

Minutes
Village of Angola
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026 5:30 P.M

At Regular meeting of the Village of Angola Board of Trustees held at Village Hall, 41 Commercial Street in Angola, New York, County of Erie on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:30PM, there were; **PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Whelan, Trustees John Dybowski, Valerie Stonitsch, William Ludwig, and Todd Dybdahl, Nicole Leppard – Clerk Treasurer, John Grennell- Attorney, and Greg Szarowicz - Police Chief and Donald Gallo- Engineer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Whelan

A motion was made by Mayor Whelan to have an **AUDIT OF BILLS**, Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Ludwig, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl and Mayor Whelan said **AYE**.

VISITORS: Sue Eubanks of 17 Sunset - Representing Evangola Community Theater - 2 live stage productions, received 501C3 status. Looking for donations.

New Business:

1. **NYMS Projects – underway**
2. **NY FORWARD - should hear from Governor this month on project awards**

5:35PM OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

VILLAGE OF ANGOLA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR 2026-2027 BUDGET

RESOLVED that pursuant to Village Law Section 5-504 the 2026-2027 tentative budget for the Village of Angola was completed and filed with the Village Clerk at the Village Clerk's Office, 41 Commercial Street, Angola, NY on March 9, 2026. The budget may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on or after March 9, 2026. Said Tentative Budget includes maximum compensation for the Mayor of \$10,000 per annum and for the Trustees of \$5000 per annum. Budget reflects an increase of the tax rate from \$8.09 to \$8.75 an increase of \$.66. A summary of the tentative budget is as follows:

General Fund Appropriations	\$1,793,425.00
Water Fund Appropriations	\$1,212,810.00

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing on the budget will be held at the Village Office, 41 Commercial Street, Angola New York on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:35 PM to consider same before final adoption. Village Clerk is hereby authorized to publish notice in the paper of record the Dunkirk Observer and the Angola Penny Saver.

COMMENTS: none

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

5:40PM OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 1 FOR THE YEAR 2026 ADDING CHAPTER 246 ARTICLE I ENTITLED “TAX LEVY LIMIT 2026”

Please take notice that there has been introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola on the 9th day of March, 2026, Proposed Local Law #1 for the year 2026 adding Chapter 246 Article I of the Code of the Village of Angola entitled “Tax Levy Limit 2026” providing authorization for a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in the General Municipal Law § 3-c. for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section 20 of the New York Home Rule Law, a Public Hearing will be held on the aforesaid Local Law before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola at Village Hall, 41 Commercial Street, Angola, New York 14006 at 5:40PM on the 13th day of April, 2026.

**By Order of the Village Board
March 9, 2026
Nicole Leppard
Village Clerk-Treasurer**

COMMENTS: none

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

REPORTS

Code Enforcement – excused. Mayor read report.

Trustee Dybowski - Lake Bay Waterline updates. Has been speaking with Brian Farrel, president of the Grove and their attorney nothing new to report.

Trustee Stonitsch - E-Waste Event on Saturday, 4/25/2026 to coincide with Evans Enviro Fair. Economic Development committee, creating a website and a commercial has been aired to promote tourism in the area.

Trustee Dybdahl - 17 Orchard sidewalk needs replacement after private company paved driveway, Spring meat raffle for Volunteer Fire Company. Monthly meetings with DPW and Water Dept.

Trustee Ludwig – Friends of the Village meat raffle in May. Would like to have more pet waste stations.

Mayor Whelan – Reminder of chapter 3 in NYCOM handbook for appointed officials.

Crew Chief – excused.

Fire Chief - 33 calls, new ambulance should be ready next month.

Police Chief - changing speed limit on Commercial St on town side to 30mph.

Attorney - 45 Center Street Nuisance - no update.

Clerk Treasurer - Bond money for ambulance will be available after May 1st.

Resolutions Offered on April 13, 2026

#1 ADOPT 2026-2027 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola Board of Trustees held a public hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget on April 13, 2026 at 5:35 PM as specified in the Notice of Public Hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget as set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated together with the amount set forth as required for the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness, do and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purpose specified and the salaries and wages stated in such budget shall be and are hereby affixed at the amounts shown therein effective on respective anniversary dates and June 1, 2026.

