

TOWN OF LLOYD
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2026

Present:

Supervisor Stuart Weiss
Councilmember Michael Guerriero
Councilmember Tiffany Rizzo
Councilmember Lacy Maffei

Also Present:

Sean Murphy, Attorney
Sharan Sekhon, Secretary
Wendy D. Rosinski, Town Clerk

*** Absent**

Councilmember Michael Petty

4:00 PM - Open meeting and Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stuart Weiss

Meeting was held live in Town Hall, Live on Zoom and live streamed on
Optimum Channel 22.

All meetings are available on You Tube Town of Lloyd.

Most current meeting is replayed on Optimum Channel 22 Monday 7pm, Wednesday 9 am,
Friday 7 pm and Saturday at 9 am.

1. REPORTS

Assessor – Gerardo Feo

Budget – Budget meetings will be scheduled over the next week between department heads and Sharan

Building & Zoning Department – David Barton

Permits	Building Permits Issued	41
	Total CO & CC Issued	31
	SFD Permits/ -CO's Issued	0/0
	Permits in Water/Sewer District (new)	0
	Burning Permits	6
Total Inspections	(Includes Field, Final, Fire, Stormwater)	74
Complaints	Total Complaints	12
	Complaints Resolved	0
	Order to Remedy issued/Resolved	0/1
	Stop Work Orders issued/Resolved	1/0
	Appearance Tickets/Resolved	0/0
	Unsafe Structures	0
Stormwater	Complaints/Resolved	0/0
C.O. & Violation Searches	Received/Completed	12/13

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<u>Building Dept.</u>	
Building Permit Fees (A2115)	\$5119.50
Burn Permits (A2121)	\$140.00
Public Assembly / Multiple Dwelling Fire Inspections (A2123)	\$550.00
Certificate of Occupancy & Violation Search (A2125)	\$1,800.00
Map Copies	0
Parking Fees	0
Building	\$7,609.50
Planning Board	\$200.00
ZBA	\$415.00
Recreation Fees	\$2,500.00
<u>Grand Total</u>	\$10,724.50

Building Department Report Summary

- Permit activity typically slows at the end of summer as pool and deck projects are completed. Revenue is expected to be somewhat higher in September and October before generally declining through the winter.
- A fire-safety presentation was recently given to homeowners at Sunnybrook, covering fire-safety equipment and smoke detectors.
- The presentation revealed that many residents either do not have functioning smoke detectors or had removed detectors and left only the mounting plates.
- Residents were reminded that smoke detectors generally have a maximum expected lifespan of 10 years and should be replaced when they become yellowed or otherwise outdated.
- The Building Department operates a smoke detector assistance program in partnership with the Red Cross and with support from Rotary. The program provides and installs smoke detectors, particularly for seniors and residents who may have difficulty affording them.
- The department is seeking additional donations from businesses and individuals to expand the program. Donations are used to purchase smoke detectors from Lowe's, which the department then installs for residents who need them.
- The department emphasized that expanding the program would help address the continued need for functioning smoke detectors in local homes.

Dog Control – Andrew McKee

Andrew McKee is currently unavailable. For Dog Control please contact:

- **Jill Schufeldt: 845-626-5979**
- **Adam Saunders: 518-291-3335**

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Finance –

Highway – Superintendent Richard Klotz

Highway Department Update

- The department is currently focused on mowing, tree trimming, and work on the rail trail.
- Planning for next year's budget is underway, including obtaining quotes to estimate anticipated costs.
- Department heads were advised that fuel expenses are currently approximately 40% over budget, with several months remaining in the year. Departments should adjust their fuel projections accordingly when preparing next year's budgets.
- A meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Central Hudson's upcoming streetscape work, with September 11 mentioned as a possible alternate date.
- The upcoming Central Hudson work may affect the budget for planned improvements to Main Street and the existing pavement.
- The existing trolley tracks will require the old pavement to be completely removed as part of the proposed Main Street work.
- Streetscape and related work may require sections of the street to be closed temporarily.
- The department would like to get a head start on its own work in the spring, depending on the timing and scope of the streetscape project.

Historian –

Queries:

1. Heather Hughes asked for early photographs of the house on 340 Vineyard. I sent her scans of 1974 photos in the assessor's files.
2. Liz Pafumi wanted to know where her husband's parents lived on Pancake Hollow Road. I used the 1933 Tax Assessment maps which were recently digitized to locate the property.
3. Russell Gilmore requested information about the cemeteries in Lloyd. I gave him several sources of information.

