
Town of Angelica – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026

Location: Angelica Grange Hall, Meeting Room, 59 Park Circle Angelica NY

Time: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Presiding: Supervisor Girard Kelly

Recorder: Pamela L. Cockle, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Kelly called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m.

2. Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Supervisor Girard Kelly
- Councilmembers: Jeremy Metatos, William Weaver, Brian Jones, Elwyn Gordon

Town Staff Present:

- Town Clerk: Pamela Cockle
- Dog Control Officer Rick Abbott

Public Members Present: David Haggstrom, Donald Ash, Rob Ford, Linda Cash, Robin Robbins, Rob Chamberlain, Guy Starck, Dennis Clark, Bradley Rush – LaBella LLC, & Craig Miller

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the previous month's minutes from the March 13, 2026 Town Board meeting. **Motion** to approve minutes made by E. Gordon, Seconded by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Carried unanimously.**

4. LaBella Professional Engineering Design Services Presentation on Town of Angelica Courts Park Project.

Girard introduced Bradley Rush from LaBella Engineering and gave him the floor to discuss the planned Town of Angelica Courts Park.

Concept: Development of one regulation tennis court, four regulation pickleball courts, two horseshoe courts, a 19-car parking lot, and a pavilion.

Location: West side of the village hall, under lease from the village. Next to the old school

Committee: Girard, Craig Miller, Terri Ross, Mary Shola.

Engineering & Funding Firm Selected: Labella Associates @ a cost of \$31,300 for engineering and full documents (additional \$2,800 for survey if Labella provides; board can choose others)

Grants Available: US Tennis Association: Rolling grant (can potentially cover full tennis court costs, no match required)

NYS Municipal Parks & Recreation Grant: Next cycle expected mid-summer (July); 10% local match required (match may include in-kind labor)

Environmental Protection Fund: Grant cycle opens May

Other smaller grants may arise throughout the year

Design Details & Timeline: Size: Approx. 0.5 to 1 acre

Parking: Initial design includes 19 cars but flexible based on need; potential alternate parking arrangements discussed

Restrooms: Existing village bathrooms accessible and open

Lighting: Planned for night use

Cost Estimate: Preliminary range \$600,000 - \$1,000,000 for full build including fencing, surface, parking, and pavilion

Phasing: Can be built all at once or in phases, depending on funding

Construction Timeline: Drawings prepared by August (if proposal signed promptly)

Construction Estimate: Likely Summer 2027, after grant phases

Discussion: Some questions about survey costs, grant match mechanisms, and parking contingency plans. Possible easement from Terri Ross for access/driveway to parking lot

Goal: Host tournaments to attract visitors and stimulate local economy.

Board Actions:

Motion was made by E. Gordon to approve Labella for Engineering of said project, Seconded by W. Weaver. **All ayes, Carried unanimously.** Motion Passed: To select Labella as engineering firm for project.

5. Resolution #3-2026 Establishing a Capital Project (H5113) and approving the use of Unallocated Fund Balance.

Pamela Cockle, Town Clerk read Resolution #3-2026 out loud. This resolution is authorizing the use of fund balance and establishing a capital project known as **H5113** for the Town of Angelica Courts Park. This will be used for professional design services for the Town of Angelica Courts Park provided by LaBella Engineering and is the amount of \$31,300.

- See attached Resolution to Board minutes

Motion to approved Resolution #3-2026 was made by E. Gordon, Seconded by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Carried Unanimously.**

6. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Facility – Proposal to construct received.

Supervisor Kelly gave a brief overview of the request received by the town for the construction of a BESS facility on the Hess Road in the Town of Angelica.

Developer: SeaTac Solar (a NYSEG subsidiary)

Location: Hess Road, between State Route 19 and the former I86 Repair. Will be fenced in

Size: 2.5 MW AC in relation, this is a small facility

Town's Position: Board unanimously opposes project; limited authority due to state mandates.

