

**TOWN OF BALDWIN
JANUARY 14, 2026
2026 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

THIS 2026 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING of the Town of Baldwin was called to order by Supervisor Purvis.

Present Board Members: Zebulin Wolcott, Joshua Smith and Ashley Baker.

Others Present: Paul Tillotson, Faith B. Marmor, Anna Pirro, Nick Ewanyk, Macie Drake, Robin Rosekrans and Joe Donovan.

Resolution No. 1-2026 Rules of Procedure

1. **Meetings** – To be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, except November which will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Other meetings held as needed or otherwise advertised. Town Board monthly meetings will take place at the Baldwin Town Hall.
2. **Agenda Items** – Any items needed to be included on the monthly agenda shall be provided to the Supervisor one week in advance of scheduled meeting. Emergency items may be added at the start of each meeting at the discretion of Town Board Members.
3. **Vouchers** – All vouchers being submitted for approval must be received by the Town Clerk no later than Tuesday the day before the meeting in order to be included on that meeting's abstract.
4. **Official Paper** – Star Gazette. Other advertising venues may be used if State regulations allow for their use.
5. **Bank and Investment Policy** – Chemung Canal Bank and Supervisor may invest for maximum interest as allowed by Law.
6. **Blanket Bond, Liability, Multi-Peril and Public Official Liability** – Sprague Insurance, The Keller Group, Inc., Freeway Ins. Services of NY, Inc., Corning, New York.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 1-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 2-2026 Appointments and Payment Schedules for 2026

1. **New York State Building Code, Fire Protection and Zoning Officer** – Joseph Morey, \$300.00 per month, paid monthly for a total amount of \$3,600.00 per year. May voucher for mileage. The Code Enforcement Officer shall submit monthly reports for each monthly Town Board Meeting, containing the following information: Number of Complaints, Type/Nature of Complaint, Address of Complainant, and Action(s) Taken.
2. **Deputy Supervisor** – Joshua Smith, no extra pay.
3. **Bookkeeper** – Barb Harding, \$5,000.00 per year, paid monthly.
4. **Accountant** – Barb Harding, \$15.00 per hour, paid by voucher.
5. **Town Hall Cleaning** – Nancy Purvis, \$50.00 per cleaning, paid by employee payroll. Cleaning to be done during non-town work hours and done just before Court nights and Town Meetings. Windows in front of the Town Hall are to be cleaned once a month.
6. **Highway Superintendent** – Paid \$62,733.99 per year/biweekly, with Medical and Dental/Vision Insurance and 11% of the annual premium for health benefits to be paid through biweekly payroll deduction.
7. **Historian** – Mary Courtright.
8. **Standing Committees of the Town Board** – No extra pay, Supervisor serves as *ad hoc* member of all committees and Chairperson may request assistance from other Town Board Members to sit on committees.
9. **Zoning Board of Appeals** – No vacancies.
10. **Planning Board** - An individual is needed as Secretary in place of Sherrill Collins for the remainder of her term 01/01/2026 to 12/31/2027. An individual is needed as Planning Board Member in place of Ashley Baker for the remainder of her term 01/01/2026 to 12/31/2029. These positions will be placed on the town's website.
11. **Board of Assessment Review** – No vacancies.
12. **Dog Control Officer** – City of Elmira, \$2,750.00 annually, payable in monthly installments of \$229.16.
13. **Assessor** - Karen Hall, \$7,000.00 per year, paid monthly.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution 2-2026** by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilman Smith, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 3-2026 Salaries and Payment Schedules of Elected Officials

1. **Supervisor** – Russell Purvis, \$3,535.00 per year, to be paid monthly.
2. **Town Clerk** – Faith Marmor, \$11,000.00 per year, to be paid biweekly. May voucher for mileage.
3. **Town Justice** – Leon Tuttle to serve as Town Justice until if and when elected Town Justice Daniel Donovan is qualified to take the position. The Town Justice will receive \$250.00 per month, paid monthly, for a total amount of \$3,000.00 per year.
4. **Board Members/Council** – Ashley Baker, Joshua Smith, Zebulin Wolcott and Nancy Purvis, \$826.00 per year, paid monthly.
5. **Tax Collector** – Chemung County Treasurer’s Office, Katlyn Colombani-Ruiz, \$4,200.00 per year, to be paid by February 28, 2026.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution 3-2026** by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilman Smith, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 4-2026 Employees and Rates of Pay