Donations:

1. Mike Guerriero gave us an original Highland Cinema program from May 25, 1945.
2. Dr. Pascal Imperato gave us a copy of the article "Irving Roy Rathgeb, Jr. MD. Physician, Surgeon, and Member of the United States Army Medical Corps" which he published in the *Journal of Community Health*. Ira Rathgeb was a native of Lloyd who died in WW II. I provided some information and photographs for the article.

Slave Cemetery:

1. I asked Katie in the building department to add the CRIS registration number USN 11107.000186 to SBL 88.17-4-6.100 (site of the Elting Slave Cemetery/New Paltz Landing Precontact). I gave the building department a copy of the Unmarked Burial Site Protection Act, SECTION 171 Discovery and disposition of human remains and funerary objects.

Deyo Steam Mill

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1. The Deyo Steam Mill arrived and was installed at 4 River Rd. by the highway department. An unveiling ceremony is planned for October 2.
2. I'm creating a press release about the Deyo Steam Mill and its new sign.
3. I am finishing my presentation on the "Mills on the Twaalfskill" which I will present at the library on Oct. 13, at 6:30 PM.

Fanny Reese State Park

1. No updates.

I attended the Rowing History Symposium at Marist University. I also attended a meeting of the UC historians.

Police – Chief James Janso

PATROL ACTIVITIES:

CALLS FOR SERVICE-----1009
ACCIDENTS-----35 (3 personal injury) (32 property damage)
TICKETS (PARKING/UTT'S) -----58 (55 UTT) (3 parking)
ARRESTS-----27

Aug. 4th- "Cops and Coffee" was held at the Bob Shepard Highland Landing.

Aug 5th-Town of Lloyd Police received a \$7,500 donation from the Highland Rotary. This donation will help our police department purchase new equipment and technology upgrades such a cyber security systems. We truly thank Highland Rotary for this amazing donation and appreciate the Rotary for their many years of supporting our police department!

Aug. 11th- Youth Rec. League was held at St. Augustine's School. Everyone had a great time doing obstacle courses, dodgeball and water balloons!

Training

Field Training Officer School-Officer Germain
16 hours of SWAT training-Sgt. Vail

Overdoses: 0 Narcan Use: 0

E-Bikes on the Rail Trail

Councilmember Rizzo raised concerns about increasing e-bike use on the rail trail, noting that residents have been reporting concerns and that she personally observes the trail several days a week during football season.

Councilmember Rizzo discussed whether signage currently exists indicating what types of e-bikes are permitted or prohibited on the trail and whether the Town has authority to restrict their use.

It was noted that there are different classes of e-bikes, and some appear to be traveling at relatively high speeds.

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Councilmember Rizzo observed that some riders appear to be commuting regularly, including one rider reportedly traveling at approximately the same time each evening. Safety concerns were raised because the trail is also heavily used by children, runners, and recreational bicyclists, making interactions with faster e-bikes potentially hazardous. The Town's police/bike patrol was discussed, although members noted the practical difficulty of enforcing speed or other restrictions against riders moving quickly through the trail. Councilmember Guerriero discussed previously placing restrictions or controls at trail intersections, but those measures were reportedly removed. Chief Janso suggested researching how other communities address e-bike use and speed on multi-use trails, including possible traffic-calming or other safety measures. Supervisor Weiss noted that any restrictions or regulatory signage should be supported by an enforceable legal basis, including understanding applicable state rules governing e-bikes on the Empire State Trail. Councilmember Rizzo mentioned coordinating with the rail trail association and Chief Janso to determine current regulations and possible enforcement options. Councilmember Maffei discussed also addressed bells and audible warnings. Town code reportedly requires bicycles to have bells, but members noted that users traveling across different jurisdictions may encounter different requirements. Rather than relying solely on regulatory signs, members suggested educational/courtesy signage, such as reminders to watch for children and alert pedestrians before passing. Chief Janso tried to have a meeting with the rail-trail regarding safety events and outreach, including distributing informational pamphlets, and members suggested revisiting that type of education. Councilmember Maffei suggested that regular commuters could potentially be approached directly and reminded to slow down in areas with children and other vulnerable trail users. The matter was left for further investigation, including determining the applicable rules, consulting the rail trail organization, and identifying practical safety and enforcement measures.

Recreation/Buildings & Grounds – Frank Alfonso

2027 budget

Summer fun

Re-cap was submitted

Tony Williams Park/ Town Field

Scheduling for practices and games are ongoing.

Adult baseball, school tennis, youth baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, football and cheer continue to use both parks.

Looking to move flagpole away from tree and added to mulch area. (twp)

Berean Park

Park is still busy on nice days.

Reminder no swimming! Signs are at park.

