

A Special Town Board Meeting was held February 25, 2026 in the Benton Town Hall Conference Room, 1000 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Board Present:	Supervisor	Thomas Davie
	Councilmen	Glenn Quackenbush, Deputy Richard Harper Alan Tomion Bruce Kerrick

Also Present: Jayson Hoover – Highway/Water, Thomas Fulkrod – Zoning, Bobbi Wolfe – Town Clerk, Holly Bedient – Bookkeeper, Amber Bryan – Assessor.

Supervisor Davie opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Bookkeeper: Previous minutes discussed negative amounts on the monthly report. Fire Districts are corrected, as per WLB these are just in and out payments.

Reserves: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Bruce Kerrick to transfer the reserve amount to the savings for Water District # 1 – to zero out the reserve. Motion was carried.

USDA – 2026 Maturity Serial Bond Early Pay - Motion was made by Richard Harper, seconded by Glenn Quackenbush to go ahead with early pay. This will save the town \$1500.00 in interest. Motion was carried.

Assessor: Water Units - Yates County units were lowered from 12 to 8 but they were charged 12 units on their taxes this year. Once corrections are made to update unit charges we need to re-run the report to make sure it is correct. NO discussion on correcting the 12 units. Revaluation is complete and letters have been sent out. Amber stated she will be giving the town board a monthly report starting next month.

Solar: Motion was made by Glenn Quackenbush, seconded by Richard Harper to approve sending the “Host Community Agreement” and the “Decommissioning Agreement” to Attorney, Jeff Graff for his review. Motion was carried.

Tom Fulkrod explained that there was a public hearing on the “Solar” Projects 2/24/26 passing the site plan review, 26 residents attended. The town will receive \$40K annually, and the Decommissioning Agreement will receive \$125,018 upfront.

Discussion on adding a second meeting each month during the day: Decision was made to leave it as is, second Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM. If necessary, start an hour early and advertise it.

Moratorium – Solar: After discussion on placing a moratorium on solar, the motion was made by Bruce Kerrick, seconded by Richard Harper to have a one time moratorium on solar. Motion was duly put to a vote:

AYES: Thomas Davie
Richard Harper
Bruce Kerrick

NOES: Alan Tomion
Glenn Quackenbush

Motion was carried.

The moratorium request will be sent to Attorney Graff for his review and to prepare the Local Law.

Railroad: Has accepted an offer from a group of people purchasing the rail lines in the town of Benton. The tracks are decommissioned north of Havens Corners Road.

Tom Fulkrod stated that Tim Delooza may be interested in the alternate to the Planning Board position and we may suggest a position on the Board of Assessment Review.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Bruce Kerrick seconded by Alan Tomion to adjourn the meeting as of 11:20 P.M. Motion was carried.

Dated: February 26, 2026
Bobbi Wolfe
Benton Town Clerk, RMC