1. **Election Inspectors** – Paid by Chemung County Board of Elections and billed to the Town of Baldwin.
2. **Budget Officer** – Barb Harding, \$1,000.00 per year, paid monthly.
3. **Town Attorney** – Aaron Alsheimer will bill the town at the hourly rate of \$195.00, paid by voucher. The Association of Towns lawyer is to be called at (518) 465-7933 with any questions before the Town Attorney is called.
4. **Board of Assessment Review** – Members paid \$150.00 for training and Grievance Day.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 4-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 5-2026 Disabled Persons Permit Agent

As per New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Town appoints Faith Marmor, Town Clerk, as Agent to issue permits to disabled individuals.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 5-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 6-2026 Reimbursement Policies

Town Officials may attend workshops and training sessions at the Town's expense and must have prior Board approval to benefit their jobs as long as money is available in the budget.

Reimbursement for mileage to be \$.725 cents per mile for all Town Officials on Town business.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution 6-2026** by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilwoman Baker, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 7-2026 Senior Citizen Tax Exemption

Resolve that senior citizens of the Town of Baldwin (over 65 years old) be granted partial Town Property Tax Exemption of 50% if income is \$10,000.00 or less.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 7-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Baker, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 8-2026 Procurement Policy and Rules of Ethics

Whereas the Procurement Policy of 1992 has been reviewed, be it resolved the competitive bidding for all contracts over \$20,000.00 for Public Works and \$10,000.00 for Purchase Contracts and supplies as said policy.

Furthermore, the Highway Superintendent is authorized to spend up to \$1,000.00 per single purchase without prior approval as long as money is available in the budget and purchase is within the Procurement Policy provisions.

Furthermore, let it be resolved that all Officials and employees of the Town are aware of and have reviewed the Code of Ethics, adopted in 1970.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 8-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 9-2026 Jury Pay

Be it hereby resolved that Jury Pay will be \$50.00 per day if called and \$60.00 per day if served.

Town Clerk may have \$50.00 Petty Cash for making change.

Tax Collector may have \$50.00 Petty Cash for making change.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 9-2026** by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilman Smith, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 10-2026 Highway Pay and Benefits

Gerald Smith's per hour rate is \$24.34, plus an additional \$1.00 per hour for the Deputy Highway Supervisor position, paid biweekly, with Health and Dental/Vision Insurance and 11% of the annual premium for health benefits to be paid through biweekly payroll deduction. Future pay raises will be based on the Federal cost of living adjustment capped at 4%.

A third Highway Department employment is currently being searched for.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 10-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 11-2026 Dog License Fees

\$15.00 will be the Annual License Fee for an altered dog.

\$25.00 will be the Annual License Fee for an unaltered dog.

\$60.00 will be the annual charge for Pure Breed License, plus \$5.00 per dog fee.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 11-2026** by Councilman Wolcott, seconded by Councilwoman Baker, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 12-2026 Town Clerk Copy Fees

\$.50 cents will be the charge per photo copy.

\$10.00 will be the charge per Certified Copy of a Marriage Certificate.

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 12-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Baker, All Ayes.*

Resolution No. 13-2026 Standing Committees

1. **Highway Committee** – Report to Town Board on and oversee such issues as long range planning issues, priority settings for snow removal, CDL, drug and alcohol testing program, annual budgeting, equipment needs, maintenance and purchasing, creation of Personnel Policy Guide, taxpayer complaints, emergency contact person, and to coordinate with Road Superintendent.

2026 Appointee: Zebulin Wolcott

2. **Public Welfare and Safety Committee** – Coordinate activities with Youth and Senior Citizen's Programs, oversee Parks Program and Maintenance. Compile Reimbursement Reports with County and State Agencies. Develop communications with Town of Baldwin's Fire

Department and elected Fire Commissioners and their efforts in the Town of Baldwin's Fire District.

2026 Appointee: Joshua Smith

3. **Banner Program Committee** – Present semi-annual June and December reports on the Banner Program developments.

2026 Appointee: Zebulin Wolcott

4. **Help Your Neighbor Committee** - Bring to our attention anyone that may need a helping hand and make suggestions to accomplish the task of helping those in need. The help needed may arise as a result of a death, a fire, an accident, a health issue or any other issue that may arise.

2026 Appointees: All Board Members

5. **Discrimination and Harassment Compliance Officers**

2026 Appointees: Nancy Purvis
Ashley Baker
Paul Tillotson

*A Motion was made to accept **Resolution No. 13-2026** by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Baker, All Ayes.*

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made to adjourn the Organizational Meeting for 2026 by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wolcott, All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith B. Marmor, Town Clerk