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The re-organizational meeting of the Jewett Town Board was held on Wednesday January 14, 2026. Supervisor Kroyer called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Present were Board Members James Pellitteri, John Giordano, Jeanie Scotti and John Pumilia. Public present was Marc Czermerys, Anatoly Tokarev, Tammy Vanucchi, Dan Dulligan, Steve Canfield, Bill Rod, Al Olivieri, Jason Winocour, Gerard Johnson, Scott Schoonmaker, Josh Holdridge, Dana Salazar and Michael Ryan Mountain Eagle Reporter. Also present was the Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea and the town clerk.

The Supervisors financial report for December was given to the Board prior to the meeting and the bank statements were reviewed by Board Members after the signing of the bills.

Review of Minutes

Supervisor Kroyer said, "We are going to table the minutes at the town clerks request".

Resolution #3 of 2026 Town Justice Report

Supervisor Kroyer said, "We have our Town Justice here, Steve Canfield for his annual report, the floor is all yours Steve".

Judge Canfield said, "Everything is about the same, number wise last year. The big issue this year we had was computer problems and um you'll see in the notes, ah report here in January we had trouble submitting stuff to the state. So, finally in November we got new computers and printers and a laptop. We were like the last ones in the area to get what we needed. So that was a, it was a struggle and then we got them in November and of course there's all kinds of problems getting in, um changing the programs over, we struggled with that. But now we're up and running. So that's about it. Another um, I noticed too that we've seen an increase this year in a environmental conservation law from Colgate Lake. It's going up again a little bit, not bad but. The rangers are doing a good job with the tickets you know getting the illegally parking in the handicap spot up there or garbage, that's normal or camping near the water whatever. So that's about all we have. I have the checkbook here for you're ah review. Again, numbers are almost the same as last year, very little difference. The training has increased, we've got cyber training now and all the other things we're doing. Um, I keep up with that, Lisa keeps up with hers. We have to its mandated. It's up to 16 credits now".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Annual, 16? What is that even like 16 hours?"

Judge Canfield said, "Yeah, we do it online. We used to have to go to Albany; now everything's online so it's a lot easier for me. So, any questions? You know Lisa and I appreciate The Boards support. We keep things smooth up there, no real outrageous conduct. Once in a while we have to, you know make people behave but, otherwise everything's about the same".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yup, we appreciate everything you do Steve. Thank you very much". The Board thanked Judge Canfield.

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Judge Canfield said, "Just another point, I bought the trees for the Veterans Memorial, their paid for, there at, in the ground over at Smitty's".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Awesome".

Judge Canfield said, "So when you're ready let me know".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok".

Councilman Giordano said, "We will".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yeah the spring right?"

Councilman Giordano said, "Yup".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yup ok".

Judge Canfield thanked The Board and in turn The Board thanked Judge Canfield.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, um so we have our resolution #3, its back a few in your folders Board Members um, Town Justice Report resolution. I'll entertain a motion to approve resolution #3 of 2026 Town Justice Report.

On a motion by Councilman Pellitteri, 2nd by Councilman Giordano and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #3 of 2026. Subject: **Town Justice Report.**

"**WHEREAS**, the Town Justice is required to give the Town Board an Annual Report of monies received during the year, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Board must audit the Town Justice books;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Town Board has examined the Justice books and accepts the Annual Report of the Town Justice."

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Resolution #3 is approved unanimous, so there it is".

Resolution #1 of 2026 Town Organizational Appointments

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Next we have resolution #1 of 2026, town organizational appointments annual um resolution that we do here. Anybody have any a any comments on that or? Should we go right for the a. Ok. Board members shall I proceed for the motion?"

Councilman Giordano said, "Looks like you have everybody listed here in all their duties".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "So I will entertain a motion to approve resolution #1 of 2026, the town organizational appointments".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I just have a question".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yes John".

Councilman Pumilia asked, "Is this new um, web administrator?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yes".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Ok, why, why all of a sudden we need one?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "We're gonna start, we gonna keep an up to date website. We're gonna do things differently. We've replaced our, we're working on replacing our website and ah that's what we're gonna do".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Alright, when was, I didn't know that, that was decided but ok".

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Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok well".

Councilman Giordano said, "Well we're deciding on it now".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You gotta start here, we're deciding it right now John and you know".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Yeah, yeah".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You could, feel free to stop by anytime. I mean I, I, I got these together and sent them out this morning um".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I didn't, I know you sent it out about 10:30 this morning but honestly I didn't see them until about a quarter to five".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All good, John I did my best trying to get it together".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I know, not you I was, I was just tied up today".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, yup, me too. Alright so I'll entertain a motion to approve resolution #1 of 2026 Town Organizational Appointments".

