A Regular Meeting of the Mendon Town Board was held at 7:00 PM, Monday, August 10, 2026, at the Mendon Town Hall, 16 West Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY.

PRESENT:	Joseph Alati, *Supervisor*	
	Tanner Cheek	
	Rebecca Kreuzer	*Town Board*
	Kimberly Roberts	*Members*
	Thomas Voorhees	

TOWN CLERK: Michelle Booth

OTHERS PRESENT: Moe Bickweat, Danny Bassette and approximately 7 others

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at and recited the Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 PM. He confirmed that the sound system was working and the recording was active.

AGENDA
(Resolution 26-216)
A motion was made by Mr. Alati, seconded by Mr. Cheek, to adopt the agenda with a noted amendment to move the Municipal Health Consortium presentation to later in the meeting, and subsequently to bring it forward once the presenters joined remotely. Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Clerk, Michelle Booth, reported that the office is in the midst of a significant transition to new software, resulting in a learning curve and changes to the format of monthly reports. Preparation for the school tax collection cycle is also underway.

Highway Superintendent, Peter Doyle, provided an extensive update:

- A culvert cave-in on Boughton Hill Road was discovered and scheduled for repair the following day.
- Work has been ongoing on multiple roads and for the Town of Rush.
- New York State DOT is conducting work on Route 251 from Rush through the Mendon four corners.

- Year-to-date revenue from outside work totals approximately $623,000, including $131,870 from New York State snow and ice removal, $252,173 from Monroe County snow and ice, and $238,810 from Monroe County road work.
- Speed limit sign parameters were adjusted after complaints that signs appeared inactive below 45 mph. The Sheriff's Department has also deployed a portable speed sign.
- The Boughton Hill Road project by Keeller Construction is substantially complete, pending seal and stripe work remaining.
- Taylor Road bridge project is on schedule; significant quantities of fill material have been recovered from the site.
- Mile Square Road sidewalk construction is expected to begin imminently following a preconstruction meeting.
- MRB Engineering is scheduled to conduct a site survey and set grade stakes for the soccer fields project. Pricing for earthwork has been obtained from John Hastings and Peak Property Services, following the withdrawal of another contractor.
- Plains Road has been repaved from the creek to Route 251; striping remains outstanding. Milled material was repurposed for a town owned parking lot.
- The highway budget is tracking well; capital expenditures are expected to be down significantly in the upcoming year, offset by anticipated increases in fuel and salt costs.
- The Superintendent addressed a circulating rumor that unspent funds from the Town's 250th anniversary budget would be transferred to the highway department for fuel. He stated clearly that no such transfer had been discussed or planned, and that doing so would raise legal concerns under municipal finance law.
- A transition to .gov email addresses was briefly discussed. It was clarified that the new addresses are functional and the old addresses will continue to forward; a formal announcement will be distributed.

Town Engineer, Tom Fromberger, MRB, reported continued progress on grant applications and advancement of several active projects, including the Mile Square Road sidewalks and retaining wall. He noted that the urgent care center project is consuming significant staff attention and that matters related to it would be discussed later in the meeting.

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Kimberly Roberts, deferred her report, noting the Climate Smart Task Force item would be addressed by a colleague and that she expected more to report after the upcoming busy week of meetings.

Rebecca Kreuzer, reported on several activities:

- The Mendon Public Library Board of Trustees expressed particular gratitude to the Town Supervisor for his efforts in representing the library's interests in negotiations with the village and developer regarding the urgent care project.
- A new library clerk, Julie Masterson Smith, a longtime Mendon Manor School librarian, has joined the library staff.
- The library's budget is in progress with modest cost-of-living increases and is expected to be presented to the Town soon. The library is also working to align its policies with the Town's, including developing a disaster plan, sustainability policies, and an employee handbook.
- The library is updating its Integrated Library System (ILS), transitioning away from the current system that has been in use since 1992.
- The library's StoryWalk pedestals have been ordered, with a grand opening planned for October 17th.
- Ms. Kreuzer attended the Climate Smart Communities Task Force meeting. She and Task Force Chair Peter Carosa reviewed the Climate Smart Communities dashboard and identified 18 actions the Town has likely completed or nearly completed, totaling 96 points toward the 120 needed for bronze certification. Task force members have been assigned to gather documentation for each action.
- She reviewed the environmental report submitted for the urgent care center and identified concerns she indicated would be addressed later in the meeting.
- Ms. Kreuzer is working on a broader communications and public information governance policy, expanding from an initial social media policy draft. A draft is anticipated for September.