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Waiting to hear back about raft repairs.
Looking to remove old water fountain.

B & G / Parks

Parks are in good shape. Steven/Branden, staff and Bakers are keeping up with mowing and keeping parks looking nice.

Staff keeping up with watering flowers in town.

Would like to discuss

- Additional staffing for weekends next summer.
- Berean Park and Rail Trail Pavilion cameras.

Garbage/Receptacle Discussion

Previously, the area had one dumpster and otherwise operated on a carry-in/carry-out basis. Garbage cans were added under the pavilion this year, but members observed that more litter is now appearing on the ground.

Staff were asked to assist with cleanup and monitoring of the area.

Councilmember Guerriero discussed whether the garbage cans should be removed or whether the area should receive more frequent garbage collection.

Mr. Alfonso reported that the area is currently being checked and cleaned more frequently than before, rather than only once a week.

For larger events, such as Senior Breakfast, the Town brings additional garbage cans to the site and removes them after the event.

Cameras for Berean Park and Rail Trail should be installed by Tuesday.

Town Clerk – Wendy Rosinski

Town Clerk

Summer is catch-up time; indexing minutes, death and marriage records, cleaning out files.

I finished my Grand Jury Duty.

Taxes

September the inquiries for School Taxes start.

Parking

The change from Flowbird to Park Mobile went smoothly.

Even with additional signage, we still get dozens of calls a week that people didn't know you have to pay.

Jill is returning phone calls.

Records Management

I want to thank Sharan Sekhon and Joe Avampato for taking the time to research all the electronics and phones that were being stored in the records room and finding them new homes. Some were recycled and others will be returned to the vendor.

Supervisor – Stuart Weiss

- Overall, the budget is generally on track.

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- Water Department expenses are running somewhat higher than anticipated and will require close monitoring during development of next year's budget.
- The higher water expenses are attributed primarily to unexpected waterline breaks, repairs, and materials costs that were not adequately anticipated.
- Parks expenses are also somewhat higher than budgeted, in part due to additional labor costs.
- Other than these areas, financial activity was reported as generally consistent with expectations.
- Employee Handbook Edits

Water & Sewer – Adam Litman

Water Department

1. Running River water, production time is averaging about 11 hrs. per day.
2. Centrifuge is still not running. Frank Palmateer has made contact with prep for the control system. Delays are due to a family medical issue.
3. Clarifier - Filter maintenance & repairs.
4. The water department is testing for the Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) in the raw water as per Department of Health. HAB is undetected at this time.

Road Crew

5. Dam and spillway maintenance on reservoir number 5. The crew replaced the spill way boards and repaired the retaining walls.
6. Lawncare, mowing, weed whacking, mark outs, equipment maintenance & repairs.
7. Bridgeview Pump station had issues with the vacuum priming system. Currently resolved.

Sewer Department

8. Summer months are busy. Pumping rates and times are adjusted daily, and process control chemicals are used to aid in sludge settling. Sludge processing is still once a week.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. Employee Handbook

- Supervisor Weiss reported having a productive deliberative process regarding updates to the existing employee handbook.
- The handbook is in the finalization stage of being brought up to date.
- It was noted that Fred Pizzuto previously attempted to update it while in office, at which time it was reportedly approximately 10 years out of date.

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- The board intends to continue working through the revisions, with the goal of having a final version ready for consideration and a vote at the next meeting.
- The board indicated there is no immediate rush, but members would like to see the update completed.
- Regarding the voting process, the Councilmember Maffei asked whether members would vote on individual changes or the document as a whole.
- The agreed approach is to discuss and work through the proposed changes collectively, then vote on the final product when it is presented.

B. Tilson Avenue Water Service Issue

Councilmember Maffei received a letter from Jeff Wagner, 5 Tilson Avenue, regarding a water service issue associated with the Tilson Avenue Talk Project.

During the project, the driveway serving the property was significantly regraded/lowered. The homeowner subsequently experienced a frozen water line for approximately five weeks last winter, leaving the residence without water.

Multiple companies reportedly determined that the copper water service line was too shallow, making it susceptible to freezing.

The discussion indicated that the water line appears to remain in its original location, while the driveway elevation was substantially changed.

Adam Litman explained that several other water services in the area were relocated or adjusted to proper depths, particularly where retaining walls and other construction required changes.

In this case, the existing water line apparently remained beneath the driveway after the grade was lowered, leaving insufficient depth of cover above the service line.

The water line had been marked during the project, but there was discussion that its actual depth may not have been verified through excavation because it was assumed to be sufficiently deep.

Councilmember Maffei expressed concern that the line is likely to freeze again unless the issue is addressed.

