

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

MINUTES OF THE DARIEN TOWN BOARD: Supervisor Stephen Ferry, Council Members Timothy Benten, Michael Fix, Michael Grant, David Krzemien, and Town Clerk Alice Calmes.

A special meeting of the Darien Town Board, County of Genesee, and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 10569 Allegany Road, Darien Center, NY on September 3, 2025

PRESENT:	Stephen Ferry	Supervisor
	Timothy Benten	Councilman
	Michael Fix	Councilman
	Michael Grant	Councilman
	Alice Calmes	Town Clerk
ABSENT:	David Krzemien	Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Neil Marzolf, Jr – Highway Superintendent; Gordon Dibble – Genesee County Legislator; David Hardenbrook – CPL Engineer; and members of the public

At 7:30 PM the meeting was called to order and recited the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Ferry asked for a moment of silence for James Burkhardt, a long-time Town Board & ZBA member, who passed away.

RESOLUTION #102

MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor Ferry offered a resolution to accept the August 6, 2025, minutes as presented online; second by Councilman Benten.

AYES 4 Ferry, Benten, Fix, and Grant

NAYS 0

Notifications

Letter to the sewer district residents on the inspection of sewer line hookups in residences will be going out. 2026 Tentative Budget will be ready the week of September 29, 2025 for distribution to the Board.

Budget workshops are tentatively scheduled for October 20th, 22nd, 27th, and/or 29th as needed at 7:30PM.

Discussion held on the sewer force main project with David from CPL. We should be good to turn over to Corfu by the first of the year. Just have to cross Broadway to the plant and cross the railroad tracks, waiting on the railroad to get their flaggers lined up. There will definitely be some dress up/clean-up work to do in the spring and final touch ups of asphalt.

HIGHWAY – everything is in good working order. Oiled the shop yard, Harper Rd, and Ortner Rd. The second pass for mowing is down except the state roads, started those today. Old Attica Road was paved by the County; we helped a lot. The Colby Road bridge looks like it will only be a little bit longer. The town lot was sealed. The state Snow & Ice Amendment B came in for about \$53,000. We are actually all paid up, but we are waiting for this coming year's contract. The county contract looks like it will be up a little from last budget.

ATTORNEY – sending the sewer law to review a couple sections.

ENGINEER – reported already

TOWN CLERK – read fliers that were sent over.

HISTORIAN – changed out the cases by the main doors.

TREATMENT PLANT – numbers are good, CPL covered everything else.

County Legislature Gordon Dibble – 1st budget meeting was tonight. There is a grant for restoration of apartments (must be currently empty), for more information, call G&G or Matt Landers. The air show was a success.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

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Councilman Fix went to the GAM meeting in August. Discussions were held on the loss of farmland due to some large projects (solar, etc.). There seemed to be quite a bit of interest in slowing down or stopping the reduction of farmland. Councilman Grant asked if this was addressed in our Comp Plan. Supervisor Ferry explained that the problem is the big energy projects, after a certain power output the state makes the decision, and the local municipalities have no control.

RESOLUTION #103

SUPERVISOR CASH REPORT

Councilman Fix offered a resolution to accept the Supervisor's Cash report for the month of June 2025; second by Councilman Grant.

AYES 4 Fix, Grant, Benten, and Ferry

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #104

ABSTRACT

Councilman Fix offered a resolution to pay the bills in accordance with the abstract; second by Councilman Benten. General Fund 204 – 227 for \$24,105.70; Highway Fund 96 – 107 for \$156,219.16; Sewer 56 – 63 for \$3,644.51; Capital Checking – Sewer 31 – 33 for \$483,699.62; and CDBG 3 for \$518,628.42.

AYES 4 Fix, Benten, Grant, and Ferry

NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #105

ADJOURN

At 8:07 pm, Supervisor Ferry offered a resolution to adjourn; second by Councilman Grant.

AYES 4 Ferry, Grant, Benten, and Fix

NAYS 0

Alice E. Calmes, Town Clerk