On a motion by Councilman Giordano, 2nd by Councilwoman Scotti and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #1 of 2026. Subject: **Town Organizational Appointments.**

"WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE

Depository for Town Funds	Bank of Greene County, NBT Bank, NY Class
Official Newspaper	The Daily Mail, Mountain Eagle
Deputy Supervisor	John Giordano
Town Historian	Elaine Warfield
Association of Towns Delegate	Greg Kroyer
Alternate Delegate	James Pellitteri
Insurance Broker, Property & Casualty	Bill VanGorder
Insurance Broker, Health Insurance	Chad Granger
Deputy Highway Superintendent	Cynthia Mallory
Highway Committee	Greg Kroyer, John Giordano
Security Committee	Jeanie Scotti, John Giordano
Negotiation Committee	James Pellitteri, Greg Kroyer
ZBA Secretary, Alternate	TBD
ZBA Chair	TBD
ZBA Members	TBD
Attorney for the Town	Tal Rappleyea
Dog Control Officer	Bruce Feml
Records Management Officer	Maya Carl
Custodian	Greg Kroyer
Health Officer	Dr. Robert Schnieder
Website Administrator	Cynthia Mallory
Registrar of Vital Records	Maya Carl

Permission is given to the Supervisor to pay electric, health insurance, telephone and discounted bills when they come due. A running balance of \$100.00 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector from A1410.4 will be maintained. Permission is given to the Supervisor to enter into an Inter-Municipal Highway Agreement with Towns and Greene County.

The Town Procurement Policy is hereby modified to reflect the following purchasing levels and actions required associated therewith:

Estimated Amount of Purchase or Value of Services/Goods	Method Required
\$ 1- \$500	No quotations

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\$ 501-\$2,000	2 verbal quotations
\$ 2,001-\$5,000	2 written quotations
\$ 5,001-\$ 20,000	3 written quotations
\$ 20,001- over	Sealed bid required

Estimated Amount of Public Works Contract	Method Required
\$ 1- \$2,500	No quotations
\$ 2,501- \$ 10,000	2 written/quotations
\$ 10,001- \$ 35,000	3 or more written/quotations
\$ 35,001 – over	Sealed bid required

The Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, Cynthia Mallory will be paid \$50.00 per year from A4020.4.

Website Administrator, Cynthia Mallory will be paid \$3000.00 per year from A1650.1

The Town Board authorizes expenditure of funds for job-related schooling.

Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

Audit by all board members will precede the regular meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Mileage reimbursement is \$.70 per mile for all Town business not occurring at the Municipal Building.

Committee and liaison appointments, if any, will be made at the February meeting."

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, resolution #1, motion passes, resolution #1 of 2026 is approved by the Board".

Resolution #2 of 2026 Highway Personnel

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, we're gonna keep going with these. We have quite a few today, tonight. Ah resolution #2 of 2026, Board Members have that in their folder is um highway personnel. So it's, its mainly the union contract is what's outlined here. And ah this is, this'll have to be negotiated once again in July. Ah, I guess June really. Alright so I'm gonna entertain a motion to approve resolution #2 of 2026 Highway Personnel. Do I have a, somebody wants to make the motion?"

On a motion by Councilman Pellitteri, 2nd by Councilman Pumilia and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #2 of 2026. Subject: **Highway Personnel**.

"WHEREAS, this resolution establishes wages, benefits, purchase agreements, county and/ or state contracts and paid holidays for the highway department.

BE IT RESOLVED:

WAGES be paid as follows:

Truck Driver/ Equipment Operator/ Laborer	<u>1/1/2026</u> \$24.97 per hour
Foreman	\$26.01 per hour

Overtime paid at 1 ½ hourly rate over 40 hours per week. Overtime paid on a holiday at 2 times the hourly rate.

BENEFIT HOURS

6 Days Sick Leave

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5 Days Personal Leave

5 Vacation days from 0 up to 2 years of service

10 Vacation days over 2 years up to 5 years of service

15 Vacation days over 5 years up to 10 years of service

20 Vacation days over 10 years of service and up

Carry over – up to 165 days sick leave based on an 8-hour workday

PURCHASE AGREEMENT:

The Superintendent of Highways shall be authorized to spend up to \$3,000.00 per purchase without prior approval from the Town Board and have a running balance of \$50.00 for miscellaneous expenses from DA5130.4.

COUNTY AND/OR STATE CONTRACTS:

The Superintendent of Highways shall be authorized to purchase under County and/or State Contract without competitive bidding.

PAID HOLIDAYS:

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Election Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

BENEFITS:

Highway Department crew uniforms provided on an as-needed basis.

BENEFITS:

Upon presentation of other insurance, medical Insurance buy-out will be paid quarterly at 100% of the individual premium as billed to the Town of Jewett in January.

BENEFITS: Current Highway Department crew will receive a longevity payment as set forth in the Union Contract item 502".

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, the motion passes, Resolution #2 of 2026 is approved by the Board".

Resolution #4 of 2026 Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Three we did already that was Town Justice Report. So we're up onto resolution #4 . Resolution #4 is the official undertaking of municipal officers. Ah, again it's an annual resolution. Shall I proceed Board Members? Ok, entertain a motion to approve resolution #4 of 2026, Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers".

