

Town of Milan – Regular Town Board Meeting – 1/19/2026

The Milan Town Board held their Regular Town Board meeting on January 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Milan Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bill Jeffway

Councilpersons Debra Blalock, Clint Bond, Jr., Kevin Pike, Glenn Weinrich,

Glenn Butler, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Jeffway opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda items

Supervisor Jeffway stated the following about public comment: We always have public comment periods at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. We have an enormous amount of public business to conduct tonight as you can see from the agenda so I'd like to ask any speaker to keep to the traditional three-minute rule. The later public comment can be for things not on the agenda, but the first period, now is only for items on the agenda. A reminder that we are here tonight to listen, and to conduct the public's business in public, and there is any feeling of need for a conversation that can be done through an appointment with one or two, but not more than two or it would constitute a meeting, of board members. I say all this up front for clarity and fairness.

Correspondence read by Town Clerk Kulick:

Resignation, received January 7, 2026, from Jackie Reynolds, Board of Assessment Review.

Resignation, received January 16, 2026, from Slade Mead, ZBA.

Minutes

Board members received the Town Clerk's prior meeting minutes (12/15/2025, 1/1/2026, 1/2/2026)

Financial Report

Board members received the General Fund financial report for December, but not the Highway Fund.

Bidding process for construction of 2 Culverts Project at Battenfeld Road and Torre Rock Road

MOTION by Supervisor Jeffway, seconded by Council. Blalock, to authorize commencement of the bidding process for construction of 2 Culverts Project at Battenfeld Road and Torre Rock Road and to request of the town clerk the placement of advertising in the town's newspaper of record, the Northern Dutchess News.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Special Meeting, March 6, 2026, Open Bids

For the record, Supervisor Jeffway called a special Town Board meeting Friday, March 6, 2026 at 11:00 at Milan Town Hall to open sealed bids related to the two culvert projects.

Engage Hawkins, Delafield, and Wood, LLP for legal services related to the issuance of bonds

MOTION by Council. Pike, seconded by Council. Weinrich, to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign a letter of engagement with Hawkins, Delafield, and Wood, LLP for legal services related to the issuance of bonds, whose costs, as outlined in Exhibit A of their letter of January 14, 2026, include fees for Bonds: a base charge of \$4,250, and an issuance fee of \$1.25 per \$1,000 principal amount. For bond anticipation notes: there is a base fee of \$3,250, and \$0.95 per \$1,000 principal amount. The fee for each bond resolution is \$850, not including usual and customary out-of-pocket expenses.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Resolution #1 of 2026 - Financial Audits

MOTION by Council. Blalock, seconded by Council. Bond, Jr., to adopt Resolution #1 of 2026 to instruct the Town Clerk to accept recent financial audits and submit copies of audits of the records of the town justices to the NYS Unified Court System.

Whereas, Article 8, Section 123 of Town Law, requires that the town board audit the financial records of every person who received or disbursed any town moneys in the previous year on or before January 20 of the current year;

And whereas, a committee of two town board members appointed by the supervisor met on January 14, 2026, to audit the financial records of the following persons: supervisor, town clerk, tax collector, town justices, and secretary to the zoning/building department;

And whereas, the committee, having conducted said audits, found the financial records of every person who received or disbursed any town moneys to be accurate and in order, with several recommendations;

Now therefore, the Milan Town Board hereby submits to the town clerk copies of its audits;

And further, directs the town clerk to submit copies of this resolution and the audits of the records of the town justices to the NYS Unified Court System.

Comments: The Highway Dept. was included in the audit.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Wendy Jeffreys to the Board of Assessment Review

MOTION by Council. Weinrich, seconded by Council. Blalock, to appoint Wendy Jeffreys to the Board of Assessment Review to fill the unexpired term of Jackie Reynolds – 1/10/2026-9/30/2026.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Appoint Ed O'Connor to the Zoning Board of Appeals

MOTION by Council. Weinrich, seconded by Council. Bond, Jr., to appoint Ed O'Connor to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term – 1/19/2026-12/31/2030.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Appoint Bill Gallagher Chair of the Board of Assessment Review

MOTION by Council. Bond, Jr., seconded by Council. Pike, to appoint Bill Gallagher as Chair of the Board of Assessment Review, term 1/19/2026-12/31/2026.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Approve the 284 Agreement

MOTION by Council Bond, Jr., seconded by Council. Blalock, to approve the 284 Agreement to spend Highway Funds.

Discussion:

Glenn Butler pointed out that there are two parts to the agreement which allows the highway dept. to spend the appropriated funds.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Milan Town Board be designated as lead agency for proposed Local Law No 1 of 2026

MOTION by Council. Blalock, seconded by Council. Pike, that the Milan Town Board be designated as lead agency for proposed Local Law No 1 of 2026, a local law amending Chapter 183 (Taxation) of the Town Code to update eligibility criteria for the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption and the Tax Exemption for Persons with Physical Disabilities and Limited Income as well as to codify the Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Members.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Local Law No. 1 of 2026 of the Town of Milan a Type II action under 6NYCRR

MOTION by Council. Blalock, seconded by Council. Pike, to declare proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 of the Town of Milan a Type II action under 6NYCRR Part 617.5c (27)(20) of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, requiring no further action.

Roll was called:

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

NO - 0

Resolution #2 of 2026, Local Law #1 of 2026, to change the Town Code regarding the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption

MOTION by Council. Blalock, seconded by Council. Pike, to adopt Resolution #2 of 2026, Local Law #1 of 2026, to change the Town Code regarding the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Milan, the following proposed local law, to be known as Local Law #1 of 2026 of the Town of Milan, entitled “Local Law Amending Town Code Chapter 183 (Taxation)”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, and its reading waived, is hereby introduced.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Milan (the “Town Board”) has determined that amending Chapter 183 (Taxation) of the Town Code to update the eligibility criteria for the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption and the Tax Exemption for Persons with Physical Disabilities and Limited

Income as well as to codify the Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Members is necessary and in the best interest of the Town to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the action to adopt this proposed Local Law is a Type II Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations for which no environmental review is required.

