

**MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING
SALINA TOWN BOARD
Monday, March 23, 2026**

The Town Board of the Town of Salina held a regular meeting on Monday, March 23, 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

ABSENT:

Jason Hoy	Town Engineer
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RESIDENTS WISHING TO SPEAK

Resident Denise Androvette expressed her desire to maintain the schedule for the large item pickup. Other than the benefit it provides to residents, she also enjoys the ties it creates with the neighbors as they're out there talking or swapping large items.

Resident Heather Weick addressed the Board in support of legalizing backyard hens. She discussed the benefits they provide to their owners. She is discouraged that it has been almost a year, and yet no public hearing has been successfully scheduled or has occurred. After discussion with the Board members and the Town Attorney, they agreed to set a date soon and would be in touch when the date is decided.

Resident Daniel Lewis educated the Board and residents on a 5G tower that is being put up in the Town and briefly described the dangers associated with these towers. He encouraged everyone to visit his website, protectliverpoolny.org, to learn more.

Resident Michelle Dannan, the mother of Daniel Lewis, described the extent of research her son has done on this subject and also encouraged everyone to visit his website.

Resident Tony Anthony expressed his concern over the 5G tower dangers that Daniel had just presented and asked the Board what could be done. Councilor Driscoll encouraged residents to reach out to their State politicians to express their concerns.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilor Paul expressed her displeasure with a comment that was made at the last meeting suggesting that the new judge should be a democrat. She believes that statements like that are inappropriate in a public forum and

stated that she has received multiple calls regarding the matter. Judges should act independently without bias based on political affiliation. Supervisor Huerta mentioned that Judge LaValle is Republican and that judges have to run in parties. He went on to explain that Judge Shanahan was highly recommended and he believes he will be a great addition to the Town.

Councilor Steinhardt encouraged residents to donate to the Salina Free Library Community Fridge program if they are able to. Director of Recreation, Jake Brigham, mentioned that donations are being accepted at the Community Center for the program, as well. Councilor Driscoll reminded residents that there is also an Amazon link to donate through. Perishable items must be dropped off at the library.

Supervisor Huerta informed residents that the TSA agents at the airport are still not being paid and encouraged everyone to donate to them, if they can.

Councilor Driscoll inquired about adding items to the next agenda regarding the L. Frank Baum museum lease terms and historical marker. Supervisor Huerta replied that they are working on items related to her request and they will be addressed soon. The historical marker is set to be put up on May 15, 2026.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, regular Town Board Meeting. 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.

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE LIVERPOOL BYPASS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT PLAN

A motion was made by Hayley Downs to schedule a Public Hearing for a Local Law to Amend Chapter 235-25.1 regarding the Liverpool Bypass PUD District Plan for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:31pm. 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.

IN THE MATTER OF

**LOCAL LAW 2026-__ AMENDING CODE
SECTION 235-25.1 LIVERPOOL BYPASS
PUD**

**CALLING FOR 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 23RD day of March 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	1 st Ward Councilor
Leesa Paul	2 nd Ward Councilor
Page Steinhardt	3 rd Ward Councilor
Eliza Driscoll	4 th Ward Councilor

The following resolution was moved, seconded and adopted:

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Town Code (the “Code”) was amended to establish a Planned Unit Development for the Liverpool Bypass pursuant to Chapter 235, §235-25.1;

WHEREAS, pursuant to §235-25.1 of the Code, a Planned Unit Development code was enacted for the Liverpool Bypass Area, adopted by Local Law No.: 14-2023;

WHEREAS, the Town Board, in an effort to further regulate for the health, safety and welfare of residents within the Town and to more accurately reflect the development plan for the Liverpool Bypass Planned Unit Development, desires to amend Section 235-25.1(C) and also add a new section(G) to reflect correct authorized uses and signage requirements;

WHEREAS, a Local Law has been introduced before the Board, to wit: Local Law 2026 - ____, entitled “A Local Law Further Amending Chapter 235, §235-25.1(C) and adding a new section (G) (“Liverpool Bypass Planned Unit Development District”), of the Code of the Town of Salina, striking and replacing the existing SS235-25.1(C) and also adding a new section (G), the text of which is as follows:

“LOCAL LAW 2026 - __ FURTHER AMENDING 235, §235-25.1(C) AND ADDING A NEW SECTION (G) (“LIVERPOOL BYPASS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT”), OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SALINA

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Salina, County of Onondaga, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 235, §235-25.1 entitled “Liverpool Bypass Planned Unit Development District” of the Code of the Town of Salina, as has been previously amended, is hereby further amended at §§ 235-25.1(C) by striking that subsection and replacing it and by also adding a new subsection “(G)”, both to read as follows:

“§ 235-25.1(C).

C. Uses Permitted.

~~(1) Multifamily dwellings.~~

~~(2) Townhouses.~~

~~(3) Restaurants.~~

~~(4) Hotels.~~

~~(5) Retail sales and service.~~

~~(6) Offices.~~

~~(7) Radio and television studios.~~

~~(8) Theaters.~~

~~(9) Day care facilities.~~

~~(10) Parks and trails.~~

~~(11) Commercial business.~~

~~(12) Personal service shops.~~

~~(13) Accessory structures and uses incidental to multiple family dwellings (such as: clubhouse, playground, pool, outdoor activity spaces, and parking structures).~~

1. Multi-family dwellings, including townhouses.

2. Accessory structures and uses incidental multiple-family dwellings (such as: clubhouse, playground, pool, outdoor activity spaces, and parking structures).

