

**Town Of Ashland**  
**12094 State Route 23**  
**Ashland, New York 12407**  
**February 9, 2026**  
**Town Board Meeting**

**Attendance of the Board**

Supervisor- Chris Hamilton

Councilperson- Deputy Scott Tuttle

Councilperson- Jeff Gonzalez

Councilperson- James Garraghan

Councilperson- John Mattice

Town Clerk- Dawn Thorp

Attending: Robert Kehoe, Yvette Blain, Heather Younes. Planning Board members: Barbara Cooke, George Scherer, Diane Berquest, Jesse

**1-4] Supervisor Hamilton** opened Town board meeting at 7:30 pm with the pledge to the American Flag.

Supervisor Hamilton stated we will wait to open the Public Hearing until Rob & Yvette arrive. He asked Ron Allen Koch to state his request.

**7] Ron Allen Koch regarding children at play road sign:** Ron Brought photos and information on the road by his house, he stated the traffic ATV's, Cars, motorcycles and trucks drives extremely fast down the hill and around the sharp corner by his house. They only have one flat area close to the road for a swing set for his two-and-a-half-year-old son. He and his wife Mndy would like to have the town look into signs for his son's safety. Motion by Councilperson Scott Tuttle, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to have the Town Clerk contact the County Highway Superintendent to process this request.: Adopted, 5 Aye Garraghan, Hamilton, Mattice Tuttle Gonzalez 0 Nay

Councilperson Scott Tuttle arrived 7:35PM Yvette & Rob arrived 7:37pm

**2] Public Hearing:** A motion to open the public hearing By Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson John Mattice at 7:37pm, motion carried.

**5] Notice is hereby Given:** A Public Hearing will be held to consider a proposed variance of approximately 17 feet for a proposed 24x50x12 Garage, regarding the 40-foot set back in the Town of Ashland. The proposed variance is for Yvette Blain and Robert Kehoe for #12314 State Route 23, Town of Ashland, Greene County, New York. The hearing will be scheduled February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 7:30PM. All questions will be heard at that time.

By Order of the Town Board, Dawn Thorp, Town Clerk Dated: January 12, 2026

The Supervisor asked Yvette if they had their Receipts for the town clerk, she gave them to Dawn for the file. The board reviewed the map for the variance request of footage needed for the larger garage than the original variance in 2020. Supervisor Hamilton asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Motion by Councilperson James Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez to close public hearing at 7:39 pm and open the regular town board meeting, motion carried.

Supervisor Hamilton asked the board what they would like to do. Motion by Councilperson Scott Tuttle, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to approve the variance for Yvette Blain and Rob Kehoe, motion: Adopted, 5 Aye Garraghan, Hamilton, Mattice Tuttle, Gonzalez 0 Nay

**3] Comments from the floor-** Supervisor asked again if there were no comments or concerns, there were none.

**6] Michael Harte Variance:** Supervisor Hamilton had another variance still open-his 7x7 shed is very close to route 23. Councilperson Tuttle suggested it needs to be in another location. The board agreed he needs to move the storage shed;

a letter should be drafted to him regarding it must be moved before May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Motion by Councilperson Tuttle, seconded by Councilperson Garraghan to advise Mr. Harte the shed must be moved before May 31, 2026.

**8] Travis Report:** Travis gave his report, discussed how to find the leak in the water district its approximately 20,000 gallons or more a day. Scott mentioned is it feasible to send a note to the water users to see if they have noticed a lower pressure of water in their homes. Since there is so much snow, it is difficult to work through the several feet of snow. He stated there will be work done on the pump house. Supervisor asked about the situation down the street from the town hall. Travis said he has not heard anything since his emails from Kevin Young.

**9] Communication: NYC land use Permit:** Supervisor stated our attorney is still working on the land use permit as DEP is charging us for the water line across their property. We received another bill, Tal advised the Supervisor not to pay it, as he is working on getting this charge waved.

**10] Lamont Engineers General Consulting Services Agreement:** Supervisor Hamilton asked the board to review the document, he stated he believes it hasn't changed very much. After review- Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzales, seconded by Councilperson John Mattice, to approve the Supervisor to sign the agreement, Adopted, 5 Aye Garraghan, Hamilton, Mattice, Tuttle, Gonzalez 0 Nay

**11] Stryker Quote:** for the power load stretcher-The Supervisor advised the board we received, two different quote options. Also, the board members are aware there will be a change coming within the state. Diane believes the state is mandating that Ambulances statewide to have the lift for all Ambulances. The cost looks to be for the ambulance stretcher will be Approximately \$80,858.90. Motion to purchase a Stryker made by Councilperson James Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez motion; Adopted, 5 Aye Garraghan, Hamilton, Mattice, Tuttle, Gonzalez 0 Nay

**12] Emsar:** We received a maintenance repair quote for one year \$2000.00.

**13] Ambulance Quarters:** Code Officer Don Schoenborn and Doug Lawrence and our engineer will go over the weight capacity for the second-floor option of the town hall for the ambulance quarters. Pricing and costs are also a concern. We are looking into all options, and it is maybe 18 months out for the work to be done. The board discussed all options.

**14] Communication – Assessor Nancy Bower:** Nancy's suggestion is to increase the sliding scale from 50% to 65% for the fulltime lower incomes. The board discussed her information. Motion by Councilperson James Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Scott Tuttle to approve the change to 65% from 50%. Motion; Adopted, 5 Aye Garraghan, Hamilton, Mattice Tuttle Gonzalez 0 Nay

**Planning board:** The planning board are concerned about our ordinances and laws being out of date, not with the currant codes and laws within the state. They will meet with Tal to go over the regulations and laws. Supervisor Hamilton will contact Tal make sure the meeting is setup.

**15] Town Clerk report for January 2026:** After Review; Motion by Councilperson James Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez to authorize the Supervisor to sign to report. Adopted, 5 Aye Garraghan, Hamilton, Mattice Tuttle Gonzalez 0 Nay

**Resolutions:** (all resolutions are signed -sealed in the office)

**16] Town Board Resolutions 2026:**

TB#11

TB#12

17] General Fund Resolution #2

18] Highway Resolution #2

19] Ambulance Resolution #2

**Communication:**

**20] Office of County Administrator:** The county sent a check toward Ambulance Services for \$27,630.50 for funds allocated to the County for EMS services. He recommends this be used to standardize equipment and services through shared contracts. The board discussed this at length as our concern for our taxpayers and emergency services.

**21] Municipal Shelter Inspection Report:** Reviewed by board.

**22] Excessive Session:** Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson John Mattice to move to executive session at 8:54PM regarding personnel, motion carried.

A motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded Councilperson John Mattice to close executive session at 9:36 PM, motion carried.

**Pay Warrant Bills:** Motion to pay bills as audited by Councilperson James Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson John Mattice, motion, Adopted, 5 Aye Garraghan, Hamilton, Mattice Tuttle Gonzalez 0 Nay

**Warrant Bills:** General Fund Warrant # 2- 40 Claims \$20,757.60, Highway Fund warrant#2- 23 claims \$7,810.99, Ambulance Fund Warrant #2 15 Claims \$6,097.75, WWTP Warrant#2 -22 Claims \$30,493.90, Streetlight Warrant #2–1 claim \$212.58, Water District Warrant # 2 – 6 claims \$2515.70.

**Motion to close** the meeting at 9:40PM by Councilperson James Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson John Mattice, motion carried.

Dawn Thorp, Town Clerk

Town of Ashland

Dated February 9, 2026