

Regular Meeting
August 13, 2026

Public Hearing
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A Public Hearing was held August 13, 2026, at 7:05 p.m. at the Marilla Town Hall, 1740 Two Rod Road, Marilla, New York. Proof of publication in the Alden Advertiser as well as posting it on the Official Bulletin Board of the Town was presented by the Town Clerk. Officials present were:

- Earl Gingerich Jr., Supervisor
- Brian Nolan, Councilman
- Matthew Dolegowski, Councilman
- Randy Reichert, Councilman
- Anthony Sebastiano, Councilman

Approximately (3) people were in attendance. Supervisor Gingerich stated that the Public Hearing was called to order. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss Local Law #4 2026 Zoning Code 700-27 C m.

Hearing no comment from those in attendance, the hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Town Clerk

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- Brian Nolan, Councilman
- Matthew Dolegowski, Councilman
- Randy Reichert, Councilman
- Anthony Sebastiano, Councilman

Supervisor Gingerich called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Communications

Received a letter from FISH of East Aurora thanking the town for donating the left-over Hot Dog and Hamburger Rolls from the 250th Celebration.

Committee Reports

Highway Superintendent Unverdorben informed the Town Board that the Salt cost for the September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027, year will be going from \$53.00 per ton to \$93.24 per ton with American Rock Salt. The town is bound by the contract to take 70% of what we order. 70% of what we order is 1,540 ton and to take the minimum it will be around \$62,000 more than last year. In the past we have always filled the Salt storage building at the end of the current contract because you always assume the rate will increase in the new contract year. Called the company to place an order and they told me Thank you for placing the order, we appreciate your business, but they will not be sending any salt to us as they have nothing to send. The Salt shed is about ½ to ¾ full and in the past, we have always started with it full.

Councilman Reichert reached out to Highway Superintendent about the Salt issue. Two things I asked him to check into were Buffalo Crushed Stone sometimes will buy salt as he is worried American Rock Salt won't be able to fill our orders. He wants to make sure we have Salt for the roads and to investigate other options.

Highway Superintendent Unverdorben stated that as of right now American Rock Salt is the only one that bid with Erie County. Two years ago, there was a Salt shortage it was really because they couldn't

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meet the demand because mining year-round and create a huge stockpile through the spring/summer months. They mine about 17,000 tons a day to create the huge stockpile and in the winter their orders run about 25,000 tons a day, so they have to take about 8,000 tons a day from the stockpile they made in the spring/summer months. A couple of years ago Governor Hochul passed a law that all municipalities could only use Road Salt that was mined in New York State. It made American Rock Salt the only place in New York to supply the Road Salt, so the orders went from 25,000 ton a day to 35,000 ton a day, so they were mining 17,000 ton a day and taking 18,000 ton a day off their stockpile. On the weekends they could only mine 17,000 tons a day, so they couldn't even recoup any on the weekends.

Will they even be able to supply the town with what we need.

Last year they brought in Compass Minerals from Canada, and everyone was happy, but when the lake froze there was no way to get it here.

Now all the customers from Erie County will have to purchase the Road Salt from American Rock Salt only.

There are other places you can get the Road Salt, but they are not set up for municipalities for the amount we would need, they are more for people that Salt parking lots, driveways, etc. and they are paying market price, we will be paying \$93.24 per ton and they charge \$180.00 a ton at that point it becomes a financial struggle than a supply struggle.

Councilman Sebastiano asked Highway Superintendent asked if he spoke with his contact with the County.

Highway Superintendent Unverdorben stated he didn't really understand what he was saying.

Councilman Sebastiano stated that he was told the mine is experiencing a lot of difficulty with labor and that the employees don't want to mine any more Road Salt than they have to according to his contact. He advised him to purchase directly from Erie County. These procedures are changing; they are only supplying the State and only the Counties first and not worrying about the Towns. As of August, there will be no further mining being done. After August there won't be any Road Salt because there is a labor problem. We will be out of luck.

Highway Superintendent Ron Unverdorben Jr. stated we do purchase the Road Salt from Erie County off the County Bid.

Highway Superintendent Ron Unverdorben Jr. stated the new Garbage truck chassis has been delivered to the Body manufacturer and looks like it is going to be on schedule.

