

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Crown Point, County of Essex, State of New York was held at AE Phelps Fire Co., Crown Point, New York on August 13, 2026.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Bruce Burns – Highway Supervisor, Gary Allen – Water/Wastewater Supervisor, Chris Spaulding – Assessor, Vicki Mero – Supervisor’s Clerk, Leanne Rice – Deputy Town Supervisor

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

Minutes were presented from July 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Councilperson Peters made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Worth to accept the July 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows, Cutting, and Supervisor Menser
Nays None
Abstain None
Absent None

Communications:

USAA Acknowledgment of Claim
State of New York Department of Health – Campground Inspection
Ltr to Residents of the Water Districts
Environmental Corporation Cybersecurity

Amendment of Minutes of the June 11, 2026 Town Board Meeting Minutes to Reflect the Executive Session with the Union.

Councilperson Worth made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Barrows to approve amended June 11, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows, Cutting, and Supervisor Menser
Nays None
Abstain None
Absent None

In March 2026 the Town Board passed a resolution to request a feasibility study on the requirements that would have to be met if the Town Hall needs to be replaced and what we needed to meet, State and Federal codes for the Highway Department and the Town Hall. Five engineering companies were requested to submit proposals. Two companies submitted proposals; AES \$42,400.00 plus expenses and Suozzo, Doty & Associates \$15,000.00.

Councilperson Worth made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Cutting to award and sign contract with Suozzo, Doty & Associates in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion carried.

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

Nays None

Abstain None

Absent None

Committee Reports:

Water/Wastewater – Gary Allen, Supervisor

Supervisor Allen reported that the Meter project is moving along. 109 Interior meters have been installed with 130 to go. There are 45 exterior pits to go. The Sugar Hill Fire Hydrant is no longer leaking as it was fixed the previous day. A letter was sent to all in the Water/Wastewater Districts explaining charges and bill increases. Some have required corrections due to incorrect multipliers. Sewer debt was rased to \$80.00 as the bill for this was larger than expected.

Wastewater – Phase 1 is complete. The DEC allowed us to meet old standards. The cost for the wastewater treatment Phase 2 is too much money for 130 customers. This will now be covered 100%. This will necessitate new space for the Town Hall as this is where the new facility will need to be. This is 5 to 7 years down the road. Any new facility will need to meet code. This will not be covered as part of the project. Options will be presented at Public Hearings. Federal Grants will be explored.

Steve McKay noted past history and charges on property tax bills. He expressed his opinion that a lot of taxes are paid for few services in the town. It was noted that communication is key and suggestions were made regarding the use of Facebook and other avenues to get the word out.

Discussion was held regarding Captain’s Cove and regulation of the water in that area.

Assessor – Chris Spaulding, Assessor

Assessor Spaulding explained that the state has seen no sales data from Crown Point in 12 years. They have completed some areas and will continue to work on this project. They are working on finding out how many years they need to go back.

Code Enforcement: - Supervisor Menser reported for Colin Mangan, Code Enforcement Officer

Permits are being done and going well. The plan is to add four hours to The code enforcement contract next year.

Youth Commission – Leanne Rice reported that the Summer program ran for four weeks this summer. Surveys are being completed now. The Director did an awesome job. They are now preparing for the soccer season. Sign ups are going well. The season starts Sept. 5 with Basketball and wresting next.

Senior Citizens: Supervisor Menser reported that they continue to take their once per month trips.

Monitor Bay – Supervisor Menser reported that the NYS inspection was completed last week. Discrepancies were identified and corrected on the day of inspection.

Justice –

The Town Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle. One required component of that application is a Resolution from the Town Board authorizing the Town Court to apply for this funding.

Supervisor Peters made the motion seconded by Supervisor Cutting to authorize the Crown Point Town Court to apply for an JCAP grant in the 2026-2027 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00. Motion Carried.

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

Nays None

Abstain None

Absent None

Highway:

Bruce Burns, Highway Superintendent reported that they have been busy paving. They are able to complete more because of CHIPS money due from previous years. They have had trucks from every town assisting.

Benjie Dwyer from Teamsters local 294 began to speak. Supervisor Menser informed him the Board will listen but not respond as they had no legal representation present.

Mr. Dwyer handed out a flyer with information regarding negotiations with the Town to attendees. He spoke regarding charges and discrepancies. Some residents questioned information required. One questioned why if negotiations are private did he hand out a document to the public.

Supervisor Menser noted that we are not allowed to discuss or stretch the truth as others are doing.

BESS Report was distributed by Wendy Terbeek, Librarian. We have a moratorium in place which we can get a one year extension on. Supervisor Menser noted that if the system is larger than 25 megawatts the town law does not take effect.

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

Any Other Business/ Comments from the Floor: None

Bills were presented by Leanne Rice as follows:

Highway	\$39,063.93
Water	\$80,864.14
Sewer	\$ 4,430.63
General	\$55,220.26
NYS EFC	\$14,649.50

Total August Vouchers \$194,228.66

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

- Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows, Cutting, and Supervisor Menser
- Nays None
- Abstain None
- Absent None

Councilperson Barrows made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Worth to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion Carried. Executive Session was entered at 7:05 pm.

- Ayes Councilpersons Worth, Peters, Barrows, Cutting, and Supervisor Menser
- Nays None
- Abstain None
- Absent None

Executive Session was completed at 7:40 pm.

No decisions were made during Executive Session.

With no further business, Councilperson Cutting made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Peters to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Duly Submitted,

Mary Cindy Bodette
Town Clerk