

MINUTES
Village of Angola
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 9, 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, March 9, 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 was 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: none

New Business:

1. **NYMS Projects – 7 North Main brick work is complete**
2. **17 Orchard sidewalk needs replacement after private company paved driveway. Letter from attorney and crew chief is going out this week.**
3. **45 Center Street Nuisance. Redrafted letter from attorney will go out this week. 2/4 apartments are being directed to evict. The letter will give owner 30 days to comply.**
4. **E-Waste Event on Saturday, 4/25/2026 to coincide with Evans Environmental Fair**

REPORTS

Code Enforcement - 2025- 76 permits issued; gave detailed reports. Ballowe - 116 Lake Street has a pile of siding out for garbage for a few weeks. Lake Street big foot item needs to be moved out of the right-of-way.

Trustee Dybowski - Water loss is up to 28%. There was a large water leak on Lake Street that is not in the most recent loss report. There was a Lake Shore home with a large water loss recently. The Thruway water meter toppler has stopped working- a new one has been ordered.

Trustee Stonitsch - Need 2 more garbage cans at Herman Park, Tavern 37 will be opening this summer.

Trustee Dybdahl - thanked DPW for cleaning decorations off the pickle ball court

Trustee Ludwig - no report

Mayor Whelan - Easter Parade 4/4/26 request by ReDiscover Angola. Village Board is unable to organize this event- no permit has been filed.

Crew Chief - excused

Fire Chief - no report

Police Chief - no report

Attorney- Lake Bay Easement is under Review

Clerk Treasurer - no report

Resolutions Offered on March 9, 2026

#1 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET-APRIL 13, 2026 – 5:35PM

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 or www.villageofanoglany.gov 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.

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

Trustee Ludwig said No

INCREASE TO WATER RATES FOR OVER 200,000 GALLONS USED

BE IT RESOLVED The Village Board hereby approves water rate increase of 9% on usage over 200,000 gallons as follows:

Inside Rates - \$7.45/1,000 gallons after 200,000 gallons used

Outside Rates - \$8.15/1,000 gallons after 200,000 gallons used

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

Trustee Stonitsch said No

APPROVE DELINQUENT WATER BILLS /CLEAN UP TO TAXES

RESOLVED that the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby authorizes all delinquent water account charges not paid before April 15, 2026 and all property cleanup/stub searches be sent to Erie County Department of Finance for collection on the 2026-2027 Village Tax Bills.

FURTHER RESOLVED the Village Clerk will publish an ad in the Angola Penny saver to this regard.

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

AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

RESOLVED that the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby approves the TEMPORARY USE PERMIT from the following:

1. JT Waugh Elementary School Shamrock Run on March 17 to close High Street from School Street to Lake Street and barriers at Center Street @ 2:15pm- all departments have been notified.

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

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:

Chelsea Meade on April 4, 2026 for an Easter Egg Hunt - \$50 Fee Collected

Evans Center Vol. Fire Co June 27, 2026 for Company Family Picnic – Fee Waived

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

APPROVE MEMBERSHIP TO JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

RESOLVED, the Village of Angola Board of Trustees approves probationary membership of:

John Jack Millitello 584 Seneca Rd, Angola, NY 14006

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

APPROVE ARTS COMMITTEE DONATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Angola Board of Trustees has determined the advantages of the community Arts Program, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Angola Board of Trustees hereby authorizes to issue payment of \$800 to the Village of Angola Arts Committee to be paid out of line item A7310.4- Youth Programs.

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

APPROVE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NYSDOT

WHEREAS the Village of Angola, pursuant to Section 99-r of the General Municipal law wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the NYSDOT in an effort to share services, exchange or lend materials or equipment which shall promote and assist the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highways and provide a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties resources.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Angola hereby authorizes the DPW Crew Chief Jack Krajacic to execute the same and enter into a shared services agreement with the NYSDOT, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the Shared Services Agreement shall be for four (4) years.

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

AUTHORIZE THE 2025 SERVICE AWARD DATA FOR PENFLEX

RESOLVED that the Angola Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the “Authorization to Use Data for 2025 Service Award Program Administration” which has been posted for a period of at least 30 days for review by members. We understand this data will be used to determine the funding requirements of the Service Award Program, the eligibility of persons to be paid Service Award Program cash benefits, and the amount of benefits to be paid such persons. We understand that if any of the 2025 administration services provided by PENFLEX, INC. must be redone due to errors in the data herein submitted that there may be an additional charge payable by the program sponsor. We further understand that PENFLEX, INC. will not be liable for any errors in the calculation of the amounts due to or payable

from the Service Award Program Trust Fund, which are the direct result of an error or errors in the data submitted herein, including the Angola Volunteer Fire Department Members.