On a motion by Councilman Giordano, 2nd by Councilman Pumilia and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #4 of 2026. Subject: **Official Undertaking of Municipal Officers.**

"WHEREAS, Greg Kroyer, of the Town of Jewett, County of Greene, New York, has been elected to the Office of Supervisor of the Town of Jewett, and

WHEREAS, John Giordano, of the Town of Jewett, County of Greene, New York, has been elected to the Office of Councilman of the Town of Jewett, appointed Deputy Supervisor and

WHEREAS, Maya Carl, of the Town of Jewett, County of Greene, New York, has been elected to the Office of Town Clerk of the Town of Jewett, and

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WHEREAS, Maya Carl, of the Town of Jewett, County of Greene, New York, has been elected to the Office of Tax Collector of the Town of Jewett, and

WHEREAS, Stephen Canfield, of the Town of Jewett, County of Greene, New York, has been elected to the Office of Town Justice of the Town of Jewett, and

WHEREAS, Robert Mallory, of the Town of Jewett, County of Greene, New York, has been elected to the Office of Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Jewett, and

NOW, THEREFORE, we as respective officers above, do hereby undertake with the Town of Jewett that we will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of our office, and will promptly account for and pay over all moneys or property received as Town Officer, in accordance with the law; and

This undertaking of the Town Supervisor is further conditioned upon that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property, including any special district funds, belonging to the Town and coming into his hands as such Supervisor; and

This undertaking of the Town Clerk is further conditioned that she will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into her hands as such Town Clerk; and

This undertaking of the Town Tax Collector is further conditioned that she will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into her hands as such Tax Collector; and

This undertaking of the Town Justice is further conditioned that he will well and truly keep, pay over and account for all moneys and property coming into his hands as such Town Justice; and

The town does and shall maintain insurance coverage, presently with Selective Insurance, in the sum of \$1,000,000.00 for the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Tax Collector to indemnify against losses through the failure of the officers, clerks and employees covered there under faithfully to perform their duties or to account properly for all monies or property received by virtue of their positions or employment, and through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by the officers, clerks and employees covered there under".

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, resolution ah #4 passes unanimously, approved by the Board".

Resolution #5 of 2026 Setting Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Senior Citizens

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, ah onto resolution #5, ah so 5 and 6 are basically the um senior citizen and disabled and low income resident ah exemption for property tax um so resolution #5 of 2026 Setting Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Senior Citizens. Um, what we do, what we've done lately I should say is we adopt the current sliding scale provisions of NY Real Property Tax Law consistent with the levels adopted by the Greene County Legislature. So, we're kinda following along with what the County Legislature does ah and you know it ah, you know the income increases a little bit each and every year to keep up with the rates of inflation. So, resolution #5 of 2026 is the senior exemption. So, I will entertain a motion to approve Resolution #5 of 2026 Setting Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Senior Citizens.

On a motion by Councilwoman Scotti, 2nd by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #5 of 2026. Subject: **Setting Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Senior Citizens.**

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“WHEREAS, the Town of Jewett follows Greene County’s sliding scale regarding income levels for Senior Citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Town Board of Jewett adopts the current “sliding scale” provisions of NY Real Property Tax Law s467 (1) (b) (1), consistent with the levels adopted by the Greene County Legislature.”

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Ok, resolution #5 is approved by the Board. The seniors thank you”.

Resolution #6 of 2026 Setting Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Disabled and Low Income Residents

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Alright, resolution #6 is setting income levels for real property taxes for disabled and low income residents. Same thing, it’s a current sliding scale that the Greene County Legislature adopts. It stays equal to that. So I will entertain a motion to approve Resolution #6 of 2026 Setting Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Disabled and Low Income Residents.

On a motion by Councilman Giordano, 2nd by Councilman Pumilia and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #6 of 2026. Subject: **Setting Income Levels for Real Property Taxes for Disabled and Low Income Residents.**

“WHEREAS, the Town of Jewett follows Greene County’s sliding scale regarding income levels for Disabled and Low Income Citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Town Board of Jewett adopts the current “sliding scale” provisions of NY Real Property Tax Law s467 (1) (b) (1), consistent with the levels adopted by the Greene County Legislature.”

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Councilman Giordano said, “No resolution for the firemen this year?”

Attorney Rappleyea said, “That hasn’t changed so the levels are still the same”.

Councilman Giordano said, “It doesn’t have to be voted yearly”.

Resolution #7 of 2026 Town of Jewett Procurement Policy

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Ok, alright ah the next resolution here is the prop ah, resolution #7 of 2026 Town of Jewett Procurement Policy. So, last time we had our policy updated was back in 2012. So we decided to take a look at it, there’s been some questions lately about um making purchases and amounts and the rest so this clears it up. Um, essentially you know we increased the, the limits. For example the Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements not to exceed \$3,000. So that was \$1,500 so we basically doubled that and that’s without Town Board approval. So anything over \$3,000 instead of the old days, \$1,500 will, will require Town Board approval. So we’re just trying to keep up with inflation here and clear it up and update our procurement policy. Anybody have any discussion on that?”