General Fund

Appropriations	\$1,793,425.00		
Property Taxes	\$742,426.00	Taxable Valuation	\$84,183,078.00
Other Revenues	\$935,884.00	Tax Rate	\$8.75
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$115,115.00	Garbage Fee	\$276.00

Water Fund

Appropriations	\$1,180,810.00	Other Revenues	\$1,180,810.00
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Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

Trustee Ludwig said No

#2 APPROVE LOCAL LAW #1 FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, there was introduced before the Angola Village Board at its meeting on March 9, 2026 Proposed Local Law Number 1 for the year 2026 entitled "Tax Levy Limit 2026-2027", and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 13th day of April, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Proposed Local Law Number 1 for the year 2026 is hereby adopted as Local Law Number 1, 2026 and is entitled "Tax Levy Limit 2026-2027" A copy of said Local Law is attached.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#3 APPROVE PAYROLL INCREASE FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES

RESOLVED that the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby approves the following pay increases for the 2026-2027 fiscal year starting June 1, 2026, ending May 31, 2027 for non-union or exempt employees being;

Jack Krajacic - Crew Chief: 5%, Nicole Leppard - Clerk Treasurer: 5%,

Hannah Dorosz- Deputy Clerk: 5%, Karen Scheidel - Court Clerk: 5%

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

Trustee Ludwig said No

Karen Dybowski - Water Clerk 5%

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Ludwig said Nay, Trustee Dyboswki- Abstained

Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl and Mayor Whelan said AYE

#4 AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Angola approves the following amendments to the adopted 2025-26 Budget, due to the High and York Street Sidewalk Project.

DEBIT A599 (Appropriate Fund Balance) \$20,191.15 CREDIT A9950.9 (Capital Projects) \$20,191.15.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#5 AUTHORIZE THE HIRE OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

RESOLVED that the Village Board does hereby approve the following as temporary seasonal help for the Streets Department and Water Department for the 2026 season at the following rates:

- 1. David Ott of 77 Lake Street, Angola at a rate of \$16.00/hour- 5/26/26**
- 2. Wylie Schmitt of 102 Holiday Lane, Hamburg NY at a rate of \$16.00/hour- 6/1/26**

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#6 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, The Village of Angola [hereinafter referred to as the "Village"] has obtained a quote from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company [hereinafter referred to as "MRE"] (Quote # OE25004650, dated March 3, 2026) for the purchase and construction of a new child playground in Frawley Park for the sum of \$84,269.13; and

WHEREAS, the abovementioned playground equipment is available from MRE through Sourcewell, which is a local government and procurement collaborative of the State of Minnesota, of which the Village of Angola is a participating Member and the Village will be "piggybacking" off, which eliminates the need for competitive bidding pursuant to Section 103(16) of the New York General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that making such purchase through Sourcewell provides the Village with the best value consistent with General Municipal Law Section 103(16);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Angola hereby approves the purchase of the new playground equipment from MRE for the sum of \$84,269.15, through Sourcewell, an approved local government and procurement collaborative of the State of Minnesota, of which the Village of Angola is a participating Member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with MRE consistent with this Resolution and to take all necessary steps to proceed with the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the vendor shall provide appropriate insurance documentation which shall be received and approved by the Village prior to commencement of construction, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village accepts this quote by MRE on the condition that the quote and contract is subject to the New York State Parks and Recreation and Historical Preservation MPR Bidding Requirements, with written acknowledgement by MRE.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#7 AUTHORIZE THE WATER SHUT OFFS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Water Clerk to issue water shut offs per the attached list of delinquent water accounts unless paid in full by Tuesday, April 21st, by 10:00AM. These residents have all been duly notified with plenty of time to respond and are scheduled to be shut off due to non-payment of two or more water bills as per Village regulations. Total amount of delinquency is \$8,131.57.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#8 APPROVE PARK RENTAL

BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby approves the applications from the following for the use of Herman Park Facilities:

1. Hillery Fox on June 20, 2026 for a birthday party- \$100 fee collected

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#9 AUTHORIZE 30 DAY WAIVER

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola Board of Trustees has received a request to waive the 30 day notification to expedite the liquor licensing process for TAVERN 37 dba TAVERN 37 located at 37 Commercial Street, Angola, and

WHEREAS, such license will allow the business to serve liquor, wine, beer and cider in a tavern establishment at 37 Commercial Street, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Angola, Board of Trustees hereby approves the request for waiver of the 30 day municipality notification.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Stonitsch - Abstained

