

SPECIAL SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING
TO ADOPT RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2-2026
PROVIDING FOR FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION IN THE TOWN OF SALEM
& TO REVIEW ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD
PROUDFIT HALL
MAY 20, 2026

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council: Tom McMorris; Brenda Levey; Scott Eastman; Howard Law-Video-conferencing from his home, located @ 2277 State Rte. 313; Shushan, NY 12873; Kim Erbe-Planning Bd. Clerk; Town Clerk-Pat Gilchrist

PUBLIC PRESENT: Sherri Slater; Margaret Keyes

5:00 P.M.-Supervisor Clary called the meeting to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Resolution #44-Motion made by Councilman Tom McMorris, seconded by Councilman Scott Eastman, to pass said Resolution introducing proposed Local Law#2 of 2026 providing for Flood Damage Prevention in the Town of Salem; passed 5-0

Resolution #45-Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Tom McMorris, to schedule a Public Hearing on the passage of Local Law #2 of 2026 providing for Flood Damage Prevention in the Town of Salem; passed 5-0.

Draft Zoning Law w/revision-Cannot schedule a public hearing on this as Att'y. Fuller has not yet reviewed & sent back any changes/questions he may have. This should be forthcoming in a week or two.

Blockhouse Project-The Town of Salem will be the lead agency on the project because the Town of Salem owns the property. Kim Erbe does not think there will be a need for a ZBA application w/the proposed change made in the zoning law. Clerk Gilchrist pointed out that 'Board of Trustees' in draft zoning revision should be changed to Town Board of the Town of Salem. Villages have a Board of Trustees; Towns have a Town Board. This project will only move forward through volunteer labor & donations; no taxpayer funds will be used on this project. Tom & Dave both expressed that electricity might be needed but no water and/or septic would be, unless County Code Enforcement says otherwise. Insurance would be through the Town as they own the land. **Motion made by** Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, stating that no taxpayer money would be used in the construction of the Blockhouse & would be done strictly through donations & volunteer workers; passed 5-0.

Motion made by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to appoint Councilman Tom McMorris as representative of the Town of Salem to present the Site Plan Permit Application to the Salem Planning Board & also the Application for a Building Permit through Washington County Code Enforcement; passed 5-0.

Stump Removal-Donation rec'd. from Robert Judge in the amount of \$2,500 for stump removal, with specific areas named for said removal.

Commercial Signs-Councilwoman Levey questioned whether businesses had a right to put signs on Town property or in the Town's r/o/w. The Town's sign law needs to be revised.

Electric Scooters & Electric Bikes-Councilwoman Levey also brought to the attention of the Board that kids under the age of 16 are using these devices & are not wearing the required helmet. The current law in NYS says the child must be 16 years of age & wear a helmet when operating said vehicle(s). They are being

ridden on sidewalks & near or on school property. Need add'l. education involving the School's Resource Officer.

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Prom Pictures-will be taken @ the Georgi in Shushan on 06/06.

Office Info-Councilman Law reported that he had heard from the Landlord; County Code Enforcement wants an insurance certificate from the Vendor of the unit that was recently installed.

Councilman Law also asked if Supervisor Clary would get an email or a letter from Glens Falls Hospital stating that they were not going to be renewing the Lease Agreement on the Medical Center Building; she will contact Mr. Agnew.

Three smaller trees/shrubs from NYSEG-are being donated to the T/O/S. Where should they be planted? Travis will be consulted & the Committee will decide where to plant them.

Veteran's Banners-Sherri Slater announced that 69 banners were to be put up in Salem & 17 were going to be put up in Shushan. NYSEG is supposed to be coming to Salem on Friday, 05/22, to check out the banners & decide what poles can be used to hang them on. Andy Erbe has been a tremendous help w/this project, as well as Dorothy Fairley, who did the chart for placement of the banners. This will be an on-going event; banners will still be able to be ordered.

Demolition of Phillips House-A firm has been hired to take down the Ed Phillips house, which was damaged by fire earlier in the year; this is supposed to begin on Friday, 05/22. Efforts are being made to relocate tag sale activities taking place in & around this area for the Memorial Holiday weekend to keep everyone safe.

Revolutionary War Reenactors-Cindy Rogers & Mary Skelly will be doing their last Revolutionary War re-enactment as Salem Central School teachers on Friday, 06/05, @ 11:30 in the Veteran's Park. Both will be retiring this year. **Motion made by** Councilman Tom McMorris, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to do a Proclamation for both, thanking them for their many years of dedicated educational service in Salem School & the Veteran's Park; passed 5-0.

Car Issue on Riley Hill-Councilman Scott Eastman reported that the owner of the business is doing his best to try & keep cars out the road.

FYI from Councilman McMorris-Chris Senecal of Graphix 101 in Blind Buck has agreed to make new QR codes for both cemeteries; he is donating his time & materials. Thank you, Chris, for taking on this project!!

MOTION TO ADJOURN-**Motion made by** Councilman Tom McMorris, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, to adjourn the special meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned @ 5:45 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Salem Town Board will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, in Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY. Review of Warrants #6 & Highway Abstract #6 for payment will begin @ 5 p.m., business meeting to begin @ 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