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Councilman Giordano asked, "Is that per month? Every thirty days?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "No, its individual purchases. So for example, if you go getting a truck repair and its um \$2,999 dollars you can just go ahead and do it. If it's something that exceeds that amount that requires Board approval. Simple".

Councilman Pumilia said, "So, this is all I would say, so if you had two things come to you at the same month, it be, its ok".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "As long as their under the".

Councilman Pumilia said, "There's not a limit in other words for the month".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "No, no,no,no there's not a limit for the month. It's for each for, it's for a specific um purchases, you know. Ah, you know and if something's an emergency, we can talk about that ah you know the way that should be handled is ah Highway Superintendent comes to the Supervisor, Supervisor sees, calls around and tries to see if we have support on the Board and then if it's like I said if it's an emergency and if we ever have to we can have an emergency meeting but you know if I know we got 4 votes or 5 votes in favor of something, even 3 ah we can go ahead and give a verbal on it you know it's an emergency. Right, if it's something that can wait ah then we just run it thru the meeting. So that's basically how that is. Ah any further discussion on the procurement policy? I will entertain a motion to approve resolution #7 of 2026 Town of Jewett Procurement Policy".

On a motion by Councilwoman Scotti, 2nd by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #7 of 2026. Subject: **Town of Jewett Procurement Policy**.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Jewett desires to update the Town Procurement Policy that has not been updated since 2012; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of Jewett Procurement Policy shall be and hereby is amended to include the following:

That any item not exceeding \$200.00 in cost to be purchased by the Assessor, Town Justices and Building & Code Enforcement Department is approved in advance by the Town Board.

That the Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements not to exceed \$3,000.00, without Town Board approval.

That the Town participate in the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, etc. bid and contracted for by Greene County, subject to the rules adopted by the County pursuant to Section 408 -A of the County Law, the Highway Superintendent is also authorized to purchase materials, equipment, supplies, etc. bid and contracted for by other towns or counties if it is to the advantage of the Town of Jewett, the Highway Superintendent is also authorized to purchase materials, equipment, supplies, etc. under the "Piggybacking Law" under General Municipal Law (GM) ss103, subdivision 16, upon approval by the Town Board. That the Highway Superintendent be permitted to participate in NYS Auctions, NYS Thruway Auctions and Auctions International and since the State is contracting for certain highway materials, equipment and supplies; that the Town of Jewett Highway Superintendent is authorized to participate in such purchases during the year 2026 upon approval of the Town Board.

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That the Town Supervisor is authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements not to exceed \$5,000.00.

That the Town Board of the Town of Jewett seeks to exercise the local option set forth in §103, Subdivision 1, of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended by Chapter 608 of the Laws of 2011 and Chapter 2 of the Laws of 2012, which amendment authorizes the Town to award purchase contracts for services subject to competitive bidding under General Municipal Law §103 on the basis of either lowest responsible bidder or “best value” as defined in §163 of the New York State Finance Law. The “best value” option may be used if it is more cost efficient over time to award the good or service to other than the lowest responsible bidder due to factors such as lower cost of maintenance, durability, higher quality and longer product life”.

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Ok, the motion passes, resolution #7 of 2026 is approved by the Board”.

Resolution #8 of 2026 Manitou’s Revenge Ultramarathon

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Alright, um resolution #8 of 2026 is Mana, Manatu, Manatu?

Attorney Rappleyea said, “Manitou”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Manitou. Manitou’s revenge ultramarathon um this is a resolution approving that it’s a, it’s a ultramarathon race. I guess most of its thru state land but within the Town of Jewett and they, this is something we’ve done annually for, I couldn’t say how long but I remember it, at least several years, you know”.

Attorney Rappleyea said, “2017”.

Supervisor Kroyer said, “Is that when it began? Ok, so ah there it is. We have a, a resolution um authorizing that event to take place within our town. So, any further discussion on the, on the race? Ok, I’ll entertain a motion to approve Resolution #8 of 2026 Manitou’s Revenge Ultramarathon. Somebody make that motion?”

On a motion by Councilman Pumilia, 2nd by Councilwoman Scotti and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #7 of 2026. Subject: **Manitou’s Revenge Ultramarathon**.

A RESOLUTION BY THE Town of Jewett GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE **Run Wild, Inc.** TO CONDUCT THE **Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon on 6/20 26 – 6/21/26** WITHIN THE GEORGAPHICAL JURISDICTION OF THE **Town of Jewett**.

