

Town Board Minutes of March 10th, 2026

The meeting of the Wales Town Board was held on the 10th day of March 2026 at the Wales Community Center, 12345 Big Tree Road, Wales Center, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tim Howard at 7:05 pm EST.

ROLL CALL: Taken at Public Hearing

Supervisor Howard
Councilman Gallo
Councilman Newman
Councilman Butcher
Councilwoman O'Connor

Present: Wendel Engineering, Robert Klavoon (8) Residents whose names are on file.

INVOCATION: led by Councilman Butcher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Councilman Newman

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: MOTION # __ By Councilman Butcher, second by Councilman Newman, approving the agenda. Carried ayes-5 noes-0

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: MOTION # __ By Councilman Butcher, second by Councilwoman O'Connor, approving the Town Clerk's minutes of February 10th & 17th. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Sheriff Deputy Matthew Malican - The sheriff's office oversaw eighty-four calls for service in the town of Wales, conducted thirteen traffic stops, nine car accidents, one with injury: two reported cases of theft, and two arrests for DWI. The board inquired about snowmobile accidents. I looked back to November 1st of last year. and zero snowmobile accidents reported.

Executive Session

MOTION # __ By Councilman Butcher, second by Councilman Newman, to enter executive session at 7:10pm and returned at 7:20pm. Carried ayes-5 noes-0

Supervisor Howard stated no votes or decisions were made during executive session.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.Intro. Local Law 3-2025-Local Law 3-2026 Comprehensive revisions to Chapter 200

MOTION # __ By Councilman Butcher, second by Councilwoman O'Connor, approving the final draft of Local Law 3-2026 Comprehensive Code revisions to Chapter 200. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

MOTION # __ By Councilman Newman, second by Councilwoman O'Connor, approving a Public Hearing on Local Law 3-2026 on April 14th prior to the regular Town Board Meeting. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

2. Intro. Local Law 4-2025–Local Law 2-2026 Short Term Rentals

MOTION # __ By Councilman Gallo, second by Councilwoman O'Connor, approving the final draft of Local Law 2-2026 Short Term rental. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

MOTION # __ By Councilman Butcher, second by Councilman Newman, approving a Public Hearing on Local Law 2—2026 April 14th prior to the regular Town Board Meeting. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

3. 13748 Big Tree Solar Project

Robert Klavoon from Wendl Engineering stated we are not prepared to recommend approval yet. The host community agreement needs to be negotiated between the applicant and the town. Once that's completed the board can then move forward with approval also some outstanding fees that need to be paid by the applicant. We have drafted a Special Use permit that contains forty conditions, some of them are construction oriented, some of them may need permits before the code enforcement officer can issue a construction permit. This is more just for information at this point for future actions by the board.

4. Approve Intro Local Law 7-2025 as Local law 1-2026 - 12-month Moratorium on Battery Storage

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO.1-2026

A local law establishing a 12-month moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities in the Town of Wales.

WHEREAS Local Law 1-2026 allows the Town Board to carefully consider adopting appropriate provisions to achieve these purposes

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on March 10, 2026, permitting public comment on Local Law 1-2026 establishing a 12-month moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems facilities in the Town of Wales

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, Local Law No.1-2026 is hereby adopted and shall become effective upon filing of the Local Law with the New York Secretary of State.

Duly adopted this 10th day of March 2026

MOTION# __ By Councilwoman O'Connor second by Councilman Butcher approving Local law 1-2026 - 12-month Moratorium on Battery Storage.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Howard
Councilman Gallo
Councilman Newman
Councilman Butcher
Councilwoman O'Connor Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

5. Update on Dog Control

Daniel Whitehead, acting dog control officer, mentioned a situation with a sheriff officer being bitten during a traffic stop in Wales, the owner of the dog is temporarily staying at town resident's home. We are waiting for paperwork, so our judge must sign the order. The court will review the case but there is a 30-day appeal process. Based on the circumstances, if the judge is willing to make

that determination, I do not see what evidence could be brought forth to appeal that. The town will not be paying any fees. This will be through the Sheriff's Office and Health Department.

We are still waiting on Wyoming County Board of Supervisors to decide if they will allow us to drop off a dog at their shelter if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wales Center Girl's Softball team to use Town Park May-August

MOTION# __ By Councilwoman O'Connor second by Councilman Butcher approving the Wales Center Girl's softball team to use the Town Park May-August, with proof of insurance. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

2. Kiwanis request for the use of Town Park for Easter Egg Hunt

MOTION# __ By Councilman Newman and second by Councilman Butcher approving the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Town Park on April 4th. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

3. Request permission to survey/trap for European Cherry Fruit Fly in select locations within Wales, some of which may be on town-owned property and are required to request your permission annually. This is U.S. Department of Agriculture's European Cherry Fruit Fly (ECFF) and Box Tree Moth (BTM) programs.

MOTION# __ By Councilman Newman and second by Councilman Butcher approving the annual request to survey/trap for ECFF/BTM in select locations within Wales. Carried. ayes-5 noes-0

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Bookkeeper has submitted the 12.31.2025 Town of Wales Annual Financial Report.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS: received Highway Dept., Town Clerk and Building Inspector.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION:

Kiwanis will be holding an Easter egg hunt in the Town Park on Saturday, April 4th at 11am - registration will start at 10am.

Wales Center Fire Sportsman Raffle this weekend

South Wales Fire CPR classes we had 65 people attend

REVIEW AND ACTION ON SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

MOTION# __ by Councilwoman O'Connor, second by Councilman Butcher approving December 2025, January and February 2026 Supervisors monthly reports. Carried ayes-5 nose-0

REVIEW AND ACTION ON TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

MOTION # __ by Councilman Butcher second Councilman Newman, approving the Town Clerk's monthly reports. For February 2026 as presented. Carried ayes-5 nose-0

GENERAL FUND BILLS:

MOTION # __ by Councilwoman O'Connor, second by Councilman Butcher approving General Fund Abstract # 003 voucher # 015-064 total of \$ 286,994.98. Carried ayes-5 nose-0

HIGHWAY FUND BILLS:

MOTION # __ by Councilman Butcher, second by Councilman Gallo, approving Highway Abstract # 003 voucher #015-026 total amount \$11,453.03. Carried ayes-5 nose- 0

ADJOURNMENT In MEMORY OF Greogory James Jones

MOTION# __ by Supervisor Howard and seconded by Councilman Newman to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. Carried ayes-5 noes-0

Respectfully submitted, Melinda Eaton, Wales Town Clerk