

**TOWN OF BROADALBIN  
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BROADALBIN, NY 12025  
518-883-4657  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**TOWN OFFICIALS**

Town Supervisor – Joseph DiGiacomo-present  
Town Board Member – Doug Kissinger-present  
Town Board Member – David Bardascini-present  
Town Board Member – David Bogardus-present  
Town Board Member – Mike Rorick-present

Call to Order –The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison  
Roll Call

-Supervisor DiGiacomo asked if the other Board Members were able to review the previous month's Meeting Minutes and questioned if they had any questions or concerns. All Town Board Members agreed that they approved of the Meeting Minutes.

-Acceptance of Minutes from November 10th, 2025

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Bardascini  
**RESOLUTION #2025-83 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted minutes from the previous meeting mentioned above.

Discussion;  
No further discussion

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

-Supervisor DiGiacomo called for Public Comment

**Public Comment:**

Resident 1- Lauren Blanchard requested further Public Hearings to be publicized.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that all Public Hearings as well as Special Meetings are publicized in the newspaper, printed and posted at Town Hall and The Post Office. Supervisor DiGiacomo discussed that it is public knowledge that The Town Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Supervisor DiGiacomo also stated that residents can contact The Town Clerk's Office with any questions or concerns they might have at any given time.

Resident 2- Cindy Ryan questioned if a resident is capable of going above The Town to apply for a solar permit, such as applying through the State. Cindy also questioned if The Town has to have a Solar Law in place and if the solar ban was necessary.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that The Solar Ban Law was defeated. Supervisor DiGiacomo discussed that The Town has to have the law submitted to the County before it goes to the state to be passed as a law. If the Town has a strict policy, it benefits The Town of Broadalbin.

-Resident 2 – Cindy Ryan questioned how long it takes for a law to pass after an amendment.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo states that it typically takes about three to four months to pass.

-Councilman Rorick stated pertaining to the law the state will still have to follow Town Laws.

-Cindy wanted to make sure the town has other options and policies to protect The Town of Broadalbin.

## **Department Reports**

### **Town Supervisor:**

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that Fulton County's 2026 Budget has passed.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that The Town of Broadalbin has one of the lowest increases of 4.56%. Broadalbin started at 40% 13% increase in benefits was one of the causes.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated the Fulton County has settled many negotiations, one of the negotiations being a 20 year retirement for the Sheriff's department.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo spoke about the retirement of the DSS Commissioner after 42 years in office. The DSS budget is 33 million Dollars.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo discussed the house fire that took place December 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 stating that The DCO's had some conflict due to the home owner's dog. Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that the home owner's dog was captured by another Municipality and brought to Montgomery County SPCA. Supervisor DiGiacomo informed The Board Members that there was some conflict between the municipalities however things have been resolved as The Town of Broadalbin's Dog Control Officer's are not responsible as they did not bring the dog to the shelter.

### **Youth Commission-**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **Dog Control Officer:**

-Dog Control Officer Patricia Ashbey report was read by Supervisor DiGiacomo. DCO Patricia stated that 230 dogs are now registered and licensed within The Town of Broadalbin, The DCO's have received 6 dog calls leading to warnings, December 11th, 2025 they will appear in Town Court pertaining to tickets that have been issued, a supply list has been submitted to Supervisor DiGiacomo, The DCO's are

requesting that liaison Bardascini look into shelter options and that The Town of Broadalbin's Town Census will commence next week.

-Councilman Rorick questioned where residents could be notified on the local census, asking if the information will be posted on The Town website.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that it will be posted on the fan page on Facebook.

### **Supervisor DiGiacomo opens Public Hearing Solar Energy Facility Law at 6:45 pm.**

-Town Resident 3- Jim Magiella started the discussion questioning if The Solar Ban was defeated. Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that The Solar Ban was not passed. Jim Magiella informed The Town Board Members and The Town Residents of his views pertaining to solar. Jim stated that Solar is clean, does not make noise and can be made animal friendly.

-Councilman Bardascini stated that solar panels are an eyesore and discussed setback laws when pertaining to solar.