The matter was raised because the Town is approaching project closeout with BNL, and the board wants the issue documented and addressed with the appropriate parties before the project is finalized.

Supervisor Weiss indicated that additional information and potentially a walk-through/inspection with BNL and Town staff will be necessary to determine the appropriate corrective action and responsibility for the work.

Councilmember Maffei acknowledged that correcting the problem could be costly for the homeowner, potentially requiring excavation within the street/driveway area.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dunkin & Stewarts Water Bills

- Dunkins water billing issue was investigated and corrected.

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- The issue involved water-metering problems, which were addressed promptly and efficiently.
- The Stewarts water bill was also reviewed and determined to be primarily the result of a technical issue with the automatic-read meter.
- The meter apparently transmitted a usage reading and then took another reading, resulting in similar or overlapping usage information being reported, comparable to issues experienced with some utility billing systems.
- The Stewart billing issue has also been satisfactorily resolved.

B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee appointments

Supervisor invited community members with relevant skills, experience, or talent who may be interested in becoming involved with the Town to reach out.

Interested individuals would be considered and reviewed by the Board for potential opportunities to contribute to the community.

3. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Councilmember Maffei discussed providing remote computer access to public Town files. Confidential Secretary Sharon is working with the Town's IT provider, Elevated, to determine whether secure access can be accommodated using approved hardware and network requirements.

The proposed solution would allow board members to access necessary public files remotely without requiring Town-owned computers or VPN access. This would provide greater flexibility for members who work or have other daytime obligations and reduce the need to rely on staff for file access.

Mark Reynolds, Southern Ulster Times, asked whether the Town Board had reviewed a resident's concerns regarding how he was treated before the Zoning Board and his request that the Zoning Board Vice Chair recuse himself from the September 10 meeting.

Supervisor stated that the matter was being looked into and was being handled as a personnel matter.

Sue Gilmore, 7 Maple Ave

Expressed concerns about motorized bikes on the rail trail and said she had felt intimidated by bikes while walking.

Followed up on the ongoing presence of unused/junk vehicles and additional litter on Lower Vineyard. The Town noted that the property is state-owned and outside the Town's authority to remove the vehicles.

Reported continuing litter problems in the area.

Suggested using the fire department's electronic sign to share Town notices and emergency announcements, including water-main issues.

Supervisor reminded residents to update their contact information with Town Hall so they can receive emergency notifications. The Town is also considering an online method for updating information and discussed the possibility of a public notification/mailling list.

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Dave Plavchak asked about a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with CSEA, noting that it referenced a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) previously approved by the Town Board on December 17, 2025. Mr. Plavchak asked whether anything had changed or why the agreement needed to be signed again.

Union Attorney Steve Latino stated that once the MOA is approved, it is put into the contract and then the Contract is approved.

Plavchak thanked him for the explanation.

4. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

A. MOTION moved by Rizzo, seconded by Guerriero to approve the minutes of July 1, 2026.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

B. RESOLUTION moved by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to accept the resignation of Phillip Sadchikov as part-time Dispatcher effective September 2, 2026.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

C. RESOLUTION moved by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to hire Phillip Sadchikov as part-time Police Officer effective September 2, 2026, at a pay rate of \$29.00/hour, at recommendation of Chief Janso.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

D. RESOLUTION moved by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to hire Antoinette Coccozza as part-time Police Officer effective September 2, 2026, at a pay rate of \$29.00/hour, at recommendation of Chief Janso.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

E. RESOLUTION moved by Rizzo, seconded by Maffei to terminate Katie Palmateer as Receptionist with Typing.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

F. RESOLUTION moved by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to provisionally hire Katie Palmateer as Administrative Assistant to the Building Department at the pay rate \$21.62/hour for 40 hours/week, at the recommendation of Building Director David Barton.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

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- G. RESOLUTION** moved by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to authorize supervisor to sign agreement with Sterling Environmental Engineering to conduct the annual Post-Closure Monitoring at the Town of Lloyd Landfill with a cost of \$7,355.00, budget-supported, at the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

- H. RESOLUTION** moved by Maffei, seconded by Guerriero to install two Handicapped Parking spots along the Pavillion area of the Highland Landing Park at the recommendation of Richard Klotz, Highway Superintendent

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

MOTION by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to go into executive session regarding legal advice regarding a personal matter, employee handbook and collective bargaining as advised by Attorney Latino at 4:53PM.

Roll Call: Weiss, aye; Maffei, aye; Guerriero, aye; Rizzo, aye

Four ayes carried

MOTION by Guerriero, seconded by Rizzo to adjourn at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy D. Rosinski
Town Clerk