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The general meeting of the Jewett Town Board was held on Wednesday March 11, 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, Michael Ryan, Peter McGuirk, Jessica Franz, Jim Franz, Anatoly Tokarev, Tammy Vanucchi, Floyd Dart, Scott Schoonmaker, Josh Holdridge, Dana Salazar and Michael Ryan Mountain Eagle Reporter.

Also present on the phone was the Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea and the town clerk.

The Supervisors financial report for January and February 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, "Ok, there's no minutes, the town clerk has asked to table the minutes again".

Resolution #10 of 2026 Transfer of Funds

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok ah in your folders Board Members we have a resolution #10 of 2026. It is the transfer of funds. Whereas all funds must be in balance at the end of the fiscal year, in order that the appropriation accounts be balanced the following transfers shall be made. And you have one page of transfers for the general fund and the highway fund. Pretty much the same thing we do every year to get back in balance. Um, I'm not certain this will be the last one of these but I think it might be. Um, anybody have any questions on this or want to discuss it? I'll entertain a motion to approve, did I hear something? No, entertain a motion to approve resolution # 10 of 2026".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "I make a motion".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Second?"

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

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Jeanie, ah ok we'll do a roll call vote on this".

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

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, the motion passes resolution #10 of 2026 is approved by the Board".

Resolution #11 of 2026 Shared Services Agreement

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Next resolution for tonight is resolution #11 of 2026, shared service agreement between County of Greene and Town of Jewett. This is regarding a highway, it's been requested by the Greene County Highway Superintendent to have the ability to share salt and sand and equipment in the event that they need to. Um, I have a signature here from the Highway Superintendent dated February 17th, so he signed off on this, everybody sees that right you got, everybody has the three or four pages of this?"

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Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yes".

Councilman Giordano said, "Yes".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, um it's just a, it looks like it's for approximately like a five or four or five year agreement, I guess four years from ah four years ending January 1st of 2030. So, anybody want to have a discussion on this one? Let me know when you want to proceed".

Councilman Giordano asked, "They pay the town \$25,000 to do this?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Nope, no in other words, maybe they took, maybe they needed salt and sand worth up to \$25,000 and then if they, if they would use our salt and sand they would replace it. In the end everybody ends up whole. It's just the ability to do that. Ah, they're asking for that, the County. It's not like the town initiated it. Um, but it's a, you know like I said that you have that third page there, there you can see it's signed by Highway Superintendent and then it's blank for Greene County Highway Superintendent. So, if we approve this we'll send it onto them tomorrow, they'll sign it and then the agreement will, like I assume they'll send it back to us and we'll keep a copy of it".

Councilman Giordano said, "And this is something we've done for decades?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "I don't ever remember doing it before, do you?"

Councilman Pellitteri said, "Well, it's over five years, yeah I remember doing it".

Attorney Rappleyea said, "We've never done it in writing though we've always had the good neighbor policy where um, not only with the County but also with other towns that if they need a hand we'll go there and vice versa. This um memorializes it in writing for two reasons. One, um if we end up in an emergency situation, we're all using the same language and the same contract so that we can get reimbursed from FEMA and SEMO and everybody else um that does that reimbursement. And then the other thing is um, a couple of years ago the Governor, the Governor also um passed a local law saying that our town, state law saying that we need to be more efficient um and we should show our doing that and so this contract also um coincides with that and and hits the mark as far as what we're required to do".

Councilman Giordano said, "Thank you Tal".

Attorney Rappleyea said, "Yup".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Anything further guys on this or you wanna proceed?"

Councilman Giordano said, "Yup, fine".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, ah I will entertain a motion to approve resolution #11 of 2026".

Councilman Giordano said, "So moved".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Second?"

Councilman Pellitteri said, "Second".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "I guess it's a roll call".

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

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, resolution #11 of 2026, shared services agreement between County of Greene and Town of Jewett is approved by the Board".