“**WHEREAS**, the Run Wild, Inc. proposes conducting the Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon within State ROW, on or along The Long Path located in the Town of Jewett (hereinafter MUNICIPALITY), **Greene** County, and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Jewett** and the Run Wild, Inc. are desirous to have such above-mentioned event conducted within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Run Wild, Inc. will meet all the requirements of the Municipality during the above-mentioned event, and

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WHEREAS, the **Town of Jewett** reserves the rights to monitor the above mentioned event within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Run Wild, Inc. will conduct the above-mentioned event, as shown on the plans/maps and other documents related to the above-mentioned event and at no cost to the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Jewett, by means of this Resolution, grants permission to the Run Wild, Inc. to conduct the above-mentioned event within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality and Run Wild, Inc. shall maintain or cause to be maintained, at its own expense the premises of the event and shall cover any expenses that may arise from the conducting of the above-mentioned event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Maya Carl, the Clerk of the Town of Jewett has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Town's Legal Counsel and by the Town Board, any and all documentation with the Run Wild, Inc. that may be necessary as a result of the above-mentioned event as it relates to the Town of Jewett and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Town of Jewett is hereby directed to electronically transmit signed, sealed, notarized, stamped, and certified copy of the foregoing resolution to the Run Wild, Inc.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately."

AYES: Kroyer, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia. NAY: Giordano.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, motion passes, that is approved by the Board. You wanna embellish anything or we're good to go on?"

Councilman Giordano said, "I think we'll be held responsible if somebody twists an ankle up on the".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "There's insurance and stuff here".

Councilman Giordano said, "Yeah, yeah I know insurance".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "It's alright buddy, you, you gotta".

Councilman Giordano said, "No need for races in the woods, could be hunting season, small game".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I think it said June".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Different strokes".

Councilman Giordano said, "There's a season in June".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, so there it is but anyway, it passes anyway and their gonna run thru the woods whether you like it or not John".

Councilman Giordano said, "Good".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "I was thinking of entering this year, you know".

Councilman Giordano laughed.

Resolution #9 of 2026 Support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act (H.R.3699, S. 1945) and in Opposition to Government – Mandated Natural Gas Bans.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright um the next resolution, this is another, this is one of these ideological ones they're really you know but I think this one is important. So, here's a resolution, we have a resolution in support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's energy choice act and in opposition to government mandated natural gas bans. So as some of us know there

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was a, there's gonna be a prop, a ban on new propane hook ups that was due to take place January 1st. Fortunately, somebody in the state government came to their senses and they at least delayed it or postponed it. Um, but for us in our town, I mean to, to think you would outlaw propane hookups is absolutely, how can I say it, not right, I can say that. You know, I, I get it, the green energy but you know the grid isn't here to support this we are not, maybe someday we'll be ready to do something like that but I don't see it. I would fight it; you know to the death really, I mean we need our propane up here for heat, for gen, for backup generators and everything else".

Councilman Pumilia said, "You said it's postponed?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yeah, it was, it didn't go into effect".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Ok, you know for how long just a question?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "I don't".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Ok".

A member of the public asked if that included propane and another member of the public said yes, natural gas.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Well, natural gas, propane but it will also include um, ah fuel oil".

Councilman Giordano said, "Yup".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You know as well so, the only thing they didn't include is firewood and that's good in my opinion. Ah, you know they'd have well, I'm not gonna say I know but ok there, there we are so we wanna support um ah energy choice, safe guard households, small businesses, keep affordable ah fuel, be able to heat our homes and have backup generators in our town. So we are, I think our Board needs to support this and assuming we get this to pass we'll, we'll send this onto ah the Congressman, the Senator from NYS, the Senator's in Washington DC as well as the Governor and the leadership of the NYS Legislature. So, it's not like we can, you know our little town can make something happen or not but we can certainly add our voice to the, you know into this. Alright, so any further discussion on resolution #9? Ok, I will entertain a motion to approve Resolution #9 of 2026 support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act H.R.3699, S 1945 and in opposition to Government Mandated Natural Gas Bans".

On a motion by Councilman Giordano, 2nd by Councilman Pellitteri and carried, The Board adopted Resolution #9 of 2026. Subject: **Resolution #9 of 2026 Support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act (H.R.3699, S. 1945) and in Opposition to Government – Mandated Natural Gas Bans.**

"WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new

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residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jewett Town Board strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Jewett Town Board urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature".

AYES: Kroyer, Giordano, Pellitteri, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Great alright so motion passes. Resolution #9 of 2026 is approved by the Board and I will ask Maya to follow up with the ah notifications to the ah people listed.

The town clerk said, "Yes, I will".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Thank you".

The town clerk said, "Your welcome".

B.A.R. Appointment

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, ah item here is ah, we have a Board of Assessment Review in the Town of Jewett and ah one of our longstanding members, his term expired so I would like to re-appoint ah, its Don Muth, ah he's a member of the Board of Assessment Review. I would like to entertain a motion to re-appoint Don Muth to a term beginning on September 30, 2025, I know that's past and set to expire on September 30, 2030. So it'll be, it's a 5 year term you know they haven't met since September anyway so he'll be fulfilling all his obligations um. Anyway, so I'd like to ah make that motion or or I'd like somebody to ah, I'll entertain a motion to re-appoint Don Muth to the Board of Assessment Review".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "I'll make the motion".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Jim, do I have a second?"

