

Town of Fenner  
Town Board Meeting  
March 11th, 2026

SUPERVISOR JONES  
COUNCILPERSON STRACK  
COUNCILPERSON PUSHLAR  
COUNCILPERSON WESTER  
COUNCILPERSON CODY  
TOWN CLERK STONE  
Resident April Hawthorne

**ATTENDANCE:**

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jones at 8:06pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Board had a moment of silence for Carol Roberts, Kevin Davies, Jeff Shovenfield

Councilperson Strack motioned to accept the Feb Town Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilperson Wester. Approved by the board-

Clerk's Monthly Report as presented by Clerk Kelli Stone, motioned to accept by Councilperson Wester, Seconded by Councilperson Cody. Approved by the board.

The Town Supervisor's report was presented by Supervisor Jones, reports were given for February, Councilperson Strack motioned to accept the Town Supervisor's Monthly Report as presented, seconded by Councilperson Wester, approved by the board.

The Highway Superintendent report was presented by the Town DPW Supervisor and is available for review at the town office- Few things mentioned: Snow banks were pushed back, wash and maintenance on equipment was done, as well as plowing and sanding

Supervisor Jones added a moment for residents, Board to appreciate the work of the DPW department this winter season that started early in November with overtime being anywhere from 30-60 hours every 2 weeks to keep our roads clear and keep up on the winter snowstorms.

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see attached paperwork

New Business- Town of Fenner will be creating staff and business spotlights on Facebook and our webpage, to add to the sense of community. The Cazenovia Youth Board was looking for a Member Liaison with the Town Board – Councilperson Cody is working on details Resident Marcus Stokker might be interested but will have further details hopefully at the April Board Meeting.

Church update: A lot of work is getting done some mentioned was rewiring upstairs, bathroom updated on and the south and west side of the church there was a lot of rot that was fixed, new furnace was put in. Councilperson Strack mentioned that once complied add pictures of the work being done at the community church through our social media outlets/

County updates: Town of Fenner received a poster of Delphi Falls signed by the artist that is show cased at the Town Building.

Old Business:

Hoffman Falls Windmill Update: Supervisor Jones & Councilperson Strack met with the Town attorney- Jeff Eaton with other town supervisors from the Town of Nelson, Eaton, Smithfield for updates and mentioned concerns about the pilot program. - every town and village affected has opted out of the pilot program, taxes would double. Towns in the area is waiting for Hoffman Falls to provide host community road use agreement, Schools will receive most of the money. There are many reifications for taxpayers as land ruined, there is easements, and contract issues the money it will take to still fix roads from damage will be extensive and ongoing for years to come.

**Public Comments-** Resident Hawthorne spoke about colleges and farmers not in our area have been doing researching and research has shown alternative energy id the energy of the future, many colleges and farmers in California are working well together growing crops with solar panels and also creating Specialty crops- and trying to develop a science behind it The Board did mention there is also researching that solar farms next to agricultural farms that are has shown doesn't work- Solar creates heat and that heat can and will hit agricultural farms crops and animals. The Town Board did say if Resident Hawthorne or other Residents wanted to present to the Town Board – they would need to submit a written request to the Town Clerk and it would be put on the Town Board Agenda at the next available Town Board Meeting.

#### **VOUCHERS:**

General Fund: Councilperson Wester motioned to approved, seconded by Councilperson Cody- Board Approved

Highway Department: Councilperson Pushlar motioned to approved, seconded by Councilperson Strack- Board Approved

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilperson Wester moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm seconded by Councilperson Cody, Approved by Board

Respectfully Submitted, Kelli Stone, Town Clerk

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Grants Review Committee

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets  
10B Airline Dr, Albany, NY 12205

Dear Grants Review Committee:

On behalf of the Town of Fenner, I am writing to endorse the application for a Farmland Protection Implementation Grant submitted by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, Inc. (CPF), for the placement of perpetual conservation easements on approximately 273 acres of property that is part of the Cody Farm through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program.

The portion of the Cody Farm to be protected is comprised of six (6) tax parcels with frontage on Shepard's Road, Roberts Road and Bingley Road in the Town of Fenner, County of Madison. This location is in the western portion of the Town of Fenner and in close proximity to currently conserved farmland to the southeast. The properties are owned by William and Monica Cody and can be further identified as Madison County Tax Parcels #86.-2-39.1, #87.-1-4.6, #87.-1-4.5, #87.-1-4.2, #78.-1-7.2, and #78.-1-7.1.

CPF is an accredited land trust operating in Madison County and eastern Onondaga County in Central New York, currently protecting over 3,800 acres of agricultural lands and open space, including over 1,900 acres of farmland previously placed under perpetual conservation easements through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program.

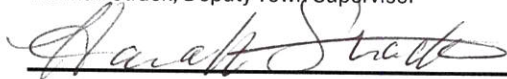
The Town of Fenner recognizes that local agriculture provides important community benefits and represents an important livelihood for many of its residents. Further, the Town supports protecting certain areas within the Town containing important agricultural resources, such as areas with prime agricultural soils or soils of statewide importance from overdevelopment, ensuring that these areas will remain available for future agricultural uses. Specifically, the permanent conservation of these portions of the Cody Farm is consistent with the 2023 Town of Fenner Comprehensive Plan, which states that, "preserving agricultural land where feasible is also a priority since farmland in Fenner has a high risk of development conversion and commonly contains rich soils and excellent crop yields (p.40)." To achieve this, the plan calls for the Town to "work with a land trust (most likely the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation) to protect in perpetuity unique and at-risk parcels from development (p. 32)." With the 1600-acre Oxbow Hill Solar Project proposed for the Town of Fenner, much of which will be constructed on land previously utilized for agriculture, the importance of conserving high quality agricultural lands in the Town is even further elevated.

For these reasons, the Town of Fenner hereby endorses the application submitted by the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation for the permanent protection of the above-referenced portions of the Cody Farm.

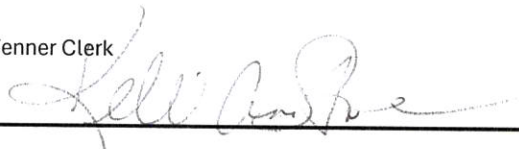
WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Fenner authorizes that the following Resolution 2026-3 Town of Fenner Endorsement of Application for a NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant for portions of the Cody Farm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Fenner Hereby authorized the following resolution 2026-3, is accepted and adopted with all voting unanimously yes on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 8:20pm

Hannah Strack, Deputy Town Supervisor



Kelli Stone, Town of Fenner Clerk



The forgoing resolution is thereupon declared duly adopted, Dated March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026