Town of St. Armand
Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 19, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Town Supervisor Davina Thurston, Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, Councilperson JP O'Neil, and Raymond Tempestilli were all present.
A q*uorum of the Board was in attendance.*

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Water Superintendent Jonathan Nielson, Wastewater Superintendent Joshua Woodruff, Town Assessor Timothy Burpoe, and Town Clerk Barbara Darrah.

EXCUSED: Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles was excused from the meeting.

GUESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY: Raymond Amell, Nancy Bernstein, Aaron Carbone, Diane and Tyler Chase, Kathleen Daggett, Jonathan Gorgas,Tom Hesseltine, James J. Jones, William C. Martin, Diana Strablow, Sheridan Swinyer, and Francis Whitelaw attended in person. Online attendees: Donald Amell, Josh Colby, and M. Annon. Guest speakers: Owen Hooper and Riya Kurian from Carson Power.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Thurston opened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 pm and asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Thurston then opened the floor to guest speakers from Carson Power; representatives Owen Hooper and Riya Kurian. Owen Hooper explained battery storage facilities to include how they would assist in meeting increased demand for electrical power. Issues brought up from the audience and discussed in depth included Fire safety and concerns, noise levels, APA Permits, zoning, parcel assessments, lithium phosphate contamination, and the lease aspects. Riya Kurian went over the slides included in the presentation, further depicting the positive goals of the battery storage facility.

Supervisor Thurston thanked Owen and Riya for their presentation. Thurston did report that the Town of St. Armand was going to seek a one-year moratorium on battery storage facilities in order to give the town plenty of time to study and investigate all aspects of having a storage facility in our town. All Town Board members agreed to the moratorium. Thurston also informed the audience that the Carson Power documents would be available on the Town's website.

Supervisor Thurston asked for the presentation of the departmental reports.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Douglas Snickles submitted the following report:

Town of St. Armand Highway Report for the February 19, 2026 Board Meeting

1. Pushing back all the banks on all routes.
2. Cleaned Route 3 Bridge for the State. The snow was too high and people were complaining coming off the River Road that they could not see.
3. Fixed tarp on the Youth Field stage. The wind had torn off one side.
4. Helped with the water line breaks.
5. Helped move some banks at the Overlook.
6. We installed the new cutting edge blade on the loader.
7. Bob's Auto and Truck serviced the loader.
8. Hope to have all the fire hydrants dug out this week again.
9. Alarm company came and found a loose wire was caused by spray foam.

There were no questions regarding the Highway department.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Water Report for the February 19, 2026 Town Board Meeting
Submitted by Jonathan Nielsen, Water Superintendent

1. Meter Reads, reader swap-outs. Chlorine residual testing. Daily testing at the plant.
2. Routine Endyne Labs were collected and sent out this month for E-coli, total Coliform
3. Class-action lawsuit for PFOA's, compiled and sent data from last 10 previous years along with Lab testing results, yearly water withdrawal reports, etc. More information is needed and now being compiled.
4. Meetings for the Well Field purchase and updating the yearly withdrawal permits were completed and accepted by NYS DEC.

5. Hydrant on Rockledge will need to be replaced this spring. Leak was identified on Saranac Lane, and we were able to shut off the valve before the hydrant.
6. Inventorying parts and going through stock for future repairs this spring/summer.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

1. Minor repairs in the town hall.

There were no questions regarding the Water or General Maintenance report.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Wastewater Report for the February 19, 2026 Town Board Meeting
Submitted by Joshua Woodruff, Water Superintendent.

Wastewater Department

1. Daily Operation of Preliminary Treatment Building and Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2. Monthly Lab to Endyne Lab.
3. Monthly DMR's (daily monitoring report)
4. Yearly DEC inspection.
5. Yearly flows and chemical dosage data
6. Blower Maintenance
7. Snow removal

Supervisor Thurston reported that the Town has a year-long extension on the SPDES permit.

There were no questions regarding the Wastewater Department report.

WATER AND SEWER CLERK MONTHLY REPORT:

Water and Sewer Clerk's Monthly Report for the February 19, 2026 Board Meeting
Submitted by Barbara Darrah, Water and Sewer Clerk

WATER/SEWER

The 1st quarter billing for 2026 (October 1 – December 31, 2025) was completed on January 21, 2026, with the amount of billing totaling $82,153.60. To date, receivables are $70,832.33. I have received more payments that will be process tomorrow, Friday, February 20th. Monday, February 23rd is the due date for payments before late fees being applied.