Moratorium: Existing 180-day moratorium (in effect for approx. 170 days; expires end of April – cannot be extended by law. Town has extended moratoriums the maximum number of times as allowed by NYS)

Concerns Raised:

Fire safety, especially with lithium batteries (“almost impossible to put out”) Developer has stated they would coordinate with all local Fire Departments.

Proximity to school and Genesee River (potential environmental risks)

Evacuation and emergency response plans questioned

Long-term pollution and accountability for unused/abandoned facilities

Clarification on support, funding structures (state, federal, private), host/owner arrangements

Board working with attorneys, MACE, and hopes to bring developers to a public discussion soon

Next Steps

Board/Attorneys to meet again soon with developers

Discussion planned with developers and MACE

Environmental and SEQR review required before permit issuance

Encouraged residents to contact MACE with questions/concerns. Pam Cockle gave out MACE contact information.

Linda Cash asked about timeline to construct and expressed concern over environmental effects to the Genesee River due to proximity.

Rob Chamberlain questioned if the landowner can sue if the Town opposes the project.

7. Financial Reports

A. General & Highway Abstracts

Girard Kelly, Supervisor reported the following expenditures:

- General Fund: **\$72,161.85 (Abstract #4-2026, Voucher #'s 69-91)**
 - Prepaids: \$52,942.03
 - General Townwide: 19,219.82
 - General Outside: \$-0-
- Highway Town-Wide: **\$12,12,313.55 (Abstract #4-2026 Highway, Voucher #'s 50-66)**
- Highway Outside: **\$425**
- **Total Town Expenditures Approved: \$84,900.40**
- **Motion to approve abstracts made by E. Gordon, Seconded by W. Weaver. All Ayes, Carried unanimously.**

8. Budget Sheets & Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Kelly reviewed March account activity based and reports prepared by BBS Accounting.

- General Fund: Revenues - \$20,859.40/ Expenses: \$61,254.18
- Highway: Revenues - \$13,122.45/ Expenses: \$22,269.63

Motion to approve reports by B. Jones, Seconded by J. Metatos: All Ayes, Carried unanimously.

- **CLASS Investment Account**
 - General Fund: \$11,135.48
 - Highway: \$2,163.90
 - Total NYCLASS Earnings Current Month: \$13,299.38
 - Interest rate: **3.533%**

Motion to approve by B. Jones, Seconded by W. Weaver, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

9. Clerk and Department Reports

A. Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- 1) Town Clerk Report: \$401 total Received during the month of March
- 2) Dog: \$61 (\$53 Town/\$8 to NYS Animal Population Control)
- 3) DECALS: \$25 (\$1.38 Town/\$23.62 NYSDEC)
- 4) ATV: \$65
- 5) Cemetery Sales/Grave Digging: \$ -0-
- 6) Certified Copies: \$50
- 7) Grange Rentals: \$200
- 8) 2026 Town & County Taxes: 88% of the warrant was collected \$959,344.52. \$154,534.30 returned to Co. Treasurer as unpaid, \$2,634.71 collected by Town as interest/penalties/2nd notice fees. Evening and Saturday hours will continue next year as they were very well received by the public.
- 9) Website Updates – Pam is now doing all updates to the Town Website herself vs. Southern Tier West. ATV application has been added to website for download. Pam is utilizing social media Pages to let them know hours/happenings, etc.... Very well received by the public, very positive feedback received. Town will need to switch over the angelicany.gov in the near future.
- 10) Cemetery – A lot of time has been spent at the cemetery and in the office. The maps & plots are inaccurate. There appears to be plots marked “Reserved or Do Not Sell” with a family’s Last name. Due to lack of space Pam suggested we contact families by letter. Board approved Pam to look in to this further and if records/deeds cannot be located within the Town files she will be sending out a letter to the family asking for them to produce a deed or asking for payment. We are running out of space so we need to get this squared up. Box for Rules/Regulations will be up by the end of the week, # burials YTD is up compared to this time next year.
- 11) Appoint Linda Ross as Deputy Town Clerk II at the rate of \$16/hr. Motion made by E. Gordon, Second by B. Jones. **All ayes, Motion Carried**
- 12) Motion made by W. Weaver, Seconded by B. Jones to approve Pam to send out letters to families where a deed can not be located and it is marked reserved on the current cemetery maps. **All Ayes, motion carried.**
- 13) Pam reminded Board members of the So. Tier West Local Government Training to be hold June 4, 2026 in Houghton NY. Please let her know ASAP if you plan on attending.

