Edinburg Town Board
July 16, 2026 Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Anderson continued on with the public hearing that was left open at the June 18th meeting concerning Local Law #1 of 2026 pertaining to a Moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems.

PRESENT: Supervisor Anderson, Town Board Members Evans, Greco, Penino and West

ALSO PRESENT: D. Greco, G and S Schmidt, D and L Golden, Highway Superintendent Seelow, Solid Waste Coordinator Olmstead, Code Enforcement Officer Brackett, Town Clerk Ferguson

LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2026

Supervisor Anderson explained the Town Board would like to enact a one-year moratorium on BESS with the opportunity to extend it as deemed necessary. He asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. No one responded. Supervisor Anderson asked for a motion to declare the public hearing closed.

MOTION TO DECLARE THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:35 PM

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS, SECONDED: TOWN BOARD MEMBER WEST, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Anderson called to order the regular meeting of the Edinburg Town Board at 6:36 pm at the Edinburg Town Hall.

PRESENT: SAME AS ABOVE – ALSO PRESENT: SAME AS ABOVE

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2026 MINUTES

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS, SECONDED: TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Anderson asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. No one responded, Supervisor Anderson moved ahead with the meeting.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Reports

Town Officials Monthly Reports

Code Enforcement Officer – **June**
Dog Control Officer –
Highway Superintendent's Diesel and Gasoline Inventory **– 7/6/26**
Justice **– June**
Supervisor's Financial Report -
Town Clerk **– June**
Tax Collector – **Statement of Settlement, 2026**

Other Reports

Tri-Party Collateral Agreement - **6/15,22,29 and 7/6**
Tri-Party Collateral Agreement Deposit Info –
Resident Permit **– 6/12,13**
E-waste – Pickup log **6/29**

Correspondence

Planning Board Unapproved Minutes – June 25, 2026
Letter Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes
Letter and Materials Sent to Internal Audit Services Unit – Justice Audit for 2025
Legal Notice – **Blitt and Johansson Planning Board**
Town Board Minutes - **June**
Resignation, Bruce VanDerwerker
REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Informational and Action

Supervisor Anderson told the Board he will be discussing the informational items first.

Informational Items

BOCES

Supervisor Anderson told all present he has been in contact with Stacy from BOCES, they will be giving him a proposal for grants and for the highway training.

Solid Waste Replacement and the Future of Solid Waste

Supervisor Anderson told the Board they will need to take a very hard look at what our options for solid waste are in the future. Supervisor Anderson spoke of the possibility of funding training for CDL's in the future; if that were to happen the Town would need to get a commitment from the individual, Highway Superintendent Seelow spoke up and said that you cannot make anyone commit to staying. Supervisor Anderson also spoke about the possibility of opting out of roadside collection by the Town of Edinburg. If that should happen the residents would have to go to a private hauler if they wanted their garbage picked up a roadside. Supervisor Anderson stated the Town would keep the Recycle and Reuse Center open for recycling only or it could be made into a transfer station for residents to bring their garbage to. He again stated to the Town Board this is something we are going to have to really look at with John Olmstead leaving and Bruce gone. Supervisor Anderson also stated the Town will be taking applications for a laborer to fill B. VanDerwerkers' position.

Emergency Squad

Supervisor Anderson told the Board he has emailed President Ludwig concerning the agreement between the Town of Edinburg and the Edinburg Emergency Squad. Supervisor Anderson would like to meet with one member from the Town Board along with President Ludwig and one member from her board to get this contract signed. Town Board Member West spoke up and said he would be happy to meet with Supervisor Anderson and the members of the squad. Supervisor Anderson is waiting to hear from President Ludwig.

Fireworks with the Town of Day

Supervisor Anderson told the Board he has been approached by the Supervisor from the Town of Day concerning the Town of Edinburg going in with the Town of Day for fireworks at Day in the Park celebration which is held in August. They would like $2500.00 from the Town of Edinburg to help with the fireworks. The Board stated Edinburg would need to be incorporated in their advertisement of Day in the Park if this was to be done. Supervisor Anderson told the Board he will speak to the Supervisor of the Town of Day and let them know that Edinburg wants to be noted if they pay for some of the fireworks. Supervisor Anderson told the Board he will get back to them on this. Supervisor Anderson told the Board he would get back to the Supervisor for the Town of Day; the Board stated if we do decide to give the $2500.00, we do not want to be responsible for any issues. Town Board member West said he is fine with it because it is the 250th anniversary of the US. Supervisor Anderson stated the Youth Committee will be taking care of all of the functions at Day in the Park. Supervisor Anderson stated he wants it made known that Edinburg has donated money towards the fireworks.