Thomas Voorhees, reported on his attendance at the last Zoning Board meeting and the highway meeting, where they have been working on the budget for next year.

Tanner Cheek, reported on his attendance at the Planning Board meeting on August 5th, where subdivision applications were heard and the Copperfield Community project was extensively reviewed and would be discussed more later in the meeting.

Town Supervisor, Joe Alati, reported on two matters:

- Regarding Stoney Lonesome Road, the Supervisor wrote to the New York State Department of Transportation explaining that brush clearing by both the Town and the State has effectively mitigated the safety hazard at that intersection, and that no accidents have occurred since the intervention. As a result, it was determined that the approximately $120,000 proposed expenditure (a portion of which would have fallen to the Town) is not presently necessary. The State has funds earmarked for that intersection in approximately 2030, possibly for a traffic circle or similar improvement, which the Town will monitor.
- The Supervisor stated his belief that the urgent care center project is a significant benefit to the community and praised the partnership with UR Thompson, while acknowledging ongoing challenges in obtaining necessary documents and information in a timely manner. He affirmed that the Town's primary obligation is to protect the interests of Mendon residents.

MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM - PRESENTATION

The Board received a presentation via Zoom from Elin Dowd (Executive Director) and Kylie Rodriguez (Benefits Manager) of the Municipal Health Insurance Consortium, an Article 47 self-funded health insurance organization formed in 2009 and unique in New York State as the only consortium composed entirely of municipalities, towns, villages, and libraries.

Elin provided historical and structural background. The Consortium currently serves 87 municipal partners covering approximately 8,500 lives across 18 counties, having expanded into Livingston and Monroe counties in 2025. Its stated mission is rate stability; since inception, the average annual premium increase has been 7.3%, though the last five years have averaged 10.3%, consistent with broader market trends. Members become owners of the Consortium, participate in a shared self-funded risk pool, and are required to sign a Municipal Cooperative Agreement (MCA) committing to a minimum three-year membership. Each member municipality holds a seat on the Board of Directors.

The Consortium uses Excellus as its Third Party Administrator (TPA) for claims adjudication and provider network management, while retaining ownership of the benefit plans and responsibility for paying claims. Administrative efficiency is a point of emphasis: 96 cents of every dollar collected goes directly to paying claims, with less than 2% allocated to staff wages and the remainder to required stop-loss insurance and other administration.

Kylie Rodriguez presented details on available plan options, comparing the Consortium's offerings to the Town's current Excellus community-rated plans. The Consortium offers platinum (co-pay), gold hybrid, and bronze (high-deductible) plans. Key points included:

- The Town's current highest-enrollment plan is the Gold 5 hybrid. The Consortium's comparable Gold Hybrid carries a $1,200 individual/$2,400 family deductible applicable only to higher-cost services such as hospitalizations, emergency room visits, and ambulance; primary care and specialist co-pays are not subject to the deductible.

- Due to the Town's small size, the Consortium's plan management policy would require consolidation to a single plan, though a waiver could potentially be considered if distinct union and non-union groups required different plans under a contractual arrangement.
- The Consortium operates on a two-tier (single/family) structure rather than the four-tier structure currently offered. Family rates were noted to be competitive, though subscriber-and-child rates may be somewhat higher.
- An open drug formulary was highlighted as a benefit, covering any non-experimental medication at defined co-pay tiers rather than a closed formulary approach.
- Ancillary offerings include CannaRx (a voluntary zero-co-pay name-brand drug shipping program), COBRA administration, Blue For You biometric screening clinics, and wellness programming.
- Medicare-eligible retirees currently covered under the Town's existing plan were advised to remain on that plan, as the Consortium's Medicare supplement rates are currently higher.

Board members raised questions about adverse selection, risk pooling logic, the rationale for plan consolidation, and the possibility of offering two plans. It was clarified that while the broader Consortium pool provides safety-in-numbers protection for small municipalities, the Consortium's smaller scale relative to Excellus necessitates guardrails on plan selection to prevent internal adverse selection.

Elin noted that the Town's application is already submitted and that the Finance Committee would begin reviewing new member applications the following day. A Board vote on new members is anticipated at the September 4th Board of Directors meeting, with formal acceptance expected by September 24th. The MCA would then be presented for the Town Board's signature.

Town Attorney, Megan Dorritie, arrived and joined the meeting at 8:27 PM.

TOWN SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

*(**Resolution 26-217)***

A motion was made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cheek, to acknowledge receipt of the Town Supervisor's monthly report for June 2026.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye.

TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT

(Resolution 26-218)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to acknowledge receipt of the Town Clerk’s Monthly report for July 2026, showing receipts and disbursements in the amount of $54,507.78.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Resolution 26-219)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Kreuzer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 13, 2026 and the Special Meeting held on July 27, 2026, as presented.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - HFL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

(Resolution 26-220)

A motion was made by Mr. Alati, seconded by Mr. Cheek, to move $47.00 from account B7550.4 to B7320.4 to cover the added cost of Summer Recreation and pay the full invoice.

The Supervisor explained that the summer recreation budget line requires a minor adjustment, as the original amount was an estimate. Ms. Roberts recused herself from the vote, disclosing that a portion of her daytime employment salary is derived from the program in question.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Abstained; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye.

ATTORNEY FEES - INCREASE

(Resolution 26-221)

A motion was made by Mr. Alati, seconded by Mr. Cheek, to increase the Town legal fee cap by $1603.41 for the month of June 2026.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye.

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

General Abstract A

(Resolution 26-222)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Kreuzer, to approve all claims on vouchers numbered 26-390 to 26-399, on General Abstract 26-08A, in the amount of $33,959.43.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

General Abstract B

(Resolution 26-223)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Kreuzer, to approve all claims on vouchers numbered 26-400 to 26-438, on General Abstract 26-8B, in the amount of $129,128.65.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Abstained; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

Highway Abstract

(Resolution 26-224)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Kreuzer, to approve all claims on vouchers numbered 26-188 to 26-215, on Highway Abstract 26-8, in the amount of $144,710.62.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

Library Abstract A

Library vouchers numbered 26-98 to 26-105, on Library Abstract 2026-08A, in the amount of $1,790.02, were presented to the Town Board for payment.

Library Abstract B

Library vouchers numbered 26-106 to 26-110, on Library Abstract 2026-08B, in the amount of $9,100.88, were presented to the Town Board for payment.

DECLARATION AND DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

(Resolution 26-225)

WHEREAS, a formal request was submitted by Pete Doyle, Highway Superintendent, recommending the declaration of certain Highway Department equipment as surplus property no longer needed for town operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a motion was made by Mr. Alati, seconded by Mr. Voorhees, to declare the following surplus, and authorize its disposition at RTI Auctions (Roy Teitsworth Inc.):

● 2010 Volvo 10-Wheel Dump Truck — Model VHD64B200 (Vehicle #94)

● 2012 Kenworth 10-Wheel Dump Truck — Model T80 (Vehicle #97)

● Ferris Zero Turn Mower — Model IS2100ZKAV2661 (Equipment #44)

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ACCESS, UTILITY, SNOW AND PARKING EASEMENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH THE LIBRARY IS LOCATED and RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY TO PROTECT THE SIGHT LINE FOR THE MENDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Town Counsel addressed the Board at length regarding the status of the urgent care center project at 20 N. Main Street (the former Critic's Family Restaurant site). The Village of Honeoye Falls ZBA granted site plan approval on August 3, 2026, with conditions. The property is to be transferred from the village to Pike Construction Group, which will then lease it to FF Thompson for development as an urgent care center.

Two principal outstanding items were identified as unresolved:

Green Space: A parcel of green space is to be conveyed so that the library's sight line from Main Street is preserved. Originally, the proposal was for the Town to take title to this parcel, but significant concerns have arisen. Counsel reported that title documents were received at approximately 4:30 PM that same day, too late to review adequately. An environmental report was also provided late in the day, and it references but does not include a formal Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment. Board Member Kreuzer, who holds a PhD in geology and environmental geochemistry, outlined serious concerns with the environmental report: VOC (volatile organic compound) sampling was improperly conducted without seals, samples were composited rather than collected as grab samples, and the analytical company's own report acknowledged that VOC analyses are likely biased low. Given that the site formerly housed an auto body garage and gas pumps, she expressed significant concern about potential petroleum contamination, unknown tank locations, and the proximity of a low wetland area downslope of the green space. Counsel stated she could not in good conscience recommend the Board accept title to the green space at this meeting.

An alternative approach was raised through informal channels: Pike might retain title to the green space while placing a permanent negative covenant or conservation easement on it, preventing any future development. Counsel indicated this would eliminate the Town's environmental and title liability while still protecting the library's sight line. However, this had not been formally confirmed with Pike.

Pedestrian Access / ADA Concerns: Board Member Kreuzer raised a concern that the proposed sidewalk connection providing "safe passage" around the urgent care driveway relies on stairs, effectively excluding people with mobility limitations. The Town Engineer explained that constructing a fully compliant ADA ramp in that location would require multiple switchbacks, consume approximately two additional parking spaces, and create visibility issues along North Main Street. It was noted that the current approach includes detectable warning surfaces, and the Supervisor indicated that discussions had occurred about adding safety features such as speed bumps and stop signs at the driveway crossing. The Town Engineer suggested such mitigations could be evaluated and added over time if concerns materialized.