B. Town Justice March Monthly Report.

March monthly report was distributed and reviewed with no questions/comments. \$11,837 received from Justice Szucs for March Fines/Fees. Motion made by W. Weaver to approve, Seconded by J Metatos. **All Ayes, Passed unanimously.**

C. Dog Control Report (Rick Abbott) Housed 1 dog for 2 nights. Dog has been returned to Owner. \$40 for 2 nights boarding was received and turned over to the Town Clerk for depositing.

D. Assessor / Real Property. – no report received. Grievance Day will be held on June 4, 2026 in the Meeting room of the Grange.

E. M.A.C.E. March report in packets (2 Building permits issued, one inspection)

Motion made by B. Jones to accept MACE report as submitted, Seconded by J. Metatos All **Ayes, Motion Carried.**

10. Resolution #4-2026: Calling for a public hearing to create a Water District within the Town of Angelica.

Issue: Deteriorating water line affecting residents; unsuccessful in prior grant applications
New Strategy: Form a special water district to increase “shovel-readiness” and eligibility for grants. No cost to Town, Town is not going in to the Water Business.

Supervisor Kelly gave a brief description of said Water District and had Pam Cockle read proposed Resolution #4-2026: Resolution #4-206 calling for a public hearing for the Creation of a special Water District with in the Town of Angelica. At a regular meeting of the Town of Angelica held on April 13, 2026 a public hearing shall be called by the Town of Angelica, Allegany County, New York on April 28, 2026 at 6 PM to consider the creation of Water District No. 1 in said Town. Meeting will be held at 6 PM in the meeting room of the Grange located at 59 Park Circle, Angelica NY

A motion was made by W. Weaver and Seconded by B. Jones to approve Resolution #4-2026. **All Ayes, Motion Carried. Special Meeting/Public Hearing will be held at 6 PM April 28, 2026.**

11. ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sewage Treatment Plant Feasibility

County is funding a preliminary engineering study (no cost to town) to explore building a new wastewater treatment plant; study area may be expanded to include more of the town/village.

Estimated cost of plant: \$13-14 million (grant funded)

Action: Board authorized letter of support to county for study and further collaboration. Motion made by W. Weaver to approve, second by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

B. Social Media Policy Update

Context: Old policy outdated; legal counsel drafted a new, stricter policy to cover board members and all employees (FT, PT, Contracted) Policy in Board member packets.

Board Action: J. Metatos made a motion to approved, Seconded by B. Jones. **All Ayes, adopted unanimously**

C. Highway Department

Activities: Routine maintenance, storm drain cleaning after hail storm on March 31.

Superintendents report distributed in Board Members packets. Motion made by W. Weaver and Seconded by W. Weaver to accept and approve Town Highway report. **All Ayes, motion carried.**

D. Salt Storage Facility

Gravel pad for new soft storage unit being prepared; date for delivery pending from Hybrid Solutions. Helipad for Air Ambulances will be moved to fields behind the Old School.