The next Water and Sewer readings are set for March 25 – March 31, 2026.

Barbara Darrah
St. Armand Water and Sewer Clerk

There were no questions regarding the Water and Sewer Clerk's Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Rodger Thompkins submitted the following report for the February 19, 2026 Town Board Meeting.

Code Report - Submitted by Rodger Tompkins
January & February, 2026 - Prepared on February 17, 2026
New Residential Building Permits Issued Since Last Report: 1
New Water or Sewer Line Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Extension of Residential Building Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Commercial Building Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Certificates of Completion Issued Since Last Report: 0

Stop Work Orders Issued Since Last Report: 0
Demolition Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Solar PVS Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
New Short Term Rental Permits Issued Since Last Report: 0
Code Violations Issued Since Last Report Issued: 4
Sewer Code Violations Issued Since Last Report: 0
Total number of Residential Building permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Residential Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Commercial Building permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Commercial Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Demolition permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Demolition Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Short Term Rental Permits Issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Solar permits issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Solar Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Code Violations issued for the year 2026: 4
Total number of Code Violation Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Sewer Code Violations issued for the year 2026: 0
Total number of Sewer Code Violation Certificates of Completion issued for the year 2026: 0
Amount of fees collected for Code Office since last report: $50.00
Amount of fees collected for Water Department since last report: $0
Amount of fees collected for Sewer Department since last report: $0
Total amount of Water/Sewer fees collected via Code Office since last report: $0
Total amount of fees collected via Code Office for the year 2026: $50.00

There were no questions regarding the Code Enforcement Officer report.

TOWN JUSTICE REPORT

Town Justice Frank Whitelaw was present at this Town Board meeting. He announced the audit of his justice files for 2025 were reviewed by Supervisor Thurston and offered his records to the Town Board. He asked for a copy of the Resolution passed regarding the audit, for forwarding to the Court system.

There were no questions regarding the Town Justice Report.

RESOLUTIONS # 21 - # 28 OF 2026

RESOLUTION # 21 OF 2026

INRODUCTION OF TOWN OF ST. ARMAND LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026 LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS FOR “BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)” IN THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND

Councilperson JP O’Neil, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

Section 1. Purpose
The purpose of this local law is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of St. Armand and to maintain the status quo by temporarily suspending the processing of land use approvals as provided herein and to further suspend the rights of land owners and their designees to obtain development approvals as identified below for a period of twelve months from the adoption of this local law while the Town Board studies, analyzes and determines potential appropriate Planning Board/Site Plan Review and zoning laws and revisions and amendments to the Town Law regarding the propriety of Battery Energy Storage Systems (as defined below).

Section 2. Legislative Findings
One specific area of concern and inquiry is Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Town of St. Armand. The Town of St. Armand has significant safety concerns, especially following fire incidents at facilities across the state. The Town of St. Armand intends to study the safety and security of these energy storage systems. including thermal runaway, off gassing and toxicity, stranded energy, ways to prevent fires, prevent by-product contamination, and ensure emergency responders have the necessary training and information to prepare and deploy resources in the event of a fire. Relatedly, the Town of St. Armand intends to study which areas in the Town may be appropriate for such systems.

The Town of St. Armand understands that in the Summer 2023 fires occurred at three energy storage facilities and a fire at a solar farm that is believed to have sent potentially toxic smoke across the Albany area. These events prompted the Governor to establish an Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group {FSWG), which recently made recommendations for changes to the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council. New York State adopted updated energy storage safety codes based on the FSWG's recommendations. The updated NYS Fire Code provisions will take effect on or about January 1, 2026. Thus, utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems may have adverse impacts on the community including safety and fire risk, and may have a detrimental effect on the value of properties and may impair important agricultural resources within the Town of St. Armand. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has developed guidance, including a model law, for regulating Battery Energy Storage Systems to mitigate and address potential adverse impacts on the municipality.

The Town of St. Armand is very concerned with detrimental effects of Battery Energy Storage Systems on the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the residents and citizens of the Town of St. Armand. The Town Board has decided to consider potential solutions thereto to address these concerns.
To allow the Town Board of St. Armand time to complete its review, draft proposed new legislation and enact any such legislation, the Town Board deems it in the best interest of the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of St. Armand to impose a moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of applications and permits for Battery Energy Storage System in the Town of St. Armand.