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Security Update

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Um, so I'm gonna update everybody on this security, security update we've called it on the agenda, um. You know we voted to, the Board voted to accept the MOA that was presented to us by the union at last month's meeting, um. At this point the union has um, pulled back on that. So negotiations are continuing on the MOA between the town's attorney and the union's attorney um. And again, I didn't even call the town's attorney until the union contacted us from their attorney. So in no way did we ever initiate any of this litigation, this has been initiated by the union. Long story short ah, we're gonna install the cameras in the municipal building and then we will do it in a two phase, the highway ah, exterior cameras will be added at a later date after the completion of the ongoing negotiations and a signed MOA. So that's where it stands and that's how we're proceeding. We've already voted 5-0 unanimously to approve the ah security system and ah that will be installed and then we'll do phase 2 of it which is probably add two cameras on the outside of the highway garage once we have the MOA, ah once the union comes back and negotiates it with the attorney, um. So that's, that's what's going on with that. Any questions on that?"

Councilman Pumilia said, "Yes".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "What".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Since John was removed from the committee, was his position replaced?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "John wasn't removed from any committee, what are you talking about?"

Councilman Pumilia said, "I was made to understand that John".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "By who?"

Councilman Pumilia said, "I was made to understand".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "By who, who made you understand it?"

Councilman Pumilia said, "From the union".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Your, your communicating with the union? You have no, no ability to communicate with the union".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I didn't communicate".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Jim is a negotiator, I'm a negotiator".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I was made to understand".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You voted for that we're the negotiators".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I didn't tell you I didn't".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You're not, you're not gonna".

Councilman Pumilia said, "So you're telling me that John wasn't removed from the security?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You said you talked to the union".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I heard that".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You just said that".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Yeah, I did, I didn't talk to the union, I heard it from".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, its improper John".

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Councilman Pumilia said, "Ok, fine".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "Its not fine".
Councilman Pumilia said, "Listen".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "You have no place negotiating with the union".
Councilman Pumilia said, "I didn't negotiate with the union".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "I'm the negotiator and Jim is".
Councilman Pumilia said, "I didn't contact them, they talked to me".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "What?"
Councilman Pumilia said, "I'm told that John was removed from the security".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "I don't know what you're talking about".
Councilwoman Scotti said, "And when was that?"
Councilman Giordano said, "News to me".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yeah, there's nothing of that sort. That never happened".
Councilman Pumilia said, "So Johns still on the security committee?"
Supervisor Kroyer said, "Absolutely".
Councilman Pumilia said, "Ok, that's all, that was my question, that was my question".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "Well you already just told us something that's very disturbing John".
Councilman Pumilia said, "Oh I'm sorry".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "Sorry?"
Councilman Pumilia said, "Well, that was brought to my attention thru somebody from the union".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "John, John you didn't win the election".
Councilman Pumilia said, "Yeah".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "You're not running the town".
Councilman Pumilia said, "That's right".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, you're a member of the Board".
Councilman Pumilia said, "Correct".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "You need to stay within the confines, you do not contact the union".
Councilman Pumilia said, "I didn't".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "We have negotiators here, myself and Jim".
Councilman Pumilia said, "I didn't contact the union".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "You just said you did".
Councilman Pumilia said, "I did not say that, I said I was informed from somebody from the union".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "No you didn't".
Councilwoman Scotti said, "You said you were informed by the union".
Councilman Pumilia said, "So play it back and we'll see what I said".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "Same thing, you shouldn't be communicating with the union bottom line so anyway the cameras".
Councilman Pumilia said, "So John's still on the committee".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "The cameras are going in".
Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yes".
Supervisor Kroyer said, "The committee hasn't changed".
Councilman Pumilia said, "That was my, that was the question I was leading up to".

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Supervisor Kroyer said, "The cameras will be installed".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Ok".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Bottom line and you should have no further communication with the union because you're not a member of the negotiating committee".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Well, that's fine too".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Period. Alright I'm gonna move on".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Um, Greg".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yes".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Should I call Joe for this phase one?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yes please, yup let's get it done".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Alright John we'll do that this week".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Wow, alright ah I'm gonna go to the next item. Boy that explains a lot".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "It sure does".

PESH Violations Update

Supervisor Kroyer said, "PESH violations update. So we have these PESH violations out in the highway garage. I asked the Highway Superintendent for a fifth time to provide documentation for materials and labor for the remedies to these violations. I have not received any documentation. I think you guys were all in the email chain there".

