

Town of Milan, Town Board Meeting, Monday, March 16, 2026

Present: Councilpersons Debra Blalock, Clint Bond, Jr., Kevin Pike, Glenn Weinrich, Supervisor Bill Jeffway.

Also present: Highway Superintendent Glenn Butler

Absent: none

Supervisor Jeffway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence –The Town Clerk read an email from Debra Vespa requesting a stop sign at the intersection of North Road and Academy Hill Road. Supervisor Jeffway has spoken with the County and referred Vespa’s letter to them because Academy Hill Road is a county road. Supervisor Jeffway has spoken with the County and referred Vespa’s letter to them.

Report from Supervisor Clerk on 2026 community events.

New proposed date for Community Day is Saturday, August 8th; input from Milan residents regarding displays and programs is requested.

Public comment on agenda items – none.

WORKSHOP: The NYS Smart Climate Smart Communities Program

Kathy Kassner, Climate Smart Program, thanked the board for what has already been done; 470 communities in the state are participating via registration in the program; registration gives access to resources for the town. The program is administered by the DEC. Its purpose is to provide grants to certified communities. There are two levels of certification (bronze (144 communities have reached this level); silver (44 communities have reached this level); no time limit.

Supervisor Jeffway has contacted several of the participatory towns and the response is very positive. The only downside reported are the ebbs and flows of community engagement and volunteer support.

Ms. Kassner addressed the benefits associated with the program: conserving green spaces; lowering taxes; improving air quality; reducing flood risk; engaging the community and residents. The Town of Milan has already done some things such as the solar energy field at the Transfer Station and installation of EV charging stations. Other suggestions offered by those communities registered – change lightbulbs to LED; changing heat sources to heat pumps. Town can also form a task force with a board member or town employee as part of it.

Michael Galibieau – grant writing experience; mentioned that some of the towns, such as Rosendale, have received grants to purchase two EV vehicles.

Supervisor Jeffway will work with Ms. Kassner over the next few weeks to form a plan.

Rock City Road Bridge-M26 weight limit change to 12 tons

MOTION by Council. Blalock, seconded by Council. Pike, to move the following resolution:

WHEREAS to ensure public safety and safeguard public infrastructure the Highway Superintendent has asked for the weight limit of the Rock City Bridge-M26 to be raised to twelve tons,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to post a sign indicating a weight limit of 12 tons on Rock City Bridge-M26.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED said posting shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Control Devices), including but not limited to the requirements contained therein regarding sign design and wording.

Discussion: Glenn Butler reported that there was minor damage to the structure last year; some minor repair work has been done; an engineer looked at the bridge.

Roll was taken and carried.

YES – 5- Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NO - 0

Milan Culvert Replacement Bundle Project

MOTION by Supervisor Jeffway, seconded by Council. Blalock, to move the following resolution:

WHEREAS the town of Milan wants to award the recently publicized construction contract for the Milan Culvert Replacement Bundle Project for Battenfeld Road and Torre Rock Road,

WHEREAS Van Etten Contracting, LLC was the lowest responding bidder for said Project in the amount of \$794,415.00,

WHEREAS KC Engineering, after reviewing all bid contracts in detail, recommends that the contract be so awarded,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Milan awards the Milan Culvert Replacement Bundle Project to Van Etten Contracting, LLC effective immediately, not to exceed \$794,415.00,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk notify KC Engineering of this decision as soon as is practicable.

Roll was taken and carried.

YES – 5- Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NO - 0

Bond Resolution to Acquire Truck for the Highway Department

MOTION by Supervisor Jeffway; seconded by Council. Weinrich, to move the following resolution:

WHEREAS a bond resolution was formally adopted by the Town of Milan at its Town Board meeting on March 16, 2026, authorizing acquisition of a truck for use by the highway department,

WHEREAS the maximum cost thereof was established as \$300,000.00,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the effective immediately the Town of Milan hereby authorizes the action through the appropriating said amount as follows: the appropriation of \$15,000 from the “Highway Equipment Reserve Fund,” and the authorization of the issuance of \$285,000 in serial bonds of said town, to finance the balance of said appropriation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reading of the full resolution is waived, while the Town Clerk is instructed to include the full resolution in the official minutes of this Town Board meeting.

Discussion: Supervisor Jeffway commented that this is a five-year bond.

Roll was taken and carried.

YES – 5- Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NO - 0

Mileage Rate Revision to 72.5 cents per mile

MOTION by Supervisor Jeffway, seconded by Council. Bond, to revise the reimbursable rate per mile to align with the IRS rate published for business for 2026 which is 72.5 cents per mile effective March 1, 2026.

Roll was taken and carried.

