MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
SALINA TOWN BOARD
Monday, October 26, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Salina held a regular meeting on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 201 School Road, Liverpool, New York with the following:

PRESENT:

Raul Huerta	Supervisor
Hayley Downs	Councilor
Leesa Paul	Councilor
Page Steinhardt	Councilor
Eliza Driscoll	Councilor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dave Herkala	Town Attorney
Paula Primerano	Town Clerk
Jason Hoy	Town Engineer

ABSENT:

PUBLIC HEARING-2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Page Steinhardt to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Leesa Paul and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

Town Employee Mike Sheldon expressed his concerns over the possibility of cutting positions in the Codes Department. He explained that he was planning to be put in the Deputy position in his department once Mark Lafaver retired and Pete Mitchell took over as Director. He also spoke on attorney costs that the Town has accrued this year that were seemingly higher than last year and an increase in the Comptroller's office.

Town Employee Pete Mitchell spoke to his concerns over the possible elimination of a full-time Code Officer position in the Codes office. His office prides themselves on being proactive to concerns in the Town. He believes the quality of life in the Town's neighborhoods will falter in the department and that home values will decrease. He believes the position is a small cost in the budget and is necessary to keep up the momentum they have in cleaning up the Town. He is willing to rescind his request for a raise and a new vehicle for the department in interest of saving the position. He urged the Board to reconsider eliminating the position.

Resident Kim Hoover believes that eliminating a Codes officer position would be a huge mistake. She believes the Town will be less desirable to those coming in for the Micron and Route 81 projects if the Codes Department is not out citing violations before they get worse.

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Page Steinhardt and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

PUBLIC HEARING-2027 SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS BUDGET

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Page Steinhardt and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

Nobody signed up to speak.

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RESIDENTS WISHING TO SPEAK

Resident Joyce Leddy addressed the Board to express how lucky the Mattydale Senior group is to have the new Community Center and all of the Recreation employees there. She is happy with the new programs they have introduced. She believes that this is what seniors need for socialization. She spoke about Covid when seniors were alone and how detrimental that was to their well-being. She thanked the Board for the programs.

Resident Ellen Mullen urged the Board to hold a Town Board meeting at the Community Center. She questioned the schedule of the Salina pools next season and wondered if taxes would go up because of that. She also wondered if there was still a plan to introduce a law and hold a public hearing in regards to backyard chickens. She also agreed that the position in Codes should not be eliminated.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Steinhardt encouraged parents of children with e-bikes to remind them that they are illegal to be ridden on roads and to be aware of where and how their children are riding them. He has noticed unsafe practices and fears for the safety of the children and everyone around them.

Councilor Paul thanked everyone for their comments and thanked the Town's employees for their work on the budget.

Supervisor Huerta shared how difficult this budget has been to work on and worries about the future costs in the Town. He is concerned about the tax increases and the many seniors who already struggle to pay their tax bills. He explained the struggle they are having to manage costs related to the previous administration's actions.

Councilor Driscoll questioned the possibility of an amendment to the recently passed e-bike law. Councilor Paul confirmed that the Codes Task Force is working on the amendments and should have them ready for the next meeting. She also had questions about the new Friends Forever contract in regards on the cruelty component of the contract and the logistics of Salina residents getting to Oswego County to pick up their pet, if they are brought there.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Page Steinhardt to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2026, regular Town Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Hayley Downs and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Abstain, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING-ZONE CHANGE 7253 ½ OSWEGO ROAD

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to schedule a public hearing to consider a zone change at 7253 ½ Oswego Road from R-1, C-3 to R-3 for Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:31pm. The motion was seconded by Page Steinhardt and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

IN THE MATTER Of

Local Law 2026-__ Change of Zone from R-1, C-3 to R-3 at 7253 ½ Oswego Road

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW

The **TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SALINA**, in the County of Onondaga, State of New York, met in regular session at the Town Hall in the Town of Salina, located at 201 School Road in the Liverpool, County of Onondaga, State of New York, on the 26th day of October 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Raul Huerta, Supervisor, and the following were present, namely:

Raul Huerta	Supervisor
Hayley Downs	1st Ward Councilor
Leesa Paul	2nd Ward Councilor
Page Steinhardt	3rd Ward Councilor
Eliza Driscoll	4th Ward Councilor

The following resolution was moved, seconded and adopted:

WHEREAS, it has come to the Town Board's attention that a certain property located at 7253 ½ Oswego Road, Town of Salina, County of Onondaga, State of New York is currently zoned R-1, C-3 One-Family Residential, Planned Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the current owner of the Property is considering the construction of one- and two-family homes, which, necessitates a zone change of the Property from R-1, C-3 One-Family Residential, Planned Commercial District to R-3 One- and Two- Family Residential District;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering this zone change under Local Law 2026-___, as set forth below:

LOCAL LAW 2026-___, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF SALINA:

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Salina, Onondaga County, New York as follows:

Section 1. The Zoning District of the following property located 7253 ½ Oswego Road, Town of Salina, County of Onondaga, State of New York is hereby changed from R-1, C-3 One-Family Residential, Planned Commercial District to R-3 One- and Two- Family Residential District:

Tax Parcel – 019.-02-03.1

Section 2. The Zoning Map of the Town of Salina is hereby amended to reflect the change of Zoning Districts as authorized above.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect upon the filing thereof with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Salina hereby schedules a public hearing for November 9, 2026 at 6:31 P.M., to hear all of those members of the public who would like to speak in favor or against said Local Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall post a copy of said Local Law on the Official Bulletin Board of the Town and publish notice of said local law in the Official Town Newspaper at least five (5) days before the public hearing.

