Local Law No. 2 of 2025, Camping Prohibitions within the Town of Southport, until the March Town Board Meeting so that further research and clarification can be done.

**PUBLIC HEARING 6:15 P.M.** - for the purpose of hearing any and all public comment regarding Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2025, to remove Exemption Under New York State Real Property Law Section 487 For Solar, Wind and Farm Waste Energy Systems within the Town of Southport.

Town Clerk Carolyn Renko read the legal notice that appeared in the Elmira Star-Gazette and opened up the Public Hearing for comment at 6:15 p.m. No one wished to speak so the public portion of the public hearing was closed at 6:16 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2025

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2025 TO REMOVE EXEMPTION UNDER NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION 487 FOR SOLAR, WIND AND FARM WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

Resolution by: Hurley  
Seconded by: Williams

WHEREAS, the Town of Southport wishes to enact a local law to allow the Town of Southport to opt out of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 487, thereby to not provide an exemption for taxation for any solar, wind, and farm waste energy systems within the Town of Southport; and

WHEREAS, that this Local Law No. 3 of 2025, To Remove Exemption Under New York State Real Property Law Section 487 For Solar, Wind and Farm Waste Energy Systems Within the Town of Southport in its final form having been upon the desks of members of the Town Board for at least seven (7) calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to this day, and a public hearing having been duly held on February 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., before the Town Board at the Town of Southport Town Hall located at 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, N.Y. 14904 upon public notice provided by law, and the said proposed local law having been read in its final form at this meeting; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Southport, County of Chemung, State of New York hereby adopts Local Law No. 3 of 2025, To Remove Exemption Under New York State Real Property Law Section 487 For Solar, Wind and Farm Waste Energy Systems Within the Town of Southport, and is hereby enacted to wit:

Local law No. 3 of 2025 To Remove Exemption Under New York State Real Property Law Section 487 For Solar, Wind and Farm Waste Energy Systems Within the Town of Southport

Section 1. Title.

This local law shall be known as “Local Law No. 3 of 2025 To Remove Exemption Under New York State Real Property Law Section 487 For Solar, Wind and Farm Waste Energy Systems Within the Town of Southport”.

Section 2. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Southport to opt out of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 487, thereby to remove an exemption for taxation in accordance with New York State RPTL Section 487 for any solar, wind and farm waste energy systems within the Town of Southport.

Section 3. Authority.

is local law is adopted pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487-8(a) which expressly authorizes a Town by local law to provide that no exemption under New York State RPTL 487 shall be applicable within its jurisdiction with respect to any solar, wind, or farm waste energy system which began construction subsequent the effective date of such local law, whichever is later.

Section 4. Inconsistent Laws.

All laws inconsistent with any provision or provisions of this law are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Severability.

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 6. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman

NOES: None

CARRIED.

Monthly Reports were received as follows:

Town Clerk Carolyn A. Renko

Town Clerk & Dog License Fees	\$ 2,310.91
Fitzsimmons Lot Sales	\$ 1,600.00
Funds Turned to State & County Agencies	\$ <u>239.59</u>
	\$ 4,150.50

Receiver of Taxes \$ 4,817,348.31

Code Enforcement

Fees Collected:	Building Permit Fees	\$ 492.60
	Building Permit Values	\$ 42,600.00
	Operating Permit Fees	\$ 400.00
	Site Plan Fees	\$ 300.00

City of Elmira Animal Control  
Justice Office  
Recreation/Aging/Youth Services  
Residential Deputy

Council Member Steed made a motion, Council Member Mathews seconded to accept the monthly reports as filed.

**2024 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK:**

NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets for Dog Licenses	\$ 1,533.00
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for Conservation Licenses	\$ 28,404.00
NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses	\$ 495.00
Supervisor for Dog License & Clerk Fees	\$ 21,118.75
Supervisor for Fitzsimmons Cemetery	\$ <u>7,950.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 59,500.75

**RECEIVER OF TAXES:**

Total Taxes Collected:	\$ 4,917,865.09
Total Penalty Collected:	\$ 6,676.62
Total Surcharge/Interest Collected:	\$ 0.00
Total Notice Fees Collected:	\$ 276.00
Total Duplicate & Overpayments:	\$ 947.68
Total Returned Check Fees:	\$ 0.00
Bank Interest Earned:	\$ 0.00

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**Total:** \$ **4,925,765.39**

Total Direct Payments:	\$ 0.00
Total Bounced Checks:	\$ 0.00
Total Refunded/Applied Overpayments:	\$ 947.68
Disbursements to Supervisor:	\$ 6,728.90
Disbursements to County:	\$ 3,050,513.41
Other Disbursements:	\$ 1,867,575.70
Bank Service Charges:	\$ 0.00

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**Total:** \$ **4,925,765.69**