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Councilman Pumilia said, "I'll second it".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "John Pumilia, alright all in favor?"

Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia said AYE.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Hearing none, motion passes unanimously. The appointment is approved. Congratulations to Don".

U.V. Water Treatment System Replacement

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, next item on the agenda, our UV system, mentioned it last month within a week of me saying it, the thing completely failed and needed to be replaced on an emergency basis in order to keep the senior center up and running. Ah, now when the NYS Department of Health comes by to do their inspection, they tell, tell me that that system needs to be located in the building in which it serves. So, I always knew in the back of my mind if that thing ever goes, we need to relocate it into our building here, into the utility room. So that's what took place. I called um Huber who's our go to guy for emergencies. They always respond and they always give us a fair and a good job and everybody's willing to take a look at it. I mean everybody's welcome to take a look at it. They always do a very professional job. So they came in ah and accomplished this on January 5th. Ah you know they, I tried to get it done sooner but ah that's a soon, you know they, they had a, they ordered it, it came in the next day it was in the truck and they were up here puttin it in. Took em all day, they had just two guys this time, worked it out. Ah, 3 guys actually. Ah, so I would like to ah, so basic, so essentially the old system was removed from the highway garage where it was formally located and it was moved into our utility room here. Ah, so they had to do some wir, they had to fix up the highway garage, remove the old system, dispose of it and repair the plumbing where it was taken out. In addition they installed a new system in here with the UV ah purification light and ah filtration. And ah, an emer, an emergency basis and the cost for the whole thing was \$7,800. So that's the deal. Ah, I, I need to ah you know entertain a motion to approve the installation on an emergency basis at a cost of \$7,800 for the UV system".

Councilman Giordano asked, "The work has been done"?

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yes, it's completed. I couldn't you know, you can't wait because the senior center they come and take a daily reading on that thing and they have to keep that in their ledger and it wasn't, the old system was failing so they, they numbers weren't, weren't ah within the range that's allowable so ah yeah it was an emergency clearly. I mean it wasn't even a close call this thing".

Councilman Giordano said, "I'll make a motion to pay the bill".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Do I have a second?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll second".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, um all in favor?"

Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia said AYE.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Ok, motion passes and this expenditure is approved by the Board".

Planning Board Liaison

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Supervisor Kroyer said, "Um, Planning Board liaison report. The Planning Board met um back on the 2nd of January. Ah, they approved a boundary line adjustment for a resident on Wright Rd. Ah, I attended that meeting".

Highway Plow Truck Repair Estimate

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright next thing is um, we have a truck in the shop at Allet, Allegiance Trucking, um believe, it says here that it's a 2006. Um, if this is the same truck that last month we had a, a, a, a voucher of \$19,000 approximately ah and it wasn't quite fixed so its back there or it didn't quite do it so um I have an estimate, well I have a couple of communications from the Highway Superintendent um, and ah you know I, I can't, you know he asked me to call down there and approve it, I don't have that authority. It's a Board decision. So, um I have the estimate here. It reads ah \$10,913 dollars. Um".

Councilman Giordano asked, "Is this a plow truck?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "This is a plow truck. It's a 2006 ah International. And according to the Highway Superintendent it's a good truck. Ah, he ah, I'm trying to look where it says".

Councilman Pumilia asked, "John, what's it cost to replace that truck?"

Councilman Giordano said, "I just a rebuilt, oh to replace the truck? \$300,000 dollars probably".

Councilman Pumilia said, "That's what I thought, ok".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Right, so the, the, you know even at thirty something grand here total um, if, if the Highway Superintendent says it's still a good truck and its worth repairing, ah you know, I mean I'm gonna vote yes. I think it's a good, it's probably money well spent. So um, basically ah, we need to ah decide on this tonight whether you wanna, you want me to give him a thumbs up on this or not?"

Councilman Giordano asked, "How many plow trucks are we running? Is there 4 plow trucks?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "It's, it's supposed to be 4, yeah there's 4 routes, yup. Yup, but you need a spare, you got a truck that goes down you know you need another spare maybe I mean, I mean they got a bunch of trucks but you know he's asking to do the repairs on this, you know at this point we've already put in \$20,000 let's throw in another 10 and have it running well hopefully you know.

Ok so I'm going to entertain a motion to authorize ah the Highway Superintendent to ah do this ah repair at Allegiance Trucking. Anyone wanna make it?"

Councilman Pellitteri said, "I'll make a motion".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Jim, do I have a second?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll second it".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Jeanie, ok all in favor?"

Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia said AYE.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Ok, so that passes. We can authorize that, alright".