It was suggested by the Board to seek confirmation from Pike as to whether they would accept a conservation easement arrangement, along with the possibility of the Town and library providing liability insurance to address Pike's concerns, with a follow-up anticipated at a September meeting.

Given the volume of unresolved issues and the late receipt of critical documents, the Board determined it was not in a position to act on either items on the agenda at this meeting.

(Resolution 26-226)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to table both resolutions on the agenda.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ACCESS AGREEMENT FOR RETAINING WALL PROJECT AT 13 VICTOR-MENDON ROAD

(Resolution 26-227)

WHEREAS, the Town Board approved a retaining wall project at 13 Victor-Mendon Road; and

WHEREAS, to complete the retaining wall project, the Town will need access to the property at 13 Victor-Mendon Road, which is privately owned; and

WHEREAS, an access agreement is necessary to complete the retaining wall project, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board finds that the access agreement and retaining wall project are Type II Actions under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(8) and (20); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor, or in his absence the Deputy Supervisor, is authorized to execute the access agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto, and subject to approval by the Town Engineer and the Attorney for the Town.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. On a motion made by Mr. Alati, and seconded by Mr. Cheek, the foregoing resolution was put to a vote and duly adopted.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF POLARFLEX PLOW BLADE SYSTEMS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

(Resolution 26-228)

WHEREAS, Carter Whitmore, Shop Foreman / MEO, has requested approval to purchase equipment for the Highway Department due to current price volatility in carbide materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Mr. Voorhees, to authorize the Highway Department to purchase two (2) PolarFlex plow blade systems, to be paid from account DA5130.4, for an amount not to exceed $15,000.00.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – UTILITY TRACTOR – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE

(Resolution 26-229)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to authorize the purchase of a 3046R Compact Utility Tractor with attachments from LandPro Equipment. The amount not to exceed $87,048.28 (per Sourcewell Bid 112624-DAC), to be paid from account DA5130.2.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – SUPERCAB – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUND UPDATE

(Resolution 26-230)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Kreuzer, to update Resolution 26-144 for the 2026 F-550 SuperCab 4-wheel drive truck purchase to be paid from account DA5130.2 rather than DB5110.2, which has limited funds remaining due to prior purchases.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SIDEWALK DESIGN & PLANNING

(Resolution 26-231)

WHEREAS, funding is required to support the continued design and planning phase of the Mile Square sidewalk project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a motion was made by Ms. Kreuzer, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve an additional $20,000.00 from Account B8021.4 for the Mile Square sidewalk for added design, planning and driveway culvert work due to having to move the sidewalk placement closer to the road.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEE FOR FLMHIT MEDICARE COLLECTIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

(Resolution 26-232)

WHEREAS, the Town of Mendon seeks to secure cost-effective healthcare coverage options on behalf of the Town and its eligible post-65 retirees; and

WHEREAS, entering the Finger Lakes Municipal Health Insurance Trust (FLMHIT) Medicare collective purchasing program during calendar year 2026 provides access to such coverage options; and WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 7, item 1 of the FLMHIT Memorandum of Understanding, participating municipalities are required to pay a one-time nonrefundable entry fee of $1,000 to enter said program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Kreuzer, to approve payment of a one-time nonrefundable entry fee of $1,000 to join the FLMHIT Medicare collective purchasing program, pursuant to the FLMHIT Memorandum of Understanding (paragraph 7, item 1), satisfying said entry fee requirements on behalf of the town and their eligible post-65 retirees to enter the FLMHIT collective purchasing program during 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any required documents and direct the remittance of said $1,000 entry fee to FLMHIT.

No fund account was designated for this expenditure.

Mr. Voorhees abstained from the vote as he is a retiree.

Ms. Roberts stated she would vote against the motion, consistent with her previous opposition to a mid-year transition, noting her preference to have implemented the change at the start of the plan year.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Nay; Mr. Voorhees, Abstained; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE

(Resolution 26-233)

WHEREAS, members of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force require official town email addresses to conduct town business, and nine of the eleven members currently possess town email access through other town roles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a motion was made by Ms. Kreuzer, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to authorize the creation of two (2) additional Town of Mendon email addresses for Climate Smart Communities Task Force members.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2026 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

Mr. Cheek introduced the concept of expanding the Board of Ethics from three to five members, citing recurring challenges with quorum when members are unavailable or must recuse themselves. It was also suggested to broaden the scope of the proposed local law amendment to address not only membership size (Chapter 24, Section 4) but also behavioral and conduct standards in other sections of the code, noting that the current code is heavily focused on fiscal ethics. Mr. Cheek recommended amending the resolution language to reference Chapter 24 broadly rather than limiting it to Section 4, Subsection A, to provide sufficient authority for a more comprehensive update.