WHEREAS, this proposed Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10 and Real Property Tax Law §§ 459-c, 466-a, 467; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in relation to the proposed Local Law as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, to be held at the Town Hall on February 16, 2026, at 6:55 p.m., Prevailing Time, and that notice of said meeting shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town by the Town Clerk, at least five (5) days before such hearing and that such notice shall be in the following form:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Milan will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 16, 2026 at the Town of Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle Milan, New York 12571, New York at 6:55 p.m. Prevailing Time, or as soon thereafter as the matter is reached on the agenda, concerning proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, entitled, “Local Law Amending Town Code Chapter 183 (Taxation)” pursuant to Article 16 of the N. Y. Town Law.

This Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. Complete copies of the proposed Local Law are available at the Town of Milan Town Clerk’s Office for inspection during regular business hours.

All interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposals at the date, time and place aforesaid.

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

NO - 0

Appointment of Patricia Warren as Deputy Assessor

MOTION by Council. Blalock, seconded by Council. Pike, to correct the job title for the appointment of Patricia Warren as Deputy Assessor, the title being inadvertently incorrectly stated in the January 1 Reorganizational Meeting, all other details being correct.

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

NO - 0

Implementation of a consistent town identity

MOTION by Council. Pike, seconded by Council. Weinrich, to authorize the Town Supervisor to oversee implementation of a consistent town identity through a refined version of its longstanding town logo.

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

NO - 0

Public Comment non-agenda items (3 minutes).

Chris Drago, representative in the County Legislature commented that he was sworn in to his second term. Gov. Hochul signed a bill into law at the end of 2025 for all counties to have a plan for EMS services. Drago has been in contact with County Executive. There are discussions with Northwell who has acquired Northern Dutchess Hospital and Vassar Hospital.

Childcare is a significant issue in Dutchess County, particularly northern Dutchess County. \$20 million from Dr. Hochul is coming to Dutchess County. Drago is organizing a childcare forum within the next month.

Drago has an email newsletter if anyone wants to sign up for it.

Kathy Kassner is concerned about an emergency plan, in part due to climate change. She is involved with the Climate Smart Program – LED lightbulbs to solar fields which earns the town points; these points can help with future grants.

Chris Burn, 132 Sawmill Road is concerned about cluster housing at the beginning of Sawmill Road which he believes causes a potential hazard; he has spoken with the Highway Superintendent; concerned that parking will cause a problem.

A second safety concern is seeing garbage cans along the roads which could be a potential visual hazard.

Johanna Bard, Field Road expressed appreciation to Glenn Butler how often and how well the Highway Department does the snow plowing.

Bard also mentioned a town newsletter, asking if there is an outline of what will be covered and how often it will be published. The suggested timeline is quarterly, or potentially monthly.

Board comments – could consider a digital format.

Bard also mentioned the logo and the website.

Board comments – website is an ongoing issue; calendar has often been wrong and we are working on getting this up to date.

Bard asked regarding short-term stay – is what was implemented working?

Board comments – the town is getting less complaints; also have a new code enforcement officer which the Town believes will help.

7:30 Briefing from EMS / Rescue Squad

Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Captain of the Rescue Squad stated that the Squad needs some help; BLS – basic life support is what Milan does. The Squad does not do ALS – advanced life support. We need help with both because our membership is limited and isn't always available during the day.

Chris Drago mentioned that discussions with Northwell Health show they are interested in having a county-wide system with floating units concentrating on ALS. Each county in the state submits their plan to the governor; she reviews; then funds can be proposed for allocation – will take a year. Chris agreed that the town should reach out to Northwell Health. The County is paying for EMS training at DCC – some of these individuals go into paid work and some into volunteer work.

Supervisor Jeffway mentioned that discussions have been held with a few of the neighboring towns and Milan will continue this outreach process.

Transfers

MOTION by Council. Pike, seconded by Council. Blalock to make the following transfers:

\$104.39 from 1220.12 Bookkeeper to 1220.15 Clerk

\$77.73 from 1620.20 Buildings Equipment to 1620.10 Buildings Personal Services

\$2802.27 from 1620.20 Buildings Equipment to 1620.40 Buildings Contractual

\$442.32 from 1670.40 Central Mail & Print Contractual to 1620.40 Buildings Contractual

\$1411.61 from 1670.40 Central Mail & Print Contractual to 1650.40 Central Communication Contractual

\$68.68 from 6510.40 Veterans Services Contractual to 7020.40 Culture & Recreation
Administration Contractual/Maintenance
\$12.87 from 8010.12 Zoning Building Inspector to 8010.11 Zoning ZEO & UBI
\$299.17 from 8160.40 Refuse Collection Contractual to 8160.1 Refuse Collection Personal
Services
\$4375.67 from 1930.40 Dutchess County Real Property Tax Refund to 8710.4A Conservation
YES – 5 – Blalock, Bond, Jr., Pike, Weinrich, Jeffway
NO - 0

Payment of Bills

MOTION by Council. Pike, seconded by Council. Blalock, to approve the following bills for payment.

General Abstract #13, Claims 512-537, totaling \$26,043.74

Highway Abstract #13, Claims 236-248, totaling \$36,021.55

General Abstract #1, Claims 1-25, totaling \$13,104.06

Highway Abstract #1, Claims 1-2, totaling \$19,465.22

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

NO - 0

Adjournment

MOTION by Council. Pike, seconded by Council. Bond, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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

NO - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid E. Kulick, Town Clerk