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

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FOR THE EVANS-ANGOLA MULTIMODAL VILLAGE TO SHORELINE CONNECTOR

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has announced the availability of funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to assist municipalities with constructing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, implementing Complete Streets improvements, and enhancing multimodal transportation safety and connectivity across New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Evans is eligible to apply for such funding and desires to undertake a project on Lake Street entitled "The Evans-Angola Multimodal Village to Shoreline Connector" (the "Project") in partnership with the Village of Angola; and

WHEREAS, the Project will involve the construction of sidewalks, bicycle safety improvements, drainage, enhanced highway crossings at NYS Route 5 and other roadway improvements on Lake Street connecting Main Street in the Village of Angola to the Evans Lake Shore Road Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the total Project cost is \$4,370,000, of which the Town of Evans and the Village of Angola will jointly seek \$3,496,000 in grant funding, and will collectively provide the required twenty percent (20%) match totaling \$874,000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Evans and the Village of Angola agree to split the required match as determined by mutual agreement based on the municipal bounds of the project, with a cost share of \$703,000 from the Town of Evans and \$171,000 from the Village of Angola, and will contribute their respective share from eligible local funds toward the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola hereby authorizes and directs the Town of Evans Supervisor to submit, jointly with the Town of Evans, a grant application to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and to execute all documents, contracts, and agreements necessary to carry out the Project and to comply with all applicable requirements, including any necessary intermunicipal agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby commits to providing 20% or \$874,000 of the total project cost as the required local match, with \$703,000 to be contributed by the Town of Evans and \$171,000 to be contributed by the Village of Angola, and affirms that such match shall not include other State or federal grant funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Evans shall assume full responsibility for administering the Project, including managing the Project and making all payments to consultants, contractors, and vendors associated with the Project, and that all such expenditures shall be processed and disbursed solely by the Town in accordance with applicable laws, grant requirements, and established municipal financial procedures.

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

Trustee Dybowski said No

SUPPORT INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Angola applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Angola urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Angola calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Angola.

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

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE FOR USE BY THE VILLAGE;
STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS \$360,000;
APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$360,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE
SAID APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") the Village of Angola, Erie County, New York (the "Village") proposes to authorize the issuance of \$360,000 in serial bonds of the Village to finance the purchase of an ambulance for use by the Village, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto (the "Project"), at an estimated costs of \$360,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the Village's serial bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued to finance the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Angola, Erie County, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village is hereby authorized to undertake the Project and to issue up to \$360,000 principal amount of serial bonds (including without limitation, statutory installment bonds) pursuant to provisions of Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the estimated costs of the Project, or bond anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the Project is \$360,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to \$360,000 in serial bonds of the Village, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds and (ii) unless paid from other sources, the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds or bond anticipation notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforementioned specific object or purpose is ten (10) years, pursuant to subdivision 27-a. of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law.

SECTION 4. The final maturity of the bonds herein authorized to be issued shall be in excess of five (5) years measured from the date of issuance of the first serial bond or bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this resolution.

SECTION 5. The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in this resolution. The Village shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of official intent to reimburse the expenditures authorized herein with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 6. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Village subject to applicable statutory limits, if any. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of serial bonds and bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Sections 21.00, 50.00, 54.90, 56.00 through 60.00, 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village (the "Village Treasurer"). Further, pursuant to paragraph b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for any of the specific objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to paragraph c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes

authorized by other resolutions of the Board, then the power of the Board to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

SECTION 8. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 9. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchasers of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 10. The Board hereby determines that the actions authorized by this resolution and the adoption hereof collectively constitute a "Type II" action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA") and that no further action under SEQRA with respect to the Project need be taken by the Board as a condition precedent to the adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 11. The intent of this resolution is to give the Village Treasurer sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements and instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to affect the issuance of the aforesaid serial bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the Board.

SECTION 12. In accordance with Section 36.00 of the Law, this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum in the manner prescribed by Article Nine of the Village Law of the State of New York (the "Village Law"). The Village Clerk is authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the date of adoption of this resolution by the Board, to post and publish a notice with respect to this resolution satisfying the requirements of Section 9-900 of the Village Law, which shall set forth the date of adoption of this resolution, shall contain an abstract hereof, and shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum. Such notice shall be published in the official newspaper of the Village for such purposes.

SECTION 13. In accordance with Section 9-902 of the Village Law, this resolution will take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, unless prior to the close of such thirty-day period there is filed with the Village Clerk a petition, subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the Village, as shown on the Village's register of electors for the last general Village election, protesting against this resolution and requesting that it be submitted for approval or disapproval by the qualified electors of the Village. If such a qualifying petition is filed with the Village Clerk, a proposition for approval of this resolution shall be submitted at a special or regular election, as applicable, in accordance with Section 9-902 of the Village Law.

SECTION 14. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

SECTION 15. As soon as reasonably possible after the date that this resolution takes effect, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in full in the official newspaper of the Village for such purposes, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

Discussion: Trustee Stonitsch said the Village has purchased many items for fire department, would like to concentrate on DPW equipment going forward.

Mayor Whelan explained wish list items that were sent to congress includes snowplow/dump truck

A roll call vote was made: Trustee Dybowski, Trustee Stonitsch, Trustee Dybdahl, and Mayor Whelan said AYE.

Trustee Ludwig said No

A motion was made by Trustee Dybowski and seconded by Trustee Stonitsch to purchase a boring tool for the water department to Push under the road while installing new water taps. To be paid out of next years budget 2026-2027, unanimously carried.

A motion was made to ADJOURN to regular board meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:30, if workshop needed 5:00 by Mayor Whelan, seconded by Trustee Dybdahl, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted by:



Nicole Leppard
Clerk Treasurer