The Board said yes.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You saw what the response was".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "And we have the due dates".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "He said there's no labor, I watched the men build the guard rails so I know there's labor and of course you can't do anything without labor. So we need documentation from him for materials and labor so we can have an accurate accounting in order to file for reimbursement for our taxpayers money. So, I'm still waiting on that and hopefully I receive that soon. I don't want to have a communication about it, I just need it. I need the documentation. We were not in charge of correcting these violations that were a hundred percent in the highway garage. Hundred percent under the responsibility of the Highway Superintendent. So, once we receive that documentation, we will file for the reimbursement thru my office. And a I can't stress how much I need that otherwise we're gonna be out whatever money".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Money that we put out".

Councilman Giordano said, "No re-imbursement".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "For each violation. Didn't each violation have due dates as well?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yes, yes".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I mean we don't know that either?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "As far as I know at this point it was down to one last violation that needed to be corrected, it was the containment tanks for the heating fuel, ah containment system for the heating fuel tanks. That's what needs to happen. Ah, I believe. I, I have very little communication".

Resident Peter McGuirk said, "Is that mechanical or is that an OSHA ah issue?"

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Supervisor Kroyer said, "It's the containment system for the fuel tanks and it's a PESH which is NYS's division of OSHA, its like OSHA but it's a Department of Labor. So the bottom line is".

Resident Tammy Vanucchi said, "You're not on the agenda you can't talk".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "The bottom line is, ah we're waiting on that from the Highway Superintendent who is in charge of that. Ok, we're not in charge of that and in fact we don't even have access to the building still. So I'm waiting for that and once we get it, we will file for the ah reimbursement from NYS. And to me that's the move to make because you know, why are we, why are the Jewett tax payers gonna foot the bill for this. I just need the documentation to submit, I think we could get, I don't know he said, he told us 75-80% of it reimbursed. Alright so that's the update on the PESH violations it's yet another month has passed and I've received nothing".

Councilman Scotti said, "Well, if we don't get that in, I'm sure that they have as well a deadline for the reimbursements, so we need those reports".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Absolutely and I'll ask for them again ok, but I'm just gonna get an answer that's, you'll, you'll all be cc'd as you were thus far. So you can see what I'm dealing with".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yup".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright".

Fuel Tanks Update

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Now the fuel tank, ah situation. We've already voted for that, we've decided to do it. A board decision, once it's voted on is a board decision. We go forward as a board and I make that happen. When the majority of the board votes, I don't care if its 3-2, 4-1 that's the position I'll represent moving forward. So, at this point the tanks have been approved, we will be replacing those tanks. Um, I spoke with ah Harmon from Dalrymple. There's three specs, there's three specific companies. It's gonna be Main Care delivering the tank, Dalrymple is gonna be setting up the computer system and then I can't think of the name of the third company that's gonna do the ah reclamation of the old tanks and they're gonna, you know empty them, clean them out, cut them up, get rid of them, dispose of them. So we have these three things that are gonna get coordinated hopefully with a cooperative highway department um between now and the end of March actually up to April 1st, it looks like it'll happen. I, looks like within two days from March 31st to April 1st. So that's what's going on with the fuel tank".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Just for clarification, they were, they were declared, the tanks were declared unsafe? Our tanks right?"

Councilman Giordano said, "I don't think anybody declared them unsafe".

Councilman Pumilla said, "No, then how come we're replacing them?"

Councilman Giordano said, "Because they're 40 years old".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Because they're 40 years old and for 25 years they were under the ground and then taken up".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Yeah I know but it was an emergency that was declared".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Should we wait for them to start leaking John?"

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Councilman Pumilia said, "No, I'm just saying".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "That would cause a big DEC and DEP".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, so we're gonna do it before they actually start leaking and there's an environmental catastrophe. We'll get it done before hand. So it will be happening at the end of the month".

Councilman Giordano said, "We're saving the town \$60,000".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "It doesn't matter, John we're not going backwards. We voted to approve this. That's a done deal".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I'm looking for clarification again you don't want to give it, that's fine. You made yourself, you made yourself clear, I got my answer".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "You asked at the last meeting".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "What do you mean? You got the clarification John".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Ok".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "I don't know what you're talking about".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I know you don't".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "Ridiculous".