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#10 AUTHORIZE NOTIFICATION OF ADULT-USE RETAIL DISPENSARY

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola has received notification pursuant to New York State regulations regarding an application from Village One Stop Smoke Shop Inc identified as **OCM-06009** ; and

WHEREAS, said notification was submitted in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Office of Cannabis Management and applicable provisions of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board acknowledges receipt of this notification as required prior to the issuance or renewal of an adult-use cannabis license within the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Angola hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notification to Municipality for application **OCM-06009**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this acknowledgment does not constitute approval or disapproval of the application but serves to confirm that the Village has been duly notified in accordance with applicable law.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

#11 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VECTOR LMS TARGETSOLUTIONS MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Angola Volunteer Fire Department provides emergency medical services to the Village of Angola and requires ongoing EMT training; and

WHEREAS, Vector LMS TargetSolutions Edition Premier Membership offers an efficient and cost-effective platform for required annual training;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Angola hereby authorizes the Angola Volunteer Fire Department to purchase the Vector LMS TargetSolutions Edition Premier Membership at a cost not to exceed **\$2,487.00**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such expense shall be paid from the appropriate budget line A3410.48- Fire Department- Computer Systems.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, Trustee Ludwig and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

**Organizational Meeting
VILLAGE OF ANGOLA
Appointments
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026**

On Monday April 13, 2026 the Village of Angola Board of Trustees held a regular public board meeting at 5:30 PM at the Village Hall, 41 Commercial Street, Angola NY 14006.

Mayor Whelan hereby appoints the following people to the following offices for the following terms.

TITLE	NAME	TERM	EXPIRATION
Deputy Mayor	Todd Dybdahl	1 yr.	3/31/27
Street Commissioner	Todd Dybdahl	1 yr.	3/31/27
Water Commissioner	John Dybowski	1 yr.	3/31/27
Police Liaison	John Dybowski	1 yr.	3/31/27
NEST	Valerie Stonitsch	1 yr.	3/31/27
(Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board)			
Electronic Waste & Tire Recycle	Valerie Stonitsch	1 yr.	3/31/27
Parks and Recreation Commissioner	Valerie Stonitsch	1 yr.	3/31/27
Library Liaison	Valerie Stonitsch	1 yr.	3/31/27
Southtowns Planning Devpmt	William Ludwig	1 yr.	3/31/27
LakeShore Schools Liaison	William Ludwig	1 yr.	3/31/27
Climate Smart Liason	William Ludwig	1 yr.	3/31/27
Affirmative Action Officer	Thomas Whelan	1 yr.	3/31/27
Business Liason	Thomas Whelan	1 yr.	3/31/27
Centennial Park Chairman	Thomas Whelan	1 yr.	3/31/27
Arts Committee	Jason Renaldo	1 yr.	3/31/27
Centennial Park Co-Chair	Gary Tribula	1 yr.	3/31/27
Fire Department Liaison	Todd Dybdahl	1 yr.	3/31/27
Clerk-Treasurer	Nicole Leppard	4 yr.	3/31/29
Tax Collector	Nicole Leppard	4 yr.	3/31/29

Registrar of Vital Statistics	Nicole Leppard	4 yr.	3/31/29
Fixed Assets Officer	Nicole Leppard	4 yr.	3/31/29
Records Mgmt/Licensing Officer	Nicole Leppard	4 yr.	3/31/29
Grant Administrator	Nicole Leppard	4 yr.	3/31/29
Deputy Clerk	Hannah Dorosz	4 yr.	3/31/29
Deputy Registrar	Hannah Dorosz	4 yr.	3/31/29
Water Clerk	Karen Dybowski	4 yr.	3/31/29
DPW Crew Chief	John Krajacic	4 yr.	3/31/29
Storm Sewer Admin	John Krajacic	4 yr.	3/31/29
House Numbering Officer	Phil Tremblay	4 yr.	3/31/29
Historian	Keith Young	4 yr.	3/31/29
Budget Director	Nicole Leppard	3 yr.	3/31/29

A roll call vote was made all said AYE

The following appointments, designators and regulations were made by Mayor Whelan and ARE subject to Board approval.