Section 3. Definitions
Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): One or more devices, assembled together, capable of storing energy in order to supply electrical energy at a future time, typically using lithium-ion or similar batteries, including all equipment and controls, not to include standalone 12v car batteries, electric motor vehicles or any battery energy storage unit used on a residential property for the benefit of such property only. Nothing herein shall prohibit a licensed load saving entity from conducting its regular and usual business of providing electrical distribution within its service territory as defined by its tariff by the New York State Department of Public Service.

Section 4. Moratorium Imposed
For a period of one (1) year following the effective date of this Local Law, no board, officer, or agency of the Town shall accept, process, or approve any application for the construction or operation of any Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Section 5. Study and Review
During this moratorium, the Town Board shall review safety, environmental, and zoning issues, and prepare Planning Board, zoning ordinances and amend its comprehensive plan addressing BESS concerns.

Section 6. Hardship Exemption
Owing to the limited scope and duration of this moratorium, there is no provision being made in this Local Law for any waivers to its applicability. However, the Town Board may, but is not obligated to promulgate regulations by Resolution of the Board authorizing a hardship waiver process to this moratorium.

Section 7. Extension or Early Termination
The Town Board may, by resolution, extend or terminate the moratorium as necessary.

Section 8. Supersession Clause
This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law§10, and shall supersede any provision of the Town Law or any other local law, ordinance, or regulation of the Town of Goshen to the extent necessary to give full effect to the provisions of this Local Law. Without limitation, this Local Law shall supersede the procedural and decision deadlines contained in Town Law§§ 267, 267-a, 274-a, 276, and 277, and any inconsistent provisions of the Town Code, for the duration of the moratorium established herein.

Section 9. SEQRA Classification
This Local Law is a Type If action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act {SEQRA} pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c){30}, as it involves the adoption of a moratorium on land development or construction. As a Type II action, this Local Law is not subject to further review under SEQRA.

Section 10. Severability
If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Penalties for Offenses
Any person or entity that violates the terms of this local law shall be guilty of a violation and subjected to a fine of not less than $250.00 per day and for imprisonment of 15 days. Each day that the violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. In addition, the Town may enforce this local law by seeking an injunction or any other legal remedy it deems appropriate.

Section 12. Conflicts
In the event that any provision of the Town of St. Armand Code is in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law such provision is hereby superseded by the requirements of this Local Law during the moratorium set forth above.
It is the intention of the Town Board to supersede any inconsistent provisions in the following sections of New York State Town Law §265, §267, §267-a, §267-b, §274-a, §274-b, §276, and §277 pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.

Section 13. Authority
This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Sections 10 and 22.

Section 14. Effective Date
This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 19th day of March, 2026, at 5:30 pm, to hear any and all persons concerning the same.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 22 OF 2026

RESOLUTION OF PERMANENT EASEMENT AND BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF ST. ARMAND AND DAVINA THURSTON

Permanent Easement and Boundary Line Agreement between
The Town of St. Armand and Davina Thurston

Councilperson JP O'Neil, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the following agreement has been previously approved by the Town Board in 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Armand Board previously installed a water and electrical line from the Town Hall, 1704 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale through the adjacent property owned by Davina Thurston, 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale to the Town owned Veterans Memorial Park, 1688 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale to supply Veterans Memorial Park with Water and Electricity, and

WHEREAS, the private landowner, Davina Thurston, has agreed to provide the easement to the Town of St. Armand at no charge, and

WHEREAS, the landowner Davina Thurston requested a boundary line agreement with the Town of St. Armand for a small strip of land behind her garage that has been mowed and maintained by the property owners of 1704 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, for decades, and this adjustment brings the land in line with the tree line of Veterans Memorial Park, and

WHEREAS, the landowner Davina Thurston has requested this boundary line agreement since we are doing the water and electrical line easement and to remove any liability from the Town of St. Armand for any injury that may occur on the property that the Town has not maintained, and

WHEREAS, survey bids were requested for this project and John Martino was awarded the bid in 2025, and

WHEREAS, Davina Thurston has paid for half of the cost of surveyor ($975.00 paid to John Martino on July 24, 2025, $487.50 received from Davina Thurston on July 22, 2025 for the easement and the boundary line agreement, and the receipt for the payments will be attached and filed with this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand does hereby give Deputy Supervisor Karl Law permission to sign the Boundary Line Agreement and the Permanent Easement documents so they can be filled with the Essex County Clerk. Town Supervisor Davina Thurston hereby abstains from the Roll Call vote.