YES – 5- Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NO - 0

Revise mileage distance to Millbrook Bank

MOTION by Supervisor Jeffway, seconded by Council. Pike, to revise the allowable distance between Milan Town Hall and Millbrook Bank to 7.6 miles effective March 1, 2026.

Roll was taken and carried.

YES – 5- Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NO - 0

Old & New Business

Clint Bond shared the communications plan for April 2026, as follows:

April 2026 Communication Plan

SPRING NEWSLETTER

- Note From The Supervisor
- Calendar: April & May Town Meeting Schedule & Tax Grievance Day Reminder
- Memorial Day Parade Preview
- Rev250 Spotlight
- Community Day: Request For Activity Ideas

SOCIAL POSTS

- April Town Meeting Schedule
- April School Board Meetings / Updates
- Milan Rescue Squad Country Breakfast
- Milan Rescue Squad Dinner
- Milan Snapshot: Milan Rev250
- Transfer Station rules; Spring Clean-Up Information
- Community Connection: Red Hook Responds, Dutchess Outreach
- Town Spotlight: Feature A Business
- Community Day: Request For Activity Ideas
- Hey Neighbor: Feature A Neighboring Town

There are also plans for a quarterly newsletter in digital format with a few hard copies available in Town Hall; there will not be any mass mailings of the newsletter.

Transfers – no transfers

Approve bills for payment

MOTION by Supervisor Jeffway, seconded by Council. Pike, to approve the following bills for payment:

General Abstract 3, claims 56-102, totaling \$34,465.67

Highway Abstract 3, claims 26-53, totaling \$80,352.44

Fire Fund Abstract 3, claim 2, totaling \$430,348.00

Roll was taken and carried.

YES – 5- Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NO - 0

Public comment on non-agenda items

Chris Burn, Sawmill Road – Supervisor Jeffway read what Chris Burn put in writing regarding cluster buildings; on road parking locations blocking normal traffic; trash receptacles blocking visual site. Mr. Burn spoke with the county and they can issue citations if there is a sign of “no parking”. There has been some improvement although the situation has not stopped. Mr. Burn offered a copy of his safety officer license to the Town. Highway Superintendent requested a copy of the safety officer license that Chris Burns has offered.

Supervisor Jeffway stated that the town does not have the resources to monitor the enforcement of trash receptacle removal; suggestion that in the upcoming newsletter there could be a reminder that trash cans should be removed within 12 hours.

Code Enforcement Officer would determine how many buildings can be on a property; Chris Burn should contact the CEO with his concerns.

With regard to parking on the road, Supervisor Jeffway stated that the Town is following the NYS law and Town law on posting signs.

Tristan Geary of the Pine Plains Herald requested clarification of the mileage reimbursement rate and the mileage to Millbrook Bank which was provided by Supervisor Jeffway.

MOTION by Council. Blalock, seconded by Council Bond, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Roll was taken and carried.

YES – 5- Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NO - 0

Respectfully submitted by:

Ingrid Kulick, Town Clerk

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Board of the

Town of Milan, in the

County of Dutchess, New York

March 16, 2026

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A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Milan, in the County of Dutchess, New York, was held at the Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York, on March 16, 2026.

There were present: Bill Jeffway, Supervisor; and

Board members: Debra Blalock
Clint Bond, Jr.
Kevin Pike
Glenn Weinrich

There were absent: None

Also present: Ingrid Kulick, Town Clerk

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Supervisor Bill Jerffway offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MILAN, NEW YORK,
ADOPTED MARCH 16, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A
TRUCK FOR USE BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, STATING THE
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$300,000,
APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, INCLUDING

THE APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000 FROM THE "HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND," AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MILAN, IN THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Town Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town of Milan, in the County of Dutchess, New York (herein called the "Town"), is hereby authorized to acquire a truck for use by the Highway Department. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$300,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose, including an appropriation of \$15,000 from the existing capital reserve fund entitled "Highway Equipment Reserve Fund". The plan of financing includes the expenditure of \$15,000 from the "Highway Equipment Reserve Fund" to pay a part of said appropriation, the issuance of \$285,000 serial bonds to finance the balance of said appropriation and the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the Town in the principal amount of \$285,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance a portion of said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Sections 11.00 a. 28 of the Law, is fifteen (15) years; however, the bonds authorized pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall mature no later than five (5) years after the date of original issuance of said bonds or notes.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Town, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town. The faith and credit of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Town by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Town Board relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of the Town.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in one of the official newspapers of the Town, and hereby designated the official newspaper of said Town for such publication.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Councilperson Glenn Weinrich and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: 5 – Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway

NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, INGRID KULICK, Town Clerk of the Town of Milan, in the County of Dutchess, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of said Town of Milan duly called and held on March 16, 2026, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said Town Board and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred to in said extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Town of Milan this 16th day of March, 2026.

(SEAL)

Ingrid E. Kulick
Town Clerk