-Councilman Rorick questioned Jim Magiella as to if he is advocating for solar or requesting solar on behalf of a neighbor. Councilman Rorick thanked Jim Magiella for advocating and commented that Jim had good and valid points.

-Councilman Rorick questioned what happens if solar fails, stating that diesel is the backup used when solar fails. Jim Magiella in return said alternative batteries are an option.

-Town Resident 4 stated that the potential Solar Law seems to have a lot of regulations and then questioned how many engineers have reviewed and looked into The Town of Broadalbin's options.

- Town Resident Lauren Blanchard stated that she respectfully disagreed with Jim Magiella's point of view. Lauren Blanchard discussed how a solar field could impact the community and land surrounding where the solar field is located. Lauren Blanchard expressed her concerns with how The Town advertizes as she feels there is a lack of transparency and she encourages The Town to broaden their advertisements.

- Councilman Kissinger stated that The Town of Broadalbin has been working on putting together a Solar Law for about three years time.

-Town Resident 5 Joan Krohn expressed her thoughts on solar. Joan Krohn believes that residential solar should be allowed because of the regulations that pair with residential solar but does not believe commercial solar should be allowed as the solar panels cannot be recycled, the quality of the soil and land that the solar would be placed has lasting impacts, solar fields are terrible to look at and that solar reduces the charm of communities, and are a total disaster for wild life.

-Discussion continued about surrounding towns that current have solar fields next to a school building and environmental impacts and whether or not The Town of Broadalbin would or would not financially benefit.

-After redirecting the conversation, Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that without Solar Regulations in place The Town of Broadalbin is at risk. Attorney Christopher Stanyon strongly suggests submitting the Solar Regulations in order to have a Solar Law in place.

**Assessor:**

Councilman Rorick stated that The Town Board received an application for the Board of Assessment Review and would like to motion to enter Executive Session.

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Bardascini to enter Executive Session at 7:35pm to discuss personnel.  
No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Bardascini to exit Executive Session at 7:50pm  
Discussion;  
The Town Board disclosed that they all agreed on holding a Special Meeting on January 13th, 2025 at 6:30pm to hold an Executive session with all Assessors.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Bardascini to appoint Laurie Bullock to the Board of Assessment Review.  
Direction taken;  
Appointment of Laurie Bollock for The Board of Assessment Review Committee.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

**Building and Grounds:**

-Councilman Rorick discussed that the new highway garage should have a generator and that he would research what potential buying options would be.

-Councilman Bardascini started a discussion on how the mileage policy works for The Town of Broadalbin. Councilman Bardascini questioned if Town Employees should be putting in for mileage while driving to Town Hall, questioning if Code Enforcer Norman Barbosa is charging for mileage when driving to Town Hall.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that Norman does not charge for mileage when traveling to Town Hall, Norman has been submitting mileage for when he is traveling to inspections and when reviewing the buildings.

-Councilman Bardascini stated that he agrees that Code Enforcement should charge for mileage when traveling to inspections but not when traveling to Town Hall.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that while they are on the topic of Code Enforcement, Norman Barbosa has submitted his letter of resignation with term ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Bardascini to accept Code Enforcer Norman Barbosa's resignation.

Discussion; Norman Barbosa resignation effective as The Town of Broadalbin's Code Enforcer will be December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

-Supervisor DiGiacomo, The Town Board Members and Deputy Code Enforcer Steven Quinlan discussed whether or not the old highway garage should have an alternative use or if the old highway garage should be taken down.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that Green Project Scene from Fulton County would tear down the existing building for free, however there will be a tipping fee.

- All Town Board Members agreed that the old highway garage should be removed and will take the necessary steps to complete.

#### **Highway Superintendent:**

-Superintendent Sandy Thompson was represented by her Deputy Christopher Porter who reported that the Security System was installed, the Highway Department is almost moved into the new Highway Garage and that all is well within the Highway Department.

#### **Justice Court:**

-Councilman Kissinger reads the Justice report stating that Joseph W. Gilston Sr has collected \$1,634.00 while William Jennings has collected \$195.00 in fines within the month of November totaling \$1,829.00. Out of the fines collected \$381.00 was from cases dating back to 2024.