Other Business

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Supervisor Kroyer said, "Now, I'm just gonna, where's my sheet here. Alright so as far as the security committee update the ah, everyone knows this already but the Union had a, objection to the security cameras ah specifically for security cameras located inside of the highway garage. Um, so we've been negotiating that and I was hoping to have it here today for you guys to vote on but the ah, you know we, we've, we've hired our union attorney that we always use for these type of things and ah you know they can only do what they do. The Union lawyer dragged their feet basically and decided not to get back to us before the meeting. So, I don't have it. So I can't say ah anything about it. I think we're very close to having the agreement, I just, I think their just actually, I don't know. Put it this way, the delay is a few weeks at this point. You know and I've been going, I've been, I've been emailing pretty much every day to try to get this resolved. So, it's not quite resolved. And the and the lawyer has advised us don't go forward".

Councilman Giordano asked, "Even with our municipality building?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Let get the MOA signed, I'm advising that myself. I want the MOA signed before we move forward and that will have to be ah either a special meeting or a, a you know, we can, we can ah figure it out. But, very likely it might be next month before we can go forward or like I said we'll have to figure something out ahead of time. Depending on when I get this thing. If I don't, you know I mean I get it, you know I'm not in control of when I receive it. It will happen when it happens. So that's what's up with that.

Um, the ah PESH violations that ah, I believe everything's on schedule with that, I haven't, I haven't heard anything otherwise that that's what's going on and ah I see one of the bills in there was for the um jersey barriers that we signed tonight. Was ah to block the tanks cause that was one of the violations. They claim that you have to have some sort of barrier so a truck can't randomly run into a propane tank or a fuel tank. So I think that's all in the works and it's all getting corrected. Ah, I'd like to formally ask that we get an ah, you know I, I can file to get some of this money reimbursed to us. Maybe as much as 3 quarters from NYS Department of Labor. They have a ah, um, a department that, you know they, they grant money for these type of corrections. So, we're gonna, we're gonna look to get all that money back. But I need to know specifically every single dollar that was spent to correct those PESH violations. Ah, the guardrail out here, the you know, that whatever we spent for that. And every other thing. I wanna re, I wanna file for reimbursement, um I want to start doing that as soon as possible. And then just keep adding to it um. Otherwise the towns gonna take the big hit here on that and that's".

Councilman Giordano said, "Bob's working with you on that?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Um, not yet but I need that to happen. Um, so whether I just have to go thru the vouchers, you know I'd like the cooperation. Somebody should just hand me a,a,a,a, every expense that was for those PESH violations, ah".

Councilwoman Scotti asked, "Were all those violations satisfied?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Not yet, it's a work in progress".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "It's a work in progress".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Right, so whatever I got to do, whether we got to go thru the vouchers if I can't get that other thing to happen that I just said, we'll go thru the vouchers, we'll try to find the, the expenses and ah put them to a ledg, you know a ledger and then file for

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reimbursement. So that's what's going on with those violations. And that, that whole sys, that whole scene there".

Motion to Pay Bills

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Um, ok. So ah, that being said, I gonna entertain a motion to pay the bills. Do I have a a somebody wants to make that motion?"

Councilman Giordano said, "I'll make the motion to pay the bills".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Do I have a second?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll second it".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor?"

Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia said AYE.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? The motion passes. We will pay the bills tomorrow, most of them anyway".

Motion to Accept Financials

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, the financial statements, entertain a motion to accept the financials".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll make the motion".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "I'll second".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor?"

Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia said AYE.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed, hearing none the motion passes. Financials are accepted".

Other Business

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, everybody also in your folders at the back is the 2025 dog controller report from our dog control officer".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "It's always good for some laughs".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Bruce Feml, ah I read it all today, it's a pretty interesting. Amazing how many things. Something, one thing that changed this year um, basically now the dog control officer, they don't let him house the dogs for, I forget the duration, I'm trying look, I thought it was, oh 10 days period right, oh no that's different. They're making, you know he, he's suggesting, he's not suggesting, he's directing us that we need to have a contract signed with the ah".

Councilman Giordano read, "Due to change with the state agriculture and market law regarding holding kennels".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Where is it?"

Councilman Giordano read, "I will no longer hold any stray dogs at my residence but will transport them to Colombia Greene Humane Society in Hudson for holding. The town needs to have a contract with the shelter 2026".

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Supervisor Kroyer said, "Right, so each year we get a contract from Greene Humane, its non-negotiable. We, we sign it. Doesn't cost anything to sign it, we're just saying that you'll cover it, ah us, in the event it's necessary. Ah, it, it gets pricey like one dog picked up could end up costing the town \$500, \$600, you know it's possible. Ah, but you know this is the system that we have in place here in Greene County and ah and this is what our ah our Dog Control Officer is advising that we do, so ah, yeah, we'll, we'll ah you know we'll have to follow his direction. Actually there is no choice. There's no second choice here".

Motion to Adjourn

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, so that was actually the last of those and that's about it. So I'm going to entertain a motion to adjourn".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "I'll make a motion to adjourn".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Jim, do I have a second?"

Councilman Pellitteri said, "Nobody wants to go?"