3. Restaurants; drive-in restaurants; packaged-food restaurants.

4. Hotels; motels.
5. Retail sales and service.
6. Offices.
7. Radio and television studios.
8. Theaters.
9. Parks and trails.
10. Shopping centers, provided that no gasoline service facility use shall be permitted except upon the issuance of a special permit therefor.
11. Commercial Business.
12. Day-care facilities.
13. Personal-service shops.
14. Special Permit Uses. The following uses are permitted subject to the issuance of a special permit therefor, pursuant to §235-42 of this chapter:
 - A. Gasoline service facilities.
 - B. New motor vehicle sales facilities.
 - C. Outdoor theaters.
 - D. Recreation facilities, including clubs, miniature golf and driving ranges (exclusive of golf courses).
 - E. Funeral homes.
 - F. Animal hospitals and kennels.
 - G. Transitional parking areas.
 - H. Utility service facilities.
 - I. Cemeteries.
 - J. Used motor vehicles sales facilities with motor vehicle services and motor vehicle body repair services for the general public.
 - K. Motor vehicle services facilities.

And

G. Advertising Devices.

Advertising devices (“signs”) within the Liverpool Bypass PUD shall be governed generally by §235-27 of this chapter. Specifically, signs within the commercial portions of the Liverpool Bypass PUD shall be consistent with those permitted in §235-27(C)(4) and §235-27(C)(5) of this chapter, and signs within the residential portions of the Liverpool Bypass PUD shall be consistent with those permitted in §235-27(C)(2) of this chapter.”

Section 2. The Town Code, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect except as hereinabove amended.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

Underline – new language

~~Strikeout~~ – deleted language

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Salina hereby schedules a public hearing for _____ 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 9th day of February 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 ____ day of March, 2026.

DATED: March ____, 2026
Liverpool, New York

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

AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ORDER ON CONSENT, ASSENT AGREEMENT, ELECTRIC & TELEPHONE AND DECOMMISSIONING AGREEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SOLAR AT THE LANDFILL

A motion was made by Page Steinhardt to Authorize the Supervisor to sign Order on Consent, Assent Agreement, Electric & Telephone and Decommissioning Agreements associated with Solar at the Landfill. 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.

AUTHORIZE NYS GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Page Steinhardt to authorize Tiffany Chanthasensak and Ciara Young to attend the 2026 NYGFOA Annual Conference on April 15-17, 2026, to include registration, hotel, meal and travel reimbursement, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. 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.

AUTHORIZE NYS ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS FINANCE SCHOOL ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Eliza Driscoll to authorize Nina Hommel and Supervisor Raul Huerta to attend the 2026 NYSAOT Finance School, April 26-28, 2026, to include registration, hotel, meal and travel reimbursement, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,600.00. 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.

AUTHORIZE PERMA CONFERENCE ATTENDEE

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to authorize Cora Gosson to attend the 2026 Annual PERMA Conference, to include meal and travel reimbursement, at a total cost not to exceed \$70.00. 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.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSOLIDATED 5-YEAR PLAN

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to schedule the public hearing for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:32pm. 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.

AUTHORIZE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to authorize the preparation and submission of 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) application. 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.

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN NYPA AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to authorize Supervisor to sign contract with New York Power Authority (NYPA) to maintain streetlight maintenance services in the Town for a term of two years. 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 2026 LARGE ITEM PICKUP SCHEDULE

Supervisor Huerta explained that the Town has been received a number of phone calls regarding this and wanted to thank his secretary, Ciara Young, for the hard work she has put into finalizing this schedule in collaboration with the highway department. Councilor Paul questioned the changes that have been made to the schedule this year. In the past few years, the Town has offered 4 large item pickups and did not limit the number of items that were put out. According to the presented schedule there will only be 2 pickup dates per ward with a limit of 2 items each pickup. Supervisor Huerta explained that the Town is trying to be frugal after having to spend more than expected on salt this season. He also mentioned abuse to the program in the past. Comptroller Hommel outlined the funds budgeted and spent over the past 3 years. The figures she presented were: 2023, \$25,000; 2024, \$42,000; 2025, \$65,000. It was noted that there have been significant increases in dump prices and fuel prices. It was decided to increase the number of items from 2 to 4 items per pickup and then to assess the budget after the spring pickup. The schedule will be posted on the website.

A motion was made by Eliza Driscoll to approve the amended 2026 Large Item Pickup schedule. 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 CONTRACT WITH LIVERPOOL LITTLE LEAGUE

A motion was made by Leesa Paul to authorize Supervisor to sign Priority Use Contract with Liverpool Little League at Duerr Park. 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 CONTRACT WITH LIVERPOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL

A motion was made by Page Steinhardt to authorize Supervisor to sign Priority Use Contract with Liverpool Girls Softball at Electronics Park. 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.

OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT RECREATION WITHIN THE TOWN

A resident asked if the Town planned to open the pool at Electronics Park. Jake, Director of Recreation, said that they are in the process of finding out what is wrong with the pool and are looking for staff. He encouraged residents to apply as they need lifeguards. Another resident inquired on whether the Richfield pool would be open. Jake replied that the Town is only funded to open three pools this season and would not be able to find enough staff to operate all four even with enough funding.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Leesa Paul and seconded by Page Steinhardt to adjourn the meeting at 7:57p.m. All Voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Primerano, Town Clerk