This Resolution was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	ABSTAINED
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #23 OF 2026 ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE SHARED HIGHWAY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand and the Town of Tupper Lake wish to share services with the highway department heads in other municipalities who possess similar authorization for borrowing or lending of materials and supplies and the exchanging, leasing renting or maintaining of machinery and equipment, including operators thereof, for the purpose of aiding the highway department head in the performance of his duties and provide a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties resources and

WHEREAS, all municipalities, including the Town of St. Armand have the power and authority to contract with other municipalities for the purpose of renting, leasing, exchanging, borrowing or maintaining of machinery and equipment, with or without operators; and

WHEREAS, all municipalities, including the Town of St. Armand, have the power and authority to borrow or lend materials and supplies to other municipalities: and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the Town of St. Armand and other municipalities have machinery and equipment which is not used during certain periods; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that the Town of St. Armand and other municipalities often have materials and supplies on hand which are not immediately needed; and

WHEREAS it is hereby determined that by renting, borrowing, exchanging, leasing or maintaining highway machinery and equipment and the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies, the Town of St. Armand and other municipalities may avoid the necessity of purchasing certain needed highway machinery and equipment and the purchasing, or storing, of a large inventory of certain extra materials and supplies, thereby saving money for the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized and determined, from a practical working arrangement, that no program of borrowing, exchanging, leasing, renting or maintaining of highway machinery and equipment or borrowing or lending of materials can be successful if each individual arrangement or agreement must receive prior approval by the Town Board and the governing board of each of the other municipalities which may be parties to such agreements, since such agreements must often be made on short notice and at times when governing boards are not in session; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon each municipality to design a simple method whereby materials, supplies, equipment and machinery, including the operators thereof, may be obtained or maintained with a minimum of paperwork and inconvenience and with a swift approval process; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town of St. Armand Town Board to give the Highway Superintendent the authority to enter into renting, exchanging, borrowing, lending or maintaining arrangements with the persons serving in similar capacities in other municipalities without the necessity of obtaining approval of the Town Board prior to the making of each individual arrangement; and

WHEREAS, a standard contract has been prepared which is expected to be adopted and placed into effect in other municipalities, and will grant the person holding the position comparable to that of the head of the highway department in each of those other municipalities the authority to make similar arrangements; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that it will be in the best interests of the Town of St. Armand to be a party to such shared services arrangements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor of the Town of St. Armand is hereby authorized to sign the Shared Services contract with the Town of Tupper Lake on behalf of the Town:

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Town Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 24 OF 2025

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO HOST THE ANNUAL BLOOMINGDALE BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026, AND APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000.00 IN FUNDING THE BLOOMINGDALE BLOCK PARTY

Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the St. Armand Youth Task Force has scheduled Saturday, August 1, 2026 to host the Bloomingdale Block Party to be held at the Town of St. Armand Youth Field, to be approved by the St. Armand Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the St. Armand Youth Task Force is requesting the amount of $10,000.00 to fund the Block Party, to include games of chance and the sale of beer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby approves by Resolution, the use of the Youth Field on Saturday, August 1, 2026, to host the Bloomingdale Block Party, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand approves the expenditure of Occupancy Tax funds in the amount of $10,000.00 for this event. Town Supervisor Davina Thurston and Councilperson Donna Whitelaw recuse themselves from the Roll Call Vote due to serving as members of the St. Armand Youth Task Force.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	ABSTAINED
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	ABSTAINED
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 25 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE ST. ARMAND YOUTH TASK FORCE TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND CIDER AT THE BLOOMINGDALE BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

Councilperson JP O'Neil, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the St. Armand Youth Task Force has scheduled Saturday, August 1, 2026 to host the Bloomingdale Block Party to be held at the Town of St. Armand Youth Field, approved by the St. Armand Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the St. Armand Youth Task Force is requesting Town Board authorization to sell beer, wine, and cider at the 2026 Block Party, for fundraising purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby approves by Resolution, authorization for the Youth Task Force to sell beer, wine, and cider at the 2026 Bloomingdale Block Party to be held at the Bloomingdale Youth Field on Saturday, August 1, 2026. Town Supervisor Davina Thurston and Councilperson Donna Whitelaw recuse themselves from the Roll Call Vote due to serving as members of the St. Armand Youth Task Force. This Resolution was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	ABSTAINED
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	ABSTAINED

Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 26 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE ST. ARMAND YOUTH TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE GAMES OF CHANCE AT THE BLOOMINGDALE BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the St. Armand Youth Task Force has scheduled Saturday, August 1, 2026 to host the Bloomingdale Block Party to be held at the Town of St. Armand Youth Field, approved by the St. Armand Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the St. Armand Youth Task Force is requesting Town Board authorization to provide Games of Chance at the 2026 Block Party, for fundraising purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby approves by Resolution, authorization for the Youth Task Force to provide Games of Chance at the 2026 Bloomingdale Block Party to be held at the Youth Field on Saturday, August 1, 2026. Town Supervisor Davina Thurston and Councilperson Donna Whitelaw recuse themselves from the Roll Call Vote due to serving as members of the St. Armand Youth Task Force.
This Resolution was duly seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	ABSTAINED
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	ABSTAINED
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 27 OF 2026

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE TOWNWIDE HALLOWEEN AND HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTESTS HELD IN THE TOWN OF ST. ARMAND AND APPROVAL FOR USE OF OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS FOR AWARDED CASH PRIZES

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand has approved a Halloween Contest for the Fall and a Holiday Decoration Contest for the Winter. and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined there should be prizes awarded in both contests, and

WHEREAS, prizes would need to be funded by sources other than Town funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby approves by Resolution the expenditure of Occupancy Tax Funds to be awarded as cash prizes in both contests, not to exceed the amount of $ 1,425.00.
This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, and adopted by Roll Call Vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 28 OF 2026 RESOLUTION TO KEEP BLOOMINGDALE SCHOOL OPEN

Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Bloomingdale School has served as an essential educational, cultural, and community hub since 1967, providing quality education and fostering strong relationships among students, families, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Bloomingdale School would significantly disrupt students' learning, increase travel times, and lead to overcrowded classrooms at Petrova School; and

WHEREAS, the school plays a vital role in sustaining the local economy, attracting families to the area, and preserving the community's identity; and

WHEREAS, alternative solutions to closure—such as rental space to ACAP Head Start, JCEO Head Start, budget reallocation, program restructuring, or community partnerships—should be fully explored before any final decision is made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned urge the Saranac Lake Central School Board to keep Bloomingdale School open and operational, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the community stands ready to collaborate with School Board Members and local leaders to identify sustainable, innovative strategies to maintain the school's viability for current and future generations.

This Resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, and duly adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

Dated: February 19, 2026

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Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

MOTION TO PAY MONTHLY BILLS

The payment vouchers for February's bills were presented for the Board's approval as follows:

General Vouchers # 29 - # 51 in the amount of $ 15,050.43
Trust and Agency Vouchers # 5 in the amount of $ 142.00
Highway Vouchers # 11 - # 25 in the amount of $ 12,360.61
Water & Sewer Vouchers # 11 - # 25 in the amount of $ 41,649.29
Fire Protection Fund Voucher # 2 - # 4 in the amount of $ 7,699.65
Rockledge Voucher # 1 in the amount of $1.583.96

Councilperson JP O'Neil made the Motion to approve payment of February's bills. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli. A Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Thurston requested approval for December 2025 and January 2026 Supervisor's Reports. Deputy Supervisor Karl Law. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw.

All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law made the Motion to approved the January 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes and the extension of the Special Board Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2026. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli.

All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

Town Clerk Barbara Darrah reported the following Town Clerk revenue collected for the month of January 2026:

Dog Licenses (1): 1FS	$ 7.00
Total Revenue:	$ 7.00

Total Checks Written: Town Supervisor: A $ 6.00 and NYS Department of A&M $ 1.00

OLD BUSINESS

The Town has been awarded a grant in the amount of $125,000.00 for the modernization and expansion of the Mt. Pisgah Trail project and bicycle trails, in partnership with BETA.

* ROBO Call – Supervisor Thurston mentioned some revisions to the sample two-part letter and survey that will be mailed to St. Armand residents for the community. The ROBO call sign-up and the second part of the letter referred to the Zoning Survey Form. The changes were reviewed by the Board and they agreed the letter was ready to mail out. Supervisor Thurston said she will have everything ready for mail-out by the next meeting.