TITLE	NAME	TERM	EXPIRATION
Fire Commissioner	Anthony Corsaro	1 yr.	3/31/27
Village Attorney/Prosecutor	John Grennell	1 yr.	3/31/27
Acting Village Justice	Dennis Glascott	1 yr.	3/31/27
Insurance Agent, Consultant, Broker	Gallagher Insurance	1 yr.	3/31/27
Assessor	Town of Evans	1 yr.	3/31/27
Code Enforcement	Philippe Tremblay	1 yr.	3/31/27
Accounting Consultant	Elmar Keifer	1 yr.	3/31/27
Emergency Manager	Curt Young	1 yr.	3/31/27
Deputy Emergency Manager	Charles Klepfer	1 yr.	3/31/27

A roll call vote was made all said AYE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ PLANNING BOARD

	William Herold, Chair	2 yr.	3/31/27
	Nate Coughlin	2 yr.	3/31/27
	John Duffy	2 yr.	3/31/27
	Paul Nowicki	4 yr.	3/31/29
	Jennifer Renaldo	4 yr.	3/31/29
Clerk	Nicole Leppard	4 yr.	3/31/29

Alternates to ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ PLANNING BOARD

	Kristine Balzer	2 yr.	3/31/27
	Spencer Vail	2 yr.	3/31/27
	Steve Freeburn	4 yr.	3/31/29
	Mark Bouvier	4 yr.	3/31/29
Clerk	Hannah Dorosz	4 yr.	3/31/29

1. **OFFICIAL BANK:** NBT Bank and Key Bank as depositories.
2. **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:** The Observer
3. **REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:** Second Monday of each month, if holiday, meeting will be the following Monday. See meeting schedule. Five-minute limit for visitors.
4. **GRIEVANCE DAY:** Town of Evans Schedule.
5. Mayor and Trustees, attend conferences and meetings with expenses paid by the Village as per budgeted accounts.
6. Authorize Fire Line Officers to attend Fire Training Schools and meetings with expenses paid by the Village.
7. New York State Conference of Mayors and Fiscal Officers School may be attended by either the Clerk-Treasurer or Deputy Clerk, expenses paid by the Village per Board approval.
8. Department Heads, Committee Chairmen and other officers submit written request for approval to attend conferences and meetings, expenses to be paid by the Village as per budgeted account.
9. Mileage reimbursement for official village business is IRS Rate (currently 72.5 cents/mile) for all employees and officials (with Clerk-Treasurer's authorization to issue travel advances as provided by law); all other expenses, i.e. tolls, meals, valet parking etc. reimbursed at actual cost when accompanied by receipts.
10. Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay utility and contracted bills as they become due.
11. **VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS: DPW HOURS BOARD TO VOTE ON SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Summer Hours:	Memorial Day – Labor Day	8AM- 4PM	Monday – Friday
Regular Hours:	Labor Day – Memorial Day	9AM - 5PM	Monday
		8AM- 4PM	Tuesday - Friday
12. Schedule of fees for Village services and permits as on file in the Village Clerk's Office.
13. Safety Committee will be comprised of: Streets Commissioner, DPW General Crew Chief, Mayor and Town of Evans Police Chief.
14. Authorize Clerk-Treasurer to obtain quotations for certificates of deposit; deposit and invest monies not required for immediate expenditure with approval of the Mayor as provided in General Municipal Law in accordance with the adopted Village Investment Policy.

16. Village Office will be closed on the following holidays, see holiday schedule:

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial Day	Monday May 25, 2026
Juneteenth	Friday June 19, 2026
Independence Day	Friday July 3, 2026
Labor Day	Monday Sept. 7, 2026
Indigenous People Day	Monday Oct. 12, 2026
Veteran's Day	Wednesday Nov. 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday Nov. 26, 2026
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday Nov. 27, 2026
Christmas Eve	Thursday Dec. 24, 2026
Christmas Day	Friday Dec. 25, 2026
New Year's Eve	Thursday Dec. 31, 2026
New Year's Day	Friday Jan. 1, 2027
Martin Luther King Day	Monday Jan.18, 2027
Presidents Day	Monday Feb. 15, 2027
Good Friday	Friday March 26, 2027

MEETING SCHEDULE 2026-2027

Times are subject to change.

May 11, 2026
June 8, 2026
July 13, 2026
Aug 10, 2026
Sept 14, 2026
Oct. 19, 2026
Nov 9, 2026
Dec 14, 2026
Jan 11, 2027
Feb 8, 2027
March 8, 2027
April 12, 2027 (reg and org)

Mayor Whelan made a motion ADJOURN to regular board meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:30, if workshop needed 5:00 **and seconded by Trustee Dybdahl.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Leppard

**Nicole Leppard
Clerk Treasurer**