



The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING August 12, 2026

The following is a summary of the Town Board Special Meeting as recorded by Director of Finance, Colleen Lallier.

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Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Town Board Meeting:

6:00 PM

Members of Town Board

Present Absent



Supervisor J. Conway
Councilor H. Kennedy
Councilor R. Matters
Councilor J. McHugh
Councilor L. Koenig

Schedule of Meeting: The Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush will hold a Special Meeting on August 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at East Greenbush Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, NY to address the State Environmental Quality Review for the Gilligan Road Multi-Modal Improvement Project and any other matters that may be brought to the Board's attention. The Pre-Board meeting that is scheduled for that night will be held immediately following the Special Meeting.

Open Public Privilege: Resident presented his comments to the Town Board.

157-2026 A Resolution to Adopt a Negative Declaration Under SEQRA for The Gilligan Road Sidepath And Multimodal Enhancement Project (PIN 1762.48)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Greenbush is advancing the Gilligan Road Sidepath and Multimodal Enhancement Project (PIN 1762.48), generally located along Gilligan Road between

Columbia Turnpike (U.S. Route 9/20) and Hays Road in the Town of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the project generally includes construction of a multi-use sidepath along Gilligan Road, associated sidewalk connections, trailhead and parking area improvements, reconfiguration of the baseball/softball parking area, reconfiguration of the Hannaford Plaza entrance, drainage and related safety improvements, and associated right-of-way acquisitions and ancillary work; and

WHEREAS, by prior resolution adopted on May 21, 2026, the Town Board classified the proposed action as an Unlisted Action, initiated a coordinated review pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, and declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board caused Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and supporting project materials to be circulated to the identified involved agencies, and the coordinated review period has concluded without objection to the Town Board serving as Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, including Parts 1, 2 and 3, the project plans, the Draft Project Scoping Report/Final Design Report, and related reports, studies and supporting materials, in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, in making its determination of significance, the Town Board has considered the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c)(1)(i)-(xiii), including reasonably related long-term, short-term, direct, indirect and cumulative impacts pursuant to § 617.7(c)(2), and has assessed the significance of likely consequences in accordance with § 617.7(c)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has taken a hard look at the relevant areas of environmental concern, including potential impacts associated with land disturbance, stormwater and drainage, natural resources, traffic and pedestrian conditions, construction activities, and right-of-way acquisition, and finds that any adverse environmental impacts are not significant, with measures and design elements incorporated into the project to avoid or minimize potential impacts; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing environmental assessment and the supporting record, the Town Board has determined that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's finances; and
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, following completion of the coordinated review process, the Town Board hereby confirms itself as Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of the Gilligan Road Sidepath and Multimodal Enhancement Project (PIN 1762.48) and reaffirms the classification of the action as an Unlisted Action; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 2 and 3, including the supporting rationale contained therein, and issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA, determining that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required; and

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3, the Negative Declaration, and any related SEQRA documentation on behalf of the Town Board; and

RESOLVED, that the Planning and Zoning Department and Town Clerk are authorized and directed to file and maintain the Negative Declaration and supporting SEQRA record, provide written notice of the determination to the identified involved agencies, and take any other actions necessary to complete the SEQRA process in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor J. McHugh	VOTED: YES
Councilor L. Koenig	VOTED: YES

158-2026 A Resolution to Accept the Resignation of Peter Lavin from the Position of Police Officer

WHEREAS, Peter Lavin has served as an East Greenbush Police Officer for more than eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lavin submitted his resignation on August 7, 2026, effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance confirms that this resolution will not have a material impact on the Town's finances;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Peter Lavin's resignation, effective immediately, and thanks him for his work in serving and protecting the people who live, work and play in the Town of East Greenbush;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board wishes him well in all of his future endeavors.

The foregoing resolution was duly moved by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote resulting as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor J. McHugh	VOTED: YES
Councilor L. Koenig	VOTED: YES

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway
Councilor H. Kennedy
Councilor R. Matters
Councilor J. McHugh
Councilor L. Koenig

VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES
VOTED: YES

Respectfully submitted by,

Colleen Lallier, Acting Deputy Town Clerk (Director of Finance)

For,

Ellen Pangburn
East Greenbush Town Clerk