* The Town has received a one-year extension from the DEC the Disinfection project from DEC.

NEW BUSINES

* "Go Rail" – The town received a request, asking us to sign the Freight Rail system form letter in order to add us to the list of municipalities supporting New York rail freight. JP O'Neil asked where the group was out of. Supervisor Thurston stated she will research further and report back at the next meeting. The Board asked to table until next month.

* The Lake Champlain Basin Housing received $5,000,000.00 for new housing in the basin area, to include close proximities.

* The DEC has awarded the Town of St. Armand $250.00.00 in additional funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Disinfection Project. The work generated from the hardship income survey by phone assisted in acquiring this grant for us.

* NYS Governor Hochul is offering a grant entitled "NY Plays" from May 4th through June 14th. Supervisor Thurston located a new playground piece from Game Time in the amount of $60,000.00. That price would include installation and would replace the old equipment piece. Thurston reported to the Board she reached out to Jim Abdullah from AEDA, to see if he could provide plans for a pavilion. The plans would cost $1,200.00 and would be paid for by the Occupancy Tax funds. Supervisor Thurston asked for a Motion to approve hiring Jim for plans. We can apply for the pavilion and new equipment through this grant. Supervisor Thurston asked for a Motion to expend $1,200.00 from Occupancy Tax funds. Deputy Supervisor Karl Law asked what size of pavilion we are requesting. Thurston stated it would be the same size pavilion that was originally planned.

MOTION

Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli made a Motion to approve the use of $1,200.00 in Occupancy Tax funds to hire AEDA to provide plans for the pavilion on the playground. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw. Supervisor Thurston requested a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE

Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

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* Supervisor requests Board's approval to attend the following training sessions:

Supervisor Thurston reported she did not attend the previously approved training scheduled in New York City in February and she is requesting to attend the trainings listed below.

1) Tuesday, April 21st, Local Government Conference in Verona, cost: $502.00.

MOTION:

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law made a Motion to approve Town Supervisor Davina Thurston for the Local Government Conference in Tug Hill for a cost of $502.00 to the Town. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donna Whitelaw. Supervisor Thurston asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

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2) Perma Conference to be held at Turning Stone Conference Center, May 14 and 15, 2026. The total cost to the Town is $266.00.

MOTION:

Councilperson JP O'Neil made a Motion to approve Town Supervisor Davina Thurston for the Perma Conference to be held at Turning Stone Conference Center on May 14th and 15th, at a cost of $266.00. The Motion was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law. Supervisor Thurston asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	AYE
Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli	AYE

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* The DEC featured the Town of St. Armand on their Facebook page. The topic was the Town's work in gaining connections through the DWSP2 and WQIP for public source water plans.

* The Town received a thank you letter from the JCEO Food Pantry for our monetary contribution to the JCEO and the Interfaith Food Pantry.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM GUESTS AND STAFF:

Supervisor Thurston asked if there were any comments or concerns from those both present and on-line.

There were no questions from anyone on-line.

Town Clerk Darrah announced she would not be running for the position of Town Clerk in November and would like to retire from the Town Clerk position by May 1st. She recommended to the Board that more hours and more pay be offered in order to gain a qualified candidate. Darrah also stated she knew it was expensive, but recommended running an ad more than one day in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise in order to make it more visible, especially because of the requirement that the candidate must be a resident of the Town of St. Armand due to it being an elected position.

Councilperson Ray Tempestilli asked Town Clerk Darrah how many hours she thought the Town Clerk position should be? Darrah replied at least 30 hours weekly. Darrah also added the job tasks and time involved in those tasks have increased in hours over the years.

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law stated he felt the Minutes have become very generalized over recent years compared to past years due to the position's evolving time constraints. He added that if there were more hours added to the job, the Minutes could be more detailed.

JP O'Neil suggested the job advertisement should be run through Indeed or the Department of Labor.

The Board thanked Barbara for her assistance in serving the Town in the Town Clerk position.

Town Clerk Darrah re-stated her intended retirement date is May 1st, 2026.

MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Councilperson Raymond Tempestilli made a Motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson JP O'Neil. The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

I, Barbara J. Darrah, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, does hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting minutes held on the above-referenced date.

_____ Dated: February 19, 2026

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk