

The town board meeting was held on May 12, 2026 at the town justice building.

Councilman Voght led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call as follows: Supervisor Bronner – present	Councilman Armstrong – present
Councilman Valenta – present	Councilman Hubiak – present
Councilman Voght – present	Superintendent Hajczewski – present
Town Clerk Smith – present	

Also attending the meeting: Ken Richards

The town clerk read the minutes from April 14, 2026. Supervisor Bronner asked if there were any corrections, additions, or changes to the minutes. A correction regarding where the windmill meeting was to be held was Knotting Hill Farm rather than Knottingham Hill Farm. Councilman Voght had a couple of questions on the minutes. He was curious as to Chad Buddles doing the groundwork but in fact the groundwork is being done by the town employees. Chad Buddles is doing the work that they can't. Also any ideas when the justice books are going to be ready to audit. Supervisor Bronner advised the judge is having an issue getting in touch with people. She hasn't gotten enough information and nothing is being accomplished. On May 1, 2026 she took off from work at the school and went to the town justice building. She wasn't able to converse with anyone until 10:00 am. Then a job was assigned to her to take an hour and instead it took 2 ½ hours when done. She attempted to sign in to do her work and she wasn't able to access it. After attempting to make phone calls to obtain access, there was no response for her calls. Also another question was asked at last month's meeting that there was a bond voted on for both trucks. Supervisor Bronner advised it was only for the Mack truck. Councilman Voght said in the October meeting it was said we would pay no money until one full year. Supervisor Bronner advised the bond just taken out for the amount of \$148,000.00 is the balance due on the Mack. Next year there will be two bonds due – one for approximately \$60,000.00 for the Volvo and \$30,000.00 on the Mack on the \$148,000.00. They can combine them but not until next year, and possibly extend payments out to 6-7 years for relief on the budget. There was no further discussion as to the minutes as read and Councilman Hubiak made a motion to approve and Councilman Armstrong seconded. All approved.

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:15 pm. A statement was made thanking the town and the highway department for the dumpster day. No further discussion and the town board continued with the regular meeting at 7:20 pm. Councilman Armstrong questioned about our trucks hauling sand if there was another way to have bids to haul our sand versus using our trucks. Superintendent Hajczewski advised it wouldn't be financially feasible. Councilman Armstrong also questioned the judge's request for a clerk. Would there be a possibility of hiring a clerk and the payment coming from the judge's allotted amount that she receives for the year for that position. Supervisor Bronner advised that the judge has a lot of schooling which is another issue and not sure where the money would be obtained, but needed to discuss hiring a court clerk in the future. Councilman Armstrong also questioned compensation for the salt barn. Supervisor Bronner advised if the paperwork is satisfactory and works,

we should get paid back before the end of this year. Superintendent Hajczewski advised that the salt barn should be up by the next town board meeting, but not completed.

Supervisor Bronner passed information from Jim Fresco regarding reimbursement for the town from the windmill project through the state. Dollar amount of \$1,000.00 is what the expectation is to receive due to the host community agreement and it would be for 10 years only. Also passed was correspondence from Herkimer County regarding 4th of July celebration asking for a donation for their fireworks display. Supervisor Bronner attended a Supervisor's meeting consisting of 8-9 other town representatives and none of them are sending a donation. Supervisor Bronner passed to the town board that he received from worker's comp alliance (our worker's comp carrier) a bill that was never sent in 2025 for the amount of \$20545.00. Two years ago the town had a credit of \$118.00. This year the amount is unknown but the town has always been assessed for the amount of \$600.00. Supervisor Bronner also passed billing for the snow removal and the Herkimer County Sales Distribution.

There was a request for more notification to the town board of events and what's happening in the town that they should be made aware of.

Councilman Valenta brought up a letter to be written regarding the conditions of the roads. Councilman Valenta volunteered to write the letter and the town board and town attorney will review for it to be sent to the county and state. Councilman Valenta also brought up a pile of tires behind the garage of David Grescheck's as someone had brought it to his attention and if it was allowed. Supervisor Bronner advised in the laws if there is anything that defines it or not.

The town board reviewed the Supervisor's report. Councilman Voght made a motion to accept and Councilman Valenta seconded. All approved.

The town board reviewed the town clerk's report consisting of a building permit for the amount of \$171.00. Councilman Hubiak made a motion to accept and Councilman Armstrong seconded. All approved.

The town board reviewed the General and Highway vouchers to pay the bills. Councilman Hubiak made a motion to pay the bills and Councilman Valenta seconded. All approved.

There was an executive meeting to discuss a personnel issue in the town of Stark at 8:23 pm and closed at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Councilman Hubiak made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Valenta seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.