I, PAULA PRIMERANO, Town Clerk of the Town of Salina, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the preceding Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Salina at a regular meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 26th day of October 2026; that said Resolution was entered in the minutes of said meeting; that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original thereof now on file in my office; and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said Resolution and of the whole thereof.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Salina, this 26th day of October, 2026.

DATED: October 26, 2026
Liverpool, New York

Paula Primerano
Town Clerk of the Town of Salina
Onondaga County, New York

APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to approve the budget transfers as submitted by the Comptroller. The motion was seconded by Page Steinhardt and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

Authorization is hereby given to the Comptroller to make the following budget adjustments:

BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS/AMENDMENTS

Transfer - Building Overtime

001.1620.0491	BUILDING.CLOTHING AND MEAL ALLOWANCES	$	(2,000.00)
001.1620.0100	BUILDING.SALARY AND WAGES	$	2,000.00

MEMO: Meal allowances (per the contract) have been coming out of the Salary & Wage line, so a portion of this budget needs to be transferred to the Salary Line accordingly.

Transfer - Building Maintenance and Repairs

001.7180.0101	POOL.P/T WAGES	$	(10,655.80)
001.7180.0180	POOL.OVERTIME / COMP TIME	$	(1,000.00)
001.1620.0220	BUILDING.EQUIPMENT	$	5,990.00
001.1620.0471	BUILDING.REPAIRS	$	2,240.90
001.1620.0451	BUILDING.ELECTRIC	$	3,424.90

MEMO: Town Hall has been experiencing equipment aging out and requiring additional maintenance. As we reach the 5-6 year mark since building renovations, replacement of equipment and additional maintenance is required for the hot water heater, boilers, and rooftop units.

Transfer - Security Gate at Highway

001.7110.0440	PARKS.TRAINING	$	(500.00)
001.7110.0201	PARKS. RESURACING	$	(7,500.00)
001.5132.0470	HIGHWAY GARAGE.MAINTENANCE	$	8,000.00

MEMO: Per Highway Superintendent Request 10/20/26, to replace old heavy sliding security gate at the entrance to the Highway Department that's not functioning correctly and to cover a service call for heaters in Building 2.

Transfer - Tool and Clothing Allowance

003.5110.0497	HIGHWAY I. LANDSCAPE	$	(388.50)
003.5142.0490	MISCELLANEOUS	$	388.50

MEMO: Per Highway Superintendent Request 10/20/26, to cover the cost of the mechanics tool/clothing allowance.

Transfer - Road Salt

003.5110.0460	HIGHWAY I. EQUIPMENT RENTAL	$	(22,428.45)
003.5110.0496	HIGHWAY I. GRAVEL	$	(500.00)
003.5142.0414	ROAD SALT	$	22,928.45

MEMO: Per Highway Superintendent request 10/20/26, to order 265 tons of road salt. Additional requests may be made at future board meetings.

Transfer - Street Lighting (Electricity)

002.8540.0470	DRAINAGE.OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	$	(15,000.00)
002.5182.0450	STREET LIGHTING.UTILITIES	$	15,000.00

MEMO: As of October 2026, Rev/Exp report, there is ~$7,000 remaining in the Street Light Utilities line. There are two more months that are needed to cover the end of the year. This transfer will be made initially, and once we get our 2nd to last bill, we will evaluate again.

APPOINT RICK LEVERENZ-LABORER I-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to appoint Rick Leverenz to the position of Laborer I in the Highway Department, effective October 27, 2026, at an hourly rate of pay of $28.98. The motion was seconded by Eliza Driscoll and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

APPOINT CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT-SEASONAL, PART-TIME NIGHTMAN-HIGHWAY DEPT

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to appoint Christopher Wright to the position of seasonal, part-time Nightman in the Highway Department, effective November 15, 2026, at an hourly rate of pay of $22.88. The motion was seconded by Page Steinhardt and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

WAIVE 30-DAY WAITING PERIOD-LIQUOR LICENSE-1830 TEALL AVE (CONWAY BAR)

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to waive the 30-day waiting period for a liquor license at 1830 Teall Ave (Conway Bar and Grilled). The motion was seconded by Page Steinhardt and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

APPROVE CLEAN-UP ORDERS

A motion was made by Page Steinhardt to adopt a resolution declaring that as to clean-up orders issued to parcels at

a. Tax Map # 083.-07-04.0 117 Cullen St
b. Tax Map # 070.-11-18.0 420 Schaffer Ave
c. Tax Map # 069.-07-10.0 201 Swansea Ave
d. Tax Map # 069.-16-01.0 1826 Teall Ave
e. Tax Map # 069.-03-10.0 6875 Thomas Dr

pursuant to provisions of Chapter 180 of the Salina Town Code, the requirements of § 180-5, 180-6 and as such may apply, §180-5B have been complied with and satisfied, and authorizing the costs incurred by the Town in performance of the work, including any quantifiable internal administrative costs to be paid for out of the general Town funds appropriated by the Town Board for such purpose with reimbursement made to the Town for the cost of the work performed or services rendered by direction of the Town Board, and for penalties assessed under §180-6B hereof by assessment and levy upon the lots or parcels of land wherein such work was performed or such services rendered with the expenses so assessed to constitute a lien and charge on the real property on which they are levied until paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged which costs and expenses to be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges. The motion was seconded by Hayley Downs and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to enter into executive session at 7:01pm to discuss the employment status of a particular employee. The motion was seconded by Eliza Driscoll and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.A motion was made by Page Steinhardt to leave executive session at 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Leesa Paul and was put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows: Hayley Downs: Yes, Leesa Paul: Yes, Page Steinhardt: Yes, Eliza Driscoll: Yes, Raul Huerta: Yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Page Steinhardt and seconded by Supervisor Huerta to adjourn the meeting at 7:48p.m. All Voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted

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Paula Primerano, Town Clerk