Councilman Giordano said "No".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Second on Johnny?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Oh did you want to do EMS?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Oh, well I'm sorry Jeanie".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "That's ok".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Somehow I missed that with all these other resolutions".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "No, that's ok".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright lets ah, lets, let's ah go for the Greene County EMS. You have a report for the meeting?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yeah just a quick report".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, thank you very much Jeanie, I'm sorry I missed it".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Ok, that's alright, no problem. Um, just to update everybody, the AED upstairs, I went up tonight to put the books away but um I'm going to have to call them because it's still chirping. After we did the test it went green and it was blinking and it was all good and now I just heard it chirping. So, I have to call the company and the company has to do something. I did read the book, we did, went thru the test you and I and it passed and it did everything. So and Cindy needs to order the new pads so I do have a number there for her and I'll give you the pads".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yup, if you give me that stuff, I'll put it right on her desk tonight".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'm gonna take the books back and I'm gonna call the company and ask them to give me an explanation why it passed the test but it's still chirping".

Resident Bill Rod said, "Is the battery a separate pack from the ah pads?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Ah yeah, it's all separate".

Resident Bill Rod said, "Is it that stupid block?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "What's that?"

Bill Rod said, "Is it the block battery?"

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Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yeah it's the block battery. But I've I took it out reset it again and did all that, I reset the pads, I reset the battery, we did it several times and she cleared. The test was completed and it cleared now its chirping so, I'll take care of that".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright so we're gonna be getting to the bottom of that".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yeah".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Thank you".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Um, just a quick on the County update, um for the County EMS ah, I believe that, well I know Greene County EMS was asked by the Legislatures and also Catskill and Windham to just give them a, you know a figure, on what it would be to put 2 ambulances, 2 full stocked ambulances with a medic with an EMT on for 24, you know, ah you know different shifts, they mentioned different times, um so I'll know when I go to the meeting this month all that what, you know was said about, about that. Um, so there's a lot that needs to be determined about that. You know it's very, in the very first phase of that. And they're just trying to get numbers on what it would cost to put these extra ambulances on and they would operate basically like the fly cars do. So it would be, it would be good because they could go anywhere within the County. Um, you know there was, there's always opposition in that other squads said some little things like why just Greene County and Windham and Catskill. Well, you know the other squads aren't up to the levels of ALS either. You know so; you know they have to take that into consideration. So there was some talk about that and its basically other squads like Greenville and Cairo and, so um the County did implement , I don't know if anybody seen a big bulletin board ah of, what are they called, the boards that are on the side of the road".

Councilman Giordano said, "Billboards".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Billboard, I couldn't remember billboard, um saying that paramedics can get their education paid if they want to become a paramedic. So if you want to become a paramedic, you fill out the application, you give it over to the County and they'll sponsor you for, you know, they'll pick up that tab which is good, because they go to school and they learn so, you know that might entice people to come aboard. Um, just our call volume, our call volume's now at 15 and um for Greene EMS. How many were transported, Jewett ok, 9 transported ALS".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "That's all of 2025 right?"

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Um, no, wait a minute, no, yes that's all of 2025 but we will have a remainder cause we're always a month behind. So December will come into play. So there might be one or two more".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, the numbers are a little high".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yeah we are a little high but if anybody, I don't know if anybody keeps up on but there is all kinds of alerts from the hospital, from the Department of Health, the flu is out there rampid, covid is on and off back and forth, there's a lot of people in the hospital, I can tell you that. They are flooded with people with respiratory, with flu, with pneumonia, things like that so. People just take precaution, don't get nervous but take precaution you know and keep yourself healthy. Um, not really too much more, our respiratory distresses for the year were like the highest number of 280. Ah chest pains and ah heart attacks, 274 right behind it. Ah obvious deaths, 17 the County responded to and we're up to 45 overdoses".

Councilman Giordano asked, "Up from last year?"

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Councilwoman Scotti answered, "That's all of, so far up to December of this, of 2025. Um, as far as cars go, um they gave a little bit of a report of that. The most busiest car is medic 5 which is down in Coxsackie. Medic 3 comes in second which is down in Catskill. And the reason why Coxsackie is up on the top is Catskill has their own medics so a lot of the calls are done, so Greene County only comes in when needed. So that's medic 3. Medic 7 is over stationed in Cairo, they did 68 calls, they come in third. The fourth is Prattsville, which is medic 8, 41 calls. That don't mean that they did those calls in that, that's just where their stationed where I'm saying the towns, they could go anywhere within the County. And medic 9 which is stationed in Hunter did 24. So, that, those numbers are just for the month, for the month of November. Yes, so just so that, that's clear. And that's it, that's all I got. Oh we moved one part timer to full time position, which was good, so I'll know more you know for next meeting".

The Board thanked Councilwoman Scotti for her EMS report.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, alright that being said, I will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting".

Councilman Giordano said, "I'll make a motion to adjourn".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Second?"

Councilman Pellitteri said, "Second".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor?"

Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia said AYE.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed, hearing none the motion passes, the meeting is adjourned".

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm

Maya Carl, RMC Town Clerk