A substantive discussion followed regarding process and timing. Counsel outlined the requirement that a proposed local law must be on Board members' desks at least 10 days before a vote, and that it must be published in advance of the public hearing. Given the complexity of also incorporating conduct-related language, drawing in part from a Complete Payroll employee handbook, it was determined that more time was needed. Counsel requested approximately one to two weeks to draft the law after receiving Board input, suggesting an individual (non-quorum) consultation process.

The Board settled on the following timeline: Counsel would draft the local law for distribution with the September meeting packet; the September 14th meeting would include a Board discussion of the draft; a public hearing would be scheduled for October; and a vote would follow at the November meeting.

(Resolution 26-234)

A motion was made by Mr. Cheek, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to table the proposed resolution.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

HUD - RESOLUTION

(Resolution 26-235)

WHEREAS, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, is authorized to make grants to States and units of general local government to help finance Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and

WHEREAS, the County is an Urban County qualified for participation in the CDBG program for fiscal years 2027 – 2029, and

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipality entered into a Cooperation Agreement on May 13, 2002 ("Cooperation Agreement"), and

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipality wish to amend the Cooperation Agreement, and During a recent review of Monroe County's Urban County Requalification materials, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) indicated that our 2002 Cooperation Agreement (attached) requires updating, and

Therefore, in accordance with HUD requalification guidance and standard update policies, we must amend the agreement to incorporate specific language mandated by HUD's 2014 notice.

A motion was made by Ms. Kreuzer, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Supervisor to sign the update for the Cooperation Agreement for Urban County Requalification.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati, Aye

COPPERFIELD COMMUNITY - DISCUSSION

Ms. Roberts will draft a letter, including the comments from the planning board to review at the next meeting, to submit to the Village of Honeoye Falls regarding this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Moe Bickweat, 7 Sibleyville Lane, offered two comments. First, he expressed support for a conservation easement approach for the urgent care green space, but cautioned that proper and adequate environmental testing must be completed before any agreement is accepted, given his lack of confidence in the testing done to date. Second, he noted that children currently use the area for story time events and stated his concern that green space with uncertain contamination history should not be where children play. He also asked the Board to review a prior resolution passed in 2024 regarding policy and procedure when drafting the Board of Ethics local law, as much of that material may be directly relevant.

Pete Doyle, 271 Sibley Road (also present as Highway Superintendent), offered two comments. First, he suggested that environmental liability for the former gas station and auto body shop site likely transferred from the car dealership to the village when they took ownership, and that documentation to that effect may exist and should be tracked down. Second, he raised concerns about the health insurance consortium presentation, specifically the one-plan-fits-all approach for a workforce spanning a wide age range, and the relatively high co-pay amounts, particularly the $60–$70 urgent care co-pay, which he felt could create a burden for employees who cannot access their primary care physician.

Mary Louise Meisenzahl, 2 Rittenhouse Dr, provided historical information about an existing easement or right-of-way running from Monroe Street along the firehouse to the former Critic's property, originally negotiated when the restaurant was sold to private owners and the village was involved. She suggested this passage, approximately 111.5 feet, could provide an alternative pedestrian route to the library and potentially address both the ADA access concern and employee parking at the urgent care site, using the existing village municipal parking lot rather than the Town's library lot. The Town Engineer confirmed there may be entrances along that corridor and that the village parking lot is already maintained by the village.

Mike Burke (via Zoom, ECB member) submitted written comments noting that the Copperfield Community project has been in development for over two years and that being compressed into a 30-day SEQRA response period places the Town in a difficult position, and asking whether the Mendon Environmental Conservation Board should be involved in the Town's response.

Danny Bassette, 19A W Main St., noted that while the library was previously concerned about not owning the grass adjacent to their building, the proposed conservation easement scenario would still leave them not owning it, just with certain protections, and that the future is uncertain with respect to what that could mean for the property.

ADJOURNMENT

(Resolution 26-236)
A motion was made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Alati, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 PM.

Adopted: Mr. Cheek, Aye; Ms. Roberts, Aye; Mr. Voorhees, Aye; Ms. Kruezer, Aye; and Mr. Alati; Aye