Bookkeeping Package

Supervisor Anderson told the Board the bookkeeping package has been ordered and it will be up and running by September 1st. This system will be intergraded with three computers, the Supervisors, Bookkeepers and Town Clerks. He added this program will also be compliant with the state paperwork for the Annual Financial Report that has to go off to the NYS Comptroller's Office it will also help us breakout our budget accounts further. The Town of Edinburg will own this software out right. Supervisor Anderson reported he spoke to the Supervisor from Milton who uses this program; his comptroller has won two awards for his accounting capability. Edmonds, the company who the Town Clerk's, CEO's and Tax Collector's programs are with did get back to A. Jensen the other day, their program would be more expensive and it would take up to a year to get it up and running.

Economic Development Grant

Supervisor Anderson reported he has applied for the Economic Development Grant in the amount of $7500.00 to be used for improvements to our playground and the walking trail. Supervisor Anderson explained further we would be using it for soft soil which absorbs the shock if a child falls. The grant will need to be completed by the end of 2027.

Pass Through Grant

Supervisor Anderson also added we have applied for the pass-through grant with the county to be used for the Saratoga Snowmobile Trail System as has been done in the past.

Sweep Accounts

Supervisor Anderson reported the Town of Edinburg has made the following monies with the Sweep Accounts for the past 6-month period.

General Savings - $6979.01, Cemetery Savings - $994.38 and the General Fund - $17,011.65.

Sales Tax Money

Supervisor Anderson told the Board he has moved the final installment of sales tax money to the Highway portion of the 2026 budget. He moved $200,000.00. This is the final portion to be moved to this part of the budget.

Action Items

Adoption of Local Law # 1 of 2026

Supervisor Anderson told the Board he would like to adopt the resolution adopting Local Law # 1 of 2026 Imposing a Moratorium on Locating Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Edinburg. Supervisor Anderson would like a separate vote on this.

MOTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2026

MOTION: TOWN BOARD MEMBER WEST, SECONDED, TOWN BOARD MEMBER GRECO, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

RES. # 66-26 7/16/26

Motion: Town Board Member West Second: Town Board Member Greco

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2026 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON LOCATING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN OF EDINBURG

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of the NYS Municipal Home Rule Law and Article 16 of the NYS Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Edinburg (the "Town") has the authority to adopt local laws amending the Zoning Law of the Town of Edinburg adopted June 27, 1996 and became effective on September 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, there were concerns within the Town of Edinburg with respect to the placement of Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Town of Edinburg and the prospect that the existing Zoning Law of the Town of Edinburg may not be adequate for the review of the impact and mitigation of the consequences of such uses and the approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, a proposed local law enacting a moratorium on locating battery energy storage systems in the Town of Edinburg has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled a public hearing to be held before the Town Board on June 18, 2026 at 6:30 pm, to hear all interested parties regarding the adoption of a proposed Local Law imposing a moratorium on locating battery energy storage systems in the Town of Edinburg, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly posted and published in The Leader Hearld, the official newspaper of the Town of Edinburg, pursuant to and in conformance with Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the proposed Local Law, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Local Law, is a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as codified under 6 NYCRR Part 617 et.seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Town Board, upon due deliberation of the proposed Local Law and the comments presented at the public hearing, finds that the adoption of the same shall be in the best interests of the Town and protects the public health, safety and welfare. The proposed Local Law is limited in its duration and scope to evaluate the efficacy of the existing site plan review law as they relate to battery energy storage systems, and be it further

RESOLVED, the proposed Local Law is hereby adopted, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to file a certified copy of the Local law in the Office of the Secretary of State and be it further

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Anderson	Aye
Town Board Member Evans	Aye
Town Board Member Greco	Aye
Town Board Member Penino	Aye
Town Board Member West	Aye

I, Denise Ferguson, Clerk of the Edinburg Town Board certify the foregoing is a true copy of this resolution adopted by the Edinburg Town Board on July 16, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name on July 16, 2026.

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Denise Ferguson, Town Clerk

Accepting the Resignation from Bruce VanDerwerker **R 67**

Supervisor Anderson told all present Bruce VanDerwerker has submitted his letter of resignation from his position in the Solid Waste Department. He has gotten a job atHamilton County Public Works. We will need to advertise for his position on the garbage truck and at the Recycle Center.