Other Adjustments: \$ .30

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**Bank Balance:** \$ **0.00**

**2024 FITZSIMMONS CEMETERY EXTENSION REPORT:**

23 graves were sold in 2024 for a total of \$7,950.00.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 2024 ANNUAL REPORT:**

Permit & Site Plan Fees:	\$ 24,375.25
Building Permit Values:	\$ 3,558,481.00
Operating Permit Fees:	\$ 4,220.00
Special Use Permit Fees:	\$ 150.00
Site Plan Fees	\$ 2,100.00
Variance Fees:	\$ 900.00
Logging Registration Fees:	\$ 300.00

The following were issued and completed: 314 total building permits; 3 New Homes; 2 New Commercial Buildings; 48 Fire Inspections/OP Permits; 53 Compliance Certificates; 152 Building Inspections; 60 Unlicensed Vehicles; 67 Garbage/Rubbish; 15 Vendor Cleaned up; 188 High Grass; 109 Vendor Mowed; 3 Burning Violations; 1 Swimming Pool Violation; 54 NYS and Misc. Violations; 4 Appearance Tickets; 6 Logging Registrations; 1 Special Use Permit; 11 Site Plan Applications; 7 Variance Applications; 7175 Miles Driven; 2068 Complaints/Inquires.

**2024 YEAR END YOUTH SERVICES/RECREATION/SENIOR CITIZEN REPORT:**

Approximately 2,965 sign-in's/participants/users at the Chapel Park Community Center, including those who came to weekly and monthly activities, meetings, special events, elections, gatherings and rentals. The Chapel Park Community Center was rented 75 times for a total of \$10,750.00 (see attached).

**TOWN JUSTICE STEVEN MILFORD 2024 ANNUAL REPORT:**

Total Collected by Justice Milford	\$ 55,056.00
Amount Forwarded to Town of Southport Fiscal Officer	\$ 55,056.00
Bail Pending	\$ 1,801.00
Total Kept by the Town (both Judges)	\$ 27,813.00

**TOWN JUSTICE JOSEPH W. HOLLY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT:**

Total Collected by Justice Holly	\$ 37,314.00
Amount Forwarded to Town of Southport Fiscal Officer	\$ 37,314.00
Bail Pending	\$ 15,800.00
Total Kept by the Town (both Judges)	\$ 27,813.00

Council Member Mathews made a motion, Council Member Steed seconded to accept the annual reports as filed.

Under Correspondence, Supervisor Roman read a thank you note to the Town of Southport Highway Department for taking good care of the streets, tree removal and Fitzsimmons Cemetery.

Council Member Williams made a motion, Council Member Mathews seconded to accept the minutes of January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Highway Superintendent Steve Renko spoke to the Board in regards to the condition and age of the trucks at the Highway Department and stated he would like to order a new Single Axel dump truck. This will be placed on the March agenda.

Under Public Comments, Andy Patros from 1127 Pennsylvania Avenue commented on monthly reports and the age of the Highway Department equipment.

Mitch Gleckner, President of Southport Cinderella Softball spoke to the Board regarding their 2025 proposal and requested \$7,500.00 once again from the Town. This will be tabled until the March meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FUND CLAIMS #14 OF 2024

Resolution by: Hurley  
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that abstract of General Fund Claims #14 of 2024, submitted by the Town Clerk, No. 751 through No. 760, with the exception of #755, not to exceed \$61,061.99, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FUND CLAIM

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the abstract of General Fund Claim #14 of 2024, submitted by the Town Clerk, No. 755, not to exceed \$3,412.00, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Mathews  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FUND CLAIMS #2 OF 2025

Resolution by: Hurley  
Seconded by: Mathews

RESOLVED, that the abstract of General Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of February 2025, No. 41 through No. 87, with the exception of No.'s 55, 56, 59, 80, 82, and 85, not to exceed \$125,667.39, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Roman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Steed  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF GENERAL FUND CLAIMS

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the abstract of General Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of February 2025, No.'s 55, 56, 59, 80, 82 and 85, not to exceed \$1,261.62, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Mathews  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF HIGHWAY FUND CLAIMS #2 OF 2025

Resolution by: Mathews  
Seconded by: Williams

RESOLVED, that the abstract of Highway Fund Claims submitted by the Town Clerk for the month of February 2025, No. 12 through 31, not to exceed \$90,430.68, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2025

APPROVING ABSTRACT OF LIGHT FUND CLAIM #14 OF 2024

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Hurley

RESOLVED, that the abstract of Light Fund Claim #14 of 2024 submitted by the Town Clerk, No. 11, not to exceed \$7,050.92, has been audited and approved for payment by this Town Board.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2025

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLA OSTRANDER FOR THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Resolution by: Steed  
Seconded by: Mathews

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Southport hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Nichola Ostrander, an independent contractor who will service as a Community Development Specialist for the Town of Southport.