Also, the LED sign in front of the Community Center had a power failure and the break was found, it is alongside the building underneath where the sidewalks are for the Post Office. We figured the wire was when they did the digging for the Post Office and it eventually corroded. The quote we got to run new wiring in the ground is \$7,500, so if the Board doesn't have a problem, we are going to do something different.

We looked at replacing the front doors at the Town Hall by using the existing door frame, purchasing 2 slabs and Clayton Ricketson was going to cut them to fit the door frame. Two slab doors are \$6,200, so I am going to explore some other options.

Supervisor Gingerich Jr. said they should be replaced before winter as we are losing a lot of heat from them.

Open Board Presentations from the Public

None

Old Business

Motion: Councilman Reichert moved, seconded by Councilman Dolegowski to approve the minutes of the Public Hearings and Regular Board Meeting held on 7/9/2026 and Work Session held on 7/21/2026. Motion Carried.

New Business

Motion: Councilman Nolan moved, seconded by Councilman Dolegowski to accept the resignation of Cari Jaroslawsky form the Planning Board effective August 1, 2026, with regrets. Motion Carried.

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- Motion: Councilman Reichert moved, seconded by Councilman Sebastiano to Adopt the SEQRA for Local Law #4 2026, Section 700-27©, (6), (7) and (8) of the Zoning Code of the Town of Marilla. Motion Carried.
- Motion: Councilman Nolan moved, seconded by Councilman Dolegowski to Adopt the Local Law #4 2026, to amend Section 700-27©, (6), (7) and (8) of the Zoning Code of the Town of Marilla. Motion Carried.
- Motion: Councilman Reichert moved, seconded by Councilman Nolan Declared Lead Agency for SEQRA review purposes and hereby determine that proposed Local Law to preserve the road of the Town of Marilla is a Type 1 action. Motion Carried.
- Motion: Councilman Sebastiano moved, seconded by Councilman Dolegowski to set the Public Hearing for Local Law #5 2026 for Thursday September 9, 2026, at 7:00 pm.
Motion Carried.

Report of Town Officials

Building Inspector Scott Rider submitted a written report with 10 building permits, with fees totaling \$1,437, with a total value of \$138,300, 12 inspections and a total of 172 activities were made for the month of July.

Supervisor Gingerich Jr. for information purposes on the PenFlex Fire Company Retirement cost for 2026 will basically be double (\$53,871) and 2027 \$50,170.

Officer Matthew Malican from the Erie County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement Team. Our monthly Marilla activities include 125 service calls, 30 Traffic, 5 Accidents 1 with injury and 4 Arrests.

Open Board Presentations

Councilman Dolegowski stated we currently hold our Town Board meetings on Thursdays and Work Session meetings on Tuesdays is recommending that in 2027 the Town Board meetings and Work Session meetings be held on Thursdays. Thinking it will create a more predictable schedule and less confusion and be easier for residents to track.

Supervisor Gingerich Jr. stated the only problem with changing the Work Session meetings to Thursdays instead of Tuesdays is the Town Hall is currently open Tuesday evenings from 6 -8 pm and all offices are open. You want Town Officials to come on another evening. That is why we have the Work Session meetings on Tuesdays. Also Tuesday evenings the Board can come in the review and sign the Vouchers as they are ready on Tuesday and then don't have to rush on Thursday Board Meeting night to get them all signed.

- Motion: Councilman Nolan moved, seconded by Councilman Reichert to approve the claims previously audited by the Town Board.

General Fund Vouchers 347 -412	\$ 88,900.30
Highway Fund Vouchers 84 - 101	\$ 29,420.35
Special Districts;	
Sanitation Vouchers 76 - 90	\$ 19,8533.82
Water 2 Voucher	\$.00
Water 3 Voucher	\$.00
Water 4 Voucher	\$.00
Water 5 Voucher	\$ 00
Cemetery Vouchers 2	\$ 457.50
Special Fire Vouchers	\$.00
Community Development 17	\$ 2,295.00

Motion Carried.

- Motion: Councilman Reichert moved, seconded by Councilman Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk _____

Supervisor _____

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