Amending Building Permit Fees **R 68**

Supervisor Anderson turned the floor over to CEO Brackett:

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT

CEO Brackett addressed the Town Board with a request to amend the building permit fees; he would like to add a fee for anyone who does not get a permit the fine would be $500.00 or three times the permit fee whichever is the larger. CEO Brackett added he has come across builders and individuals who have material on the job sites and are doing the work without permits; all they need to do is call his office and he will tell them if they need a permit. If it is structural, you need a permit. You also need a permit for septic installations and wells. He stated a fine will help him to get people to comply. Town Board Member West added he thinks CEO Brackett should get paid something for each time he gets yelled at. The Board agreed with amending the building permit fee schedule to include a fine.

Fireworks – Edinburg

CEO Brackett explained to the Board the recent fireworks display that took place in Edinburg is held by an individual each year, they are great, but he has received a complaint from a neighbor who just got their CO and had holes burnt into their new Trex deck. He has also been shown videos of plastic coming from the fireworks. He stated hot embers were falling on neighbors' roofs; CEO Bracketts is afraid there will be a fire at some point in time. CEO Brackett spoke to the Pyrotechnic Technician and was told they make this individual sign a waiver because his company has not been a fan of the sight for years and the way the wind comes off of the lake. CEO Brackett stated he has made arrangements for a meeting with the fireworks company in the Fall to talk about this. CEO Brackett stated in his opinion we are going to have a fire if this keeps up. He also added he spoke to the fireworks company before he issued a permit for this year and he was assured the fireworks would have no plastic like what happened last year. CEO Brackett was shown a five-gallon bucket of plastic that was recovered. He added sooner or later something bad is going to happen. CEO Brackett told the Board the people are not complaining about the debris it is their concern for their homes. Supervisor Anderson also stated we do not know if there was any other damage that occurred to residents where the people were not here and come up later to find additional damage. Highway Superintendent Seelow added the fire company is present when the Town of Day has their fireworks display and there is debris there also.

Audit of Claims **R 69**

The Town Board has reviewed the vouchers and the abstracts previously to the Town Board meeting and they have directed the following bills be paid.

General Vouchers # 136 - # 164 in the amount of $46,458.04

Highway Vouchers # 77 - # 87 in the amount of $140,455.20

Pre-Paid General Vouchers # 35 - # 41 in the amount of $15,347.05

Pre-Paid Highway Vouchers # 10 - # 11 in the amount of $7742.46

The Board has signed the abstract and have directed the Clerk to pay the bills as per the abstracts

Building Permits

CEO Brackett told the Board he has issued 74 building permits to date.

DOG CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT

Supervisor Anderson read the DCO's report to the Board dogs had gotten loose on Oakes, the children were wrestling with them to get them back to their property. DCO Humiston spoke to the owner concerning this complaint; she was told there is another Husky on Partridge Road; the owner is now aware of the neighbor's concern. DCO Humiston also reported she received a complaint concerning feral cats she will do some research as to how to handle this situation; the Dog Control Officer does not handle cats. DCO Humiston reported she has been dealing with a dog barking issue on Military Road; this has been a problem in the past for the resident who has filed the complaint. DCO Humiston contacted the resident who was believed to have the dogs and was told they are working hunting dogs. DCO Humiston said she has no proof of where the noise is coming from.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Highway Superintendent Seelow told the Town Board the Highway Department has been busy; they are busy helping out John with solid waste since Bruce has resigned. Highway Superintendent Seelow stated he is putting two guys on the truck; he will be paying for one and the other will go through General. He stated hopefully things get straightened out before John retires; he added they will do the best they can but; he can't be doing it forever he needs his men.

Tange Road

Highway Superintendent Seelow stated he is going to be finishing up Tange Road paving he will be hiring Kubricky to finish up. Highway Superintendent Seelow told the Board he will not be able to pave Fairview Park because of the prices of blacktop and fuel. He further told the Board he will be paving Military Road in 2027 and said a lot of these side roads are just glorified driveways that he is trying to make roads out of.

Timber Cutting

Highway Superintendent Seelow asked Town Board Members Penino and Greco if they remembered four or five years ago, he was to have an addition put onto the Highway Garage, he in return had logged timber off of the Town property it was in the amount of $80,000.00; he is curious where the money is or if there are any funds from this left if so, he would like to use it towards roads. He stated at this point in time he is five years behind with paving. Highway Superintendent further explained he is going to have to pave Fox Hill Road and he will not be able to complete all of Military Road in one year; he explained he will be conducting a total reclamation on the upper half of Military Road, the other he will be putting on an overlay. Highway Superintendent Seelow explained Tange Road has been true and leveled, (T and L) he will be finishing it up with a two-inch top coat; he could not do a reclamation of it because it would have cost around $250,000.00 to reclaim it.