RESOLVED, that this agreement shall run from February 13, 2025 to February 13, 2026. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice to the other.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board agrees to compensate Nichola Ostrander in the amount not to exceed NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$95.00) per hour for services rendered.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2025

AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHEMUNG COUNTY  
YOUTH BUREAU & RECREATION SERVICES

Resolution by: Mathews  
Seconded by: Steed

WHEREAS, the Chemung County Youth Bureau has presented a proposal to provide recreation services to residents of the Town of Southport, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enter into an agreement with the Chemung County Youth Bureau for the provision of recreation services to the residents of the Town of Southport so as to provide a SPOT program for middle school students and a Super Saturday program for students K-6 grade, for the years 2025-2027.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Chemung County Youth Bureau in accordance with its proposal for the provision of recreation services to residents of the Town of Southport, not to exceed TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) and that said agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Attorney for the Town.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

Resolution #9, Issuing a Negative Declaration under SEQR for Local Law No. 2 of 2025, Camping Prohibitions within the Town of Southport and declaring Town as Lead Agency and Resolution #10, Local Law No. 2 of 2025, Camping Prohibitions within the Town of Southport, will be tabled until the March meeting.

RESOLUTION 50-2025

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO ACCEPT GIFT OF CEMETERY PLOTS IN FITZSIMMONS CEMETERY  
FROM RICHARD ALLINGTON

Resolution by: Williams  
Seconded by: Hurley

WHEREAS, Richard Allington is requesting to gift to the Town two cemetery plots that he purchased at Fitzsimmons Cemetery in the Town of Southport, and

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southport authorizes the Supervisor to accept the gift of cemetery plots in Fitzsimmons Cemetery.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2025

RATIFYING RESIGNATION OF ANDREW BENNETT AS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR #1 FOR THE TOWN OF  
SOUTHPORT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Resolution by: Hurley  
Seconded by: Steed

WHEREAS, Andrew Bennett has submitted his resignation as Equipment Operator #1 for the Town of Southport Highway Department, effective February 7, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Andrew Bennett as Equipment Operator #1 for the Town of Southport Highway Department, effective February 7, 2025.

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman  
NOES: None  
CARRIED.

Under Discussion was recommendation from the Cemetery Commission about possible expansion and the hiring of a Cemetery Overseer. This will be placed on the March agenda.

RESOLUTION 52-2025

INCREASING THE USE FEE FOR FIELD RENTAL AT CHAPEL PARK

Resolution by: Mathews  
 Seconded by: Williams

WHEREAS, in order to assist in offsetting costs associated with the maintenance, care and oversight of the facilities at Chapel Park, the Town Board wishes to enact new fee structures as recommended by the Town Recreation Director; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED based upon the recommendation of the Town Recreation Director, the Town Board of the Town of Southport, County of Chemung, State of New York, hereby implement the fee structure hereby attached to this resolution for various baseball and softball organizations for use of the Chapel Park facilities to assist in offsetting the costs associated with maintaining these facilities.

**Times:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	8AM-12PM	8AM-12PM
6-8 PM	6-8 PM	6-8 PM	6-8 PM	6-8 PM	12-4PM	12-4PM
					4-8PM	4-8PM.

**These numbers are based on one team practicing per field**

\$20 per Time Slot- 2-hour time slot during the weekday.  
 \$25 per Time Slot- 4-hour time slot during the weekend.

**Once a week for multiple months**

*Two months*

8 slots during the weekday= \$160

8 slots during the weekend= \$200

*More than two months*

12 slots during the weekday= \$240

12 slots during the weekend= \$300

***13-15 slots add an additional \$5 per***

**Multiple times a week for multiple months**

*Two months*

16 slots during the weekday= \$320

16 slots during the weekend= \$400

**17-22 slots add an additional \$5 per**

*More than three months*

24 or more slots during the weekday= \$480

24 or more slots during the weekend= \$600

**Tournaments**

***All three days (All day)- Friday, Saturday and Sunday-***

1 field= \$265

2 fields=\$530 (\$500)

***Only two days***

1 field= \$150

2 fields= \$300

***If it is Fri./Sat.***

1 field= \$115

2 fields= \$230 (\$200)

***Only one day***

**FRIDAY**

1 field= \$40

2 fields= \$80

**SATURDAY OR SUNDAY**

1 field= \$75

2 field= \$150

AYES: Hurley, Williams, Mathews, Steed, Roman

NOES: None

CARRIED.

Community Center Rental form will be tabled until the March meeting.

Under Public Comments, Andy Patros from 1127 Pennsylvania Avenue spoke regarding park services and costs.

Council Member Steed made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk

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