Councilman Giordano said, "You voted on it too".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "You voted John, right?"

Councilman Giordano said, "Excellent, good we're all in agreement".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I'm not saying I didn't".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, I'm, I'm gonna move on John, You, you want to obstruct, you want to obstruct".

Resident Josh Holdridge said, "You can't talk, if nobody else can talk he can't talk".

The public began to all talk at the same time.

Councilwoman Scotti said, "He raised his hand, he knows that".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Josh, Josh can you please be quiet".

Josh Holdridge said, "Well no isn't that fair?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Its fair if everybody is quiet right now".

Resident Peter McGuirk said, "Fine, all I wanted to do was talk about the abatement and removing tanks and dealing with OSHA under my belt".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, Listen we're here, it's ok. I wish I could let him talk but we have other people who want to disrupt the meeting so I can't so the bottom line is we're gonna move on. You don't want to respect your, your residents that put us here to do a job John. You want to work against this board is what I'm seeing".

Councilman Pumilia said, "Well you can see whatever you want, I really don't care what you think".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "That's obvious".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I'm glad, I'm glad you understand".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Well, I I don't".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "Hey, enough, enough of this. Alright just enough".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yeah the bottom line is stop interjecting into everything we already voted on".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "We all voted on it, we're not gonna wait for a leak to happen so that we can get DEC and DEP and everyone involved with a fuel, ah system".

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Councilman Pumilia said, "Well first of all they're in a containment so, that's first of all, so if there was a leak, we would know. That's first, second of all".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I think he said they were 40 years old and they were under the ground for 25 years and then taken up, I think they're pretty week".

Councilman Pumilia said, "I would think with the amount of money involved to replace them that you would have at least had somebody certified check them out".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "And besides the fact that we need a fuel system, which we don't have".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, I'm gonna take back order of the meeting, thank you. So, we're gonna move on. The update has been given, the tanks are being replaced on March 31st or April 1st and that's the end of that story. We've already paid half down, we'll pay the rest when they, its complete. Everything doesn't have does not have to be this hard. That's all I got to say. It's all normal business for a small town".

Planning Board Liaison

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, planning board ah liaison, the meeting was cancelled, there was ice conditions that night or winter storm warning so they did not meet".

Motion to Pay Bills

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, we've signed the vouchers, I'm gonna entertain a motion to pay the bills".

Councilman Giordano said, "I'll make a 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?"

AYE Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Hearing none the motion passes. We'll pay those bills tomorrow."

General Fund was \$16,470.00 on abstract #3, claim numbers 58-76.

The Highway Fund was \$23,829.28 on abstract #3, claim numbers 43-61.

Motion to Accept Financials

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Entertain a motion to accept the financial statements".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "I make a motion, both of them".

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

Councilwoman Scotti said, "I'll second".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor say AYE".

AYE Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Hearing none, motion passes. The board accepts the financial statements.

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Other Business

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, that's all. I will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Oh, do we have Elaine? Elaine Warfield?"

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Oh, oh I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Ok yes in the back of your folder there's a a document from ah Elaine Warfield um, she wants to have a ah history day in conjunction with the 250 year nation celebration. Ah upstairs in Jewett on June 13th um so that's this, she's just making us aware of it is what I'm seeing here".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Yeah, sounds good".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Alright, cause it's not a vote or anything, sounds like ah they'll have some tables upstairs, radio station and some ah a slide show, different ah looks like different events in this building on June 13th".

Councilman Giordano said, "Between 10 and 3".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Yup. Looks like it will be indoors or outdoors depending on the weather".

Councilwoman Scotti said, "Nice things she does for the town".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, so we thank Elaine for that".

Motion to Adjourn

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Ok, entertain a motion to adjourn".

Councilman Pellitteri said, "I make a motion".

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Second?"

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

Supervisor Kroyer said, "All in favor".

AYE Kroyer, Pellitteri, Giordano, Scotti and Pumilia.

Supervisor Kroyer said, "Any opposed? Hearing none, meeting is adjourned".

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Maya Carl, RMC Town Clerk