E. Broadband/Utility Infrastructure

Fiber Optic Expansion: Community Broadband Networks Allegheny LLC to expand fiber through Angelica Town to approve operations conditional on proper bonding and insurance; working with village electric for pole access. Motion by B. Jones, Second by W. Weaver to approve and send letter of support. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

F. Building & Facility Maintenance

Town Hall Door & Handrail: Ongoing issues with front door lock and problematic handrail Moran Glass to repair door at Town Hall and Grange. Fred Bailor submitted a quote to replace handrail at Town Hall and fix damaged cemetery fence. E. Gordon made a motion to accept Fred Bailors quote, second by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.**

G. Cleaning Services: Previous cleaner did not work out; Molly Shea appointed at \$16/hr. to start immediately. Motion made by W. Gordon to approve Molly, Seconded by J. Metatos. **All Ayes, Motion Carried.** (W. Weaver recused from vote)

H. Cemetery Expansion and Maintenance

Future Land Purchase: Board to contact John Bentley to purchase land for expansion.

Burial/Sale Records: Continuing audit and update of records by P. Cockle and L. Ross,

Waterproof Box installed on Cemetery building and rules and regulations have been placed for public to take.

I. Community & Events

America's 250th Birthday (July 11, 2026): Planning committee active; events to include bands, parade, bounce house, and town revitalization efforts. Donation letters being sent out with electric bills.

Town beautification: Ongoing, especially at Grange and Town Hall by Pam Cockle, Town Clerk.

J. Off- Duty Social Club

Town has received notice from the NYS Liquor Authority and Supervisor Kelly has spoken to Off Duty. They plan to open in the old I-86 Collision building located on the Hess Road in mid to late June if all goes well with permits and remodeling.

K. Public Comments & Citizen Concerns

- **Croquet Pavilion (David Haggstrom)**

Ongoing community questioning/planning; tabled for near future due to full agenda

- **Agricultural Lagoon/Wastewater Odor (Robbie Ford)**

Resident Complaint: Ongoing smell from manure lagoon (at County Route 20, "Bainbridge's" farm) due to third-party wastewater (whey from nearby dairies/cheese processors) being dumped and stored

Community Impact: Resident notes effect on quality of life, appraisals, and local waterways. Others disagree or see less impact. Noted that Belfast passed a moratorium to restrict 3rd party waste in lagoons; suggested that Angelica could consider a similar measure.

Discussion included: Legal aspects, right-to-farm limitations, complaints to DEC, history of waste handling, comparison to incidents causing fish kills

Board Acknowledgement: Will look into Belfast's approach and minutes; not able to promise regulatory change but recognized the issue and placed it on record

12. Adjournment

All business concluded, Motion made by E. Gordon, seconded by J. Metatos to adjourn meeting. All ayes, motion carried - meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

13. Call back to Business by Supervisor Kelly

Supervisor G. Kelly requested that the meeting be reopened as he forgot to address the open position on the Board of Assessment due to the passing of member James. Gallman. B. Jones made a motion to enter make in to business, seconded by J. Metatos. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Meeting resumed at 8:42 PM

G. Kelly stated he had received a text message from Terri Ross expressing interest in the open position of the Board of Assessment Review Board due to the recent passing James Gallman. Discussion occurred on advertising for open position, per Dustin Snyder does not have to be

filled right now, can conduct grievance day with himself, Ray Hooker, and Dean Gallman as there would be a quorum.

A motion was made by E. Gordon and seconded by J. Metatos to appoint Terri Ross to the vacant seat formerly held by James Gallman to the Town of Angelica Board of Assessment Review Board pending her successful completion of schooling thru the Real Property Tax Department. **All ayes, motion carried.**

14. Adjournment

G. Kelly made a motion to adjourn Town Board meeting as all business was now concluded. Seconded by W. Weaver. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Public Hearing/Special Meeting on Establishment of Water District No. 1 within the Town of Angelica to be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 6 PM in the meeting room of the Grange Hall located at 59 Park Circle, Angelica, NY

Next regular meeting scheduled meeting will be held on May 11, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Grange Hall, 59 Park Circle, Angelica, NY.

Respectively Submitted:

Pamela L. Cackle, Town Clerk

APPROVED 5/11/2026