

MARATHON TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Marathon Town Board was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the Marathon Town Hall with the following present: Supervisor Timothy Elliott, Councilmembers Patricia Willis, David Cross, Jefferson Adams, and Nicholas Huizinga; and Town Clerk Doris Adams. Highway Superintendent Joshua Ensign was absent due to still working with tonight's road conditions. Also present was County Legislator William McGovern.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Elliott at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the January 13, 2026 monthly meeting and the 2026 organizational meeting were emailed to members. Councilman David Cross made a motion to accept these minutes as presented, Councilwoman Patricia Willis seconded it, and the minutes were approved with all voting AYE.

The following January 2026 reports were reviewed: Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, and Town Justice Court. There was no report from the Dog Control Officer (SPCA) or from the Building Code Enforcement Officer. The County Legislator was here to report in person. Miscellaneous correspondence and bank balances were also shared.

County Legislator William McGovern shared the following County Legislature news:

- He had no real new information to report.
- The warming centers have been busy this year with the cold temperatures.
- The County still hopes they will be moving into the new mental health building on Port Watson Street this month. The current landlord has been good about extending the County's lease at the current facility on Clayton Avenue. .
- He left the meeting in session at 7:45 p.m.

As tabled from last month's meeting, the Board again reviewed and discussed the current Town of Marathon Procurement Policy. Councilman Jefferson Adams made a motion to accept the Policy as is, Councilman Nicholas Huizinga seconded it, and it was approved with all voting AYE.

Supervisor Elliott shared the following miscellaneous information:

- He went to a recent Municipal Leader's meeting in McGraw. They talked a lot about the need for the re-evaluation of properties. He also noted that they discussed the merger of the County's Highway and the Building and Grounds departments. People are unhappy about the merger and some are leaving for other jobs.
- He shared information about the Micron expansion in the Syracuse area and how that might impact Cortland County and Marathon as far as housing needs.
- He has sent a letter of support from the Town of Marathon to Point Broadband who is applying for a grant.
- He noted that Deb Contri, Town of Marathon Tax Collector, is paid quarterly not twice a year as reported at the 2026 Organizational Meeting last month. That change in the minutes was noted.
- The Town has received the NYS Comptroller's draft letter in regards to the partial audit conducted last spring. Mr. Elliott reviewed some of the points of the letter. We need to respond to this letter within 90 days and then the audit report will need to be published.

Highway Bills of \$11,494.65 and General Bills of \$5,089.70 were presented by Town Clerk Adams. Councilman David Cross made a motion to pay the bills, Councilman Jefferson Adams seconded it, and it was passed with all voting AYE.

Councilwoman Patricia Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris Adams
Marathon Town Clerk