

TOWN OF CROWN POINT, NY REGULAR BOARD MEETING – June 11, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Crown Point, County of Essex, State of New York was held at the Town Offices, Crown Point, New York on June 11, 2026.

PRESENT: Clayton Menser, Supervisor  
Tara Peters, Councilperson  
Walter Worth, Councilperson  
Sherlene Barrows, Councilperson  
Roy Cutting, Councilperson  
M. Cindy Bodette, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Leanne Rice - Deputy Supervisor, Colin Mangan – Code Enforcement, Bruce Burns – Highway Supervisor, Vicki Mero – Supervisor Clerk, Gary Allen – Water/Wastewater Supervisor, Chris Spaulding, Assessor, See additional attendance list attached.

Supervisor Menser called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were presented from the May 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Councilperson Barrows made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Cutting to accept the May 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Barrows and Cutting, Supervisor Menser

Nays None

Abstain Councilperson Peters

Absent None

Communications:

Ticonderoga Elks Lodge No. 1494

NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Project 5562-02-01

Councilperson Worth made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Barrows Authorizing submission of a grant application to the 2026 NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) for a new salt storage structure. Motion Carried.

Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows and Cutting, Supervisor Menser

Nays None

Abstain None

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Absent None

Councilperson Worth made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Peters authorizing a Suicide Walk In the Town Park June 28, 2026 from 1 pm to 6 pm, organizer Dan Whitford Jr. sponsored in part by Essex County Leathernecks Marine Corps League. Motion Carried.

Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows and Cutting, Supervisor Menser

Nays None

Abstain None

Absent None

Councilperson Barrows made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Worth to have the Hammond Library perform research and reports on Battery Energy Storage Systems for the benefit of the Town in support of the moratorium passed during the May 14<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. In return for these services, the Town will provide the Hammond Library \$4,000.00 in taxpayer funding. Motion Carried.

Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows and Cutting, Supervisor Menser

Nays None

Abstain None

Absent None

Water/Wastewater – Gary Allen, Superintendent

The materials purchased in the past, were very incomplete and would not function without many additional parts. An order for the needed materials for 25 units has been placed and will arrive June 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost of which is \$124.45 per unit for 25 homes making a total of \$3,111.25. These expenses have already been budgeted for. Superintendent Allen demonstrated the parts and design. He noted that AES had ordered everything needed for the job according to the plans. The pieces were short and had the wrong threads. AES was asked to be accountable for the errors but nicely declined. As AES would take no accountability they are no longer working for us. The parts delay as a consequence of this will require an extension for project completion. The water meter pit contractor is working.

Everything is as it should be with Wastewater, regular testing is happening and everything is passing as needed.

Assessor - Chris Spaulding

Grievance day has passed. Two people came in. Fourteen million has been added to the tax roll. We need to get our rate to 100%. Started today on roads. There are 12 years of sales to get back to.

Highway - Bruce Burns, Superintendent

Completed 90% of work they wanted to complete on Buck Mountain done. They are waiting for rain and then will be grading the dirt roads. A thank you was given to Code Enforcement for assistance

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provided. Culverts have been replaced in preparation of paving. The road shoulder machinery is broken. At the annual highway meeting it was learned that a 45-degree angle requirement is coming for road shoulders. They are trying to get the beaver problem under control.

Code Enforcement:

Colin Mangan - Code Enforcement Officer

The town is down 20% in permit applications. A current permit report was handed out as well as basic requirements for Administration and Enforcement of the Uniform Code. It was noted by Colin that a major part of his position is fire safety inspections. He is looking at software that would assist with his position.

Youth Commission – Sherlene Barrows

There will be a program at school this summer. Moriah will supply the food. The program will run four weeks this year rather than 5. There are about 40 students signed up at this time. It will run through the month of July.

Senior Citizens:

They have been enjoying at least one trip per month with the new van. Permission has been given from the Senior Citizens for the bands to use their space for preparing for the concerts in the park.

Monitor Bay:

There is one camper not paid in full, one site with a camper and no one has showed up. Something will be in place in September regarding payment and consequences for non-payment. Blocks have been placed further down on the access to allow people with mobility issues use.

Supervisor and Town Clerk reports were presented to the Board for review.

Any Other Business

The Town Clerk explained the new state law that Towns designate an animal shelter to receive donations made by individuals licensing their dogs.

Councilperson Barrows made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Peters to designate the Essex County SPCA as the animal shelter to be given donations when dog licenses are purchased. Motion Carried.

Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows and Cutting, Supervisor Menser

Nays None

Abstain None

Absent None

Town Historian – Kama Ingleston

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Kama made a presentation regarding cemeteries in the town. There 8 that are public and 8 that are on private property. She noted that Towner Hill and Wolcott cemeteries need assistance now as they are overgrown and unkempt.

Kama would like guidance as to what to say to callers when they request access to the private cemeteries. She suggested the Penfield staff take pictures of the stones in these cemeteries for individuals to see if requested. Kama would like to see this issue addressed by the town.

Comments from the Floor:

A suggestion was raised that the Town of Crown Point should coordinate BESS research with other towns. There will be a committee involved once things are in place. We need to show we are actively investigating this issue. Supervisor Menser noted that our moratorium is in place.

A question was asked regarding dog problems and whether the SPCA charges the town for services. Response was that the person who owns the dog needs to pay.

Discussion was held regarding Buck Mountain becoming a four wheeler road. This did not happen. There is no one to enforce should it be put in place.

Comments were made regarding the project in Veteran's Park. Questions were brought up regarding the authority to put the walkway through the park. The deed was reviewed for clarity. Further discussion was held regarding water and culverts which was addressed. Councilperson Cutting addressed volunteerism and appreciation for such.

A concern was brought up regarding a property on Main Street. There is no zoning in Crown Point which makes this issue difficult to address. There is a tractor that is parked partially in the road which Supervisor Menser will address.

Benj Dwyer introduced himself as the Teamsters Representative for the C.P. Union. He noted a contract disagreement with the town and the termination of two individuals. He noted that they have been fighting for about a year now and he hopes to settle before a hearing. He explained there is one point that is not agreed regarding days off for vacation and receiving credit for overtime. He requested to meet with the Board following the meeting.

Councilperson Worth noted appreciation for attendance at the meeting.

Bills were presented by Supervisor Clerk Leanne Rice as follows:

Highway	\$33,640.09
Water	\$17,168.06
Sewer	\$19,913.01
General	\$42,101.02
NYS EFC	\$ 392.75

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Total June Vouchers    \$113,214.93

Councilperson Barrows made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Peters to pay the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Councilperson Barrows made a motion seconded by Councilperson Peters to enter Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with Teamsters Representative Dwyer. Motion Carried. Executive Session was entered at 7:55 pm.

Executive Session was completed at 8:27 pm.

No decisions were made during executive session.

With no further business, Councilperson Barrows made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Peters to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Duly Submitted,

Mary Cindy Bodette  
Town Clerk