King Road

Highway Superintendent Seelow told the Board the Clerk received a telephone call from a resident of King Road stating the previous Highway Superintendent had skidded down the road and was hurting the road. Highway Superintendent Seelow went up there and saw that he had actually put grooves in the road; he in turn contacted the Saratoga County Sheriffs Office, a deputy came and saw the previous Highway Superintendent concerning this, the problem is his mind is not good and he does not remember doing this, he told him it was not him he did not do that. Highway Superintendent Seelow stated the deputy was good, he told the previous Highway Superintendent if he gets called back about this, he would be taking a ride in the deputy car. Highway Superintendent Seelow added it is a sad situation because of the previous Highway Superintendents age he really does not remember doing it and to make matters worse he is his father-in-law.

HISTORIANS REPORT

Historian Barber is not present tonight she is working at the Methodist Church with their music presentation that is being held tonight.

SOLID WASTE COORDINATORS REPORT

SWC Olmstead reported the tonnage of solid waste for June was 77.10 tons; he stated they picked 23 tons of solid waste this week versus a total of 22 tons for the months of January, February, March and April. A. Rockwell helped at the Recycle and Reuse Center the week of July 3rd. Highway Superintendent Seelow stated he and his men cleaned up the entire reuse portion of the building and after the weekend of the 4th it was filled up again. Forty yards of cardboard, 30 yards of comingled recycling and 30 yards of metal were collected.

Black Garbage Bags

SWC Olmstead stated everyone seems to be complying with the black bag issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Anderson reported to the Board we have had a problem with checks not reaching their destination. We have had a large check that was to go for health insurance to CDPHP that never got there, other checks were to Avery's and Spectrum. The CDPHP check was mailed out the second week of June and the other two were mailed out on the 19th of June. I have spoken with the mail person, he said it is

most likely happening down at the Albany office. The checks have not been cashed. It was suggested by the Northville Post Office that if we have a check in a large amount we may want to send them out certified with a return receipt to make sure we get a signature; this is an extra cost. Supervisor Anderson told the Board once we get the new bookkeeping program in place this may make things easier.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS # 67 - # 69

MOTION TO ADOPT: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS - SECONDED: TOWN BOARD MEMBER PENINO, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

Supervisor Anderson asked if there was any other business to come before the Board at this time.

ADJOURN 7:37 PM

Supervisor Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: TOWN BOARD MEMBE WEST, SECONDED: TOWN BOARD MEMBER EVANS, ALL IN FAVOR, AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Ferguson
Town Clerk

RES. # 67-26 7/16/26

Motion: Town Board Member West Seconded: Town Board Member Greco

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BRUCE VANDERWERKER

WHEREAS, Bruce VanDerwerker held a laborer's position with the Solid Waste Department for many years, and

WHEREAS, Bruce has found a better job, and

WHEREAS, Bruce had submitted his resignation to become effective on July 13, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Anderson would like to advertise for his position as laborer; now, be it

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Bruce VanDerwerker and to advertise and take applications for the open position.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Anderson	Aye
Town Board Member Evans	Aye
Town Board Member Greco	Aye
Town Board Member Penino	Aye
Town Board Member West	Aye

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RES. # 68-26 7/16/26

Motion: Town Board Member West Second: Town Board Member Greco

AMENDING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE A FINE FOR BUILDING WITHOUT A PERMIT

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement Officer Brackett has been finding builders and individuals building without permits this summer, and

WHEREAS, it is becoming a large problem, he is spending a lot of time going around looking for building that is taking place without permits, and

WHEREAS, this takes away from him doing the rest of his job, and

WHEREAS, CEO Brackett has suggested the Town Board put into place a fee that would deter this building without a permit, and

WHEREAS, he has stated he would like to the fee to be charged $500.00 or three times the permit fee, whichever is the greater of the two, now, be it

RESOLVED, to amend the building permit fee schedule to include the fine for building without a permit., and be it further

RESOLVED, this will also be instituted if a septic or well is put in without a permit.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Anderson	Aye
Town Board Member Evans	Aye
Town Board Member Greco	Aye
Town Board Member Penino	Aye
Town Board Member West	Aye

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RES. # 69-26 7/16/26

Motion: Town Board Member West Second: Town Board Member Greco

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS**,** the Town Board holds a monthly meeting each month, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Edinburg incurs bills in the general day to day operations of the town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk presents the claims to the Board at the monthly meeting in the form of vouchers and abstracts, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon audit of the Edinburg Town Board the Clerk shall be directed to pay the following claims.

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