#### **Planning Board:**

-Planning Board representative Mike Gallup reports that The Planning Board has two current projects they are working on simultaneously, a storage unit on Old State Road and a Minor Subdivision in Broadalbin.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo questioned what steps are being taken to start the Comprehensive Plan that the Board budgeted for \$50,000.00. Planning Board representative Mike Gallup stated that he would take the information back to the other planning board members to discuss.

-Councilman Rorick suggested that The Town uses local resident Travis Mitchell, The Board agreed to have Attorney Stanyon develop an RFP to be distributed.

-The Town Board Members along with Planning Board representative Mike Gallup discussed intrusive developments.

-Councilman Bogardus suggested adding a modification to the potential Solar Facilities Law which would state that any Site Plan would be submitted to The Planning Board then The Planning Board will issue a recommendation to The Town Board for final approval.

-Attorney Christopher Stanyon stated that he would discuss the Solar Facilities Law with The Town's special Attorney Jeff Meyers as he was the person who originated the Solar Facilities Law. Attorney Christopher Stanyon stated that he would provide information on January 13th, 2025 during the Special Meeting.

**Town Clerk:**

-Town Clerk's Office reports that there is an open cleaning position to clean Town Hall.

-Councilman Bardascini questioned if part-time worker Michelle Finch would be interested in the position as she is an existing Town Employee.

-Councilman Rorick suggested that we offer the position to Michelle Finch while still advertising. Supervisor DiGiacomo stated he would reach out to Michelle Finch.

-Town Clerk's Office also questioned how to proceed with late water bills.

-The Town Board had a discussion on the potential letter Attorney Christopher Stanyon would draft and what events would take place after the town resident receives the late bill notice.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo and Deputy Code Enforcer Steven Quinlan spoke about what could potentially happen if the town resident does not pay their late bill. Stating that if a resident does not pay their bill within the time frame it is due they will be billed an additional fee. If the town's resident does not pay the bill they will receive notice that their water will be shut off within 30 days, if the balance is still not paid.

-Town Resident questions if the Broadalbin Motel that had a fire previously this year is up to compliance. Supervisor DiGiacomo states that the Motel is almost up to compliance.

-Councilman Rorick questions if there is anything The Town can do about the potential residents who reside at the Motel, asking if it is discriminatory to reject sex offenders.

-Councilman Bardascini states that Schenectady County has a points program that they use to avoid such matters.

-Councilman Rorick questions if anyone has heard news on the Broadalbin Perth Teacher who allows the Pride Flag to hang in their classroom. Town residents express that this has been brought up during the School Board Meeting and nothing has come of it. Councilman Rorick proceeds to express his feelings on the matter while stating that The Town Board agrees and feels that Broadalbin Perth Central School District should host a neutral learning experience for all students alike.

**Code Enforcer:**

The Code report was read by Supervisor DiGiacomo stating the Code Enforcement Office has been busy with new applications, pending paperwork, complaints and requests.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that when he was reviewing The Town's Budget he caught a mistake that he fixed and resubmitted to The County.

(Please see attached 2026 Budget Amendment.)

2026 Budget Amendments

**GENERAL FUND**

Revenue

Increase A.5031 Interfund Transfer	\$110,000.00
Increase A2401 Interest & Earnings	\$120.00

**GENERAL OV**

Revenue

Increase B.1120 Non property dist. By county	\$110,000.00
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Appropriations

Increase B.9950.9 Interfund Transfer	\$110,000.00
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On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded Councilman Bardascini to amend The 2026 Budget.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

-Supervisor DiGiacomo and The Town Board Members discussed the Dog Control Officers supply request. The Board Members agreed that safety equipment should be purchased but will continue to discuss the large holding crate and where it will be stored.

-The Town Board Members had a discussion pertaining to how they plan on paying the contractor who has built the new highway garage. The Town Board all agreed that The Town will pay all but \$25,000.00 to the contractor now and the remaining \$25,000.00 once the new highway garage is fully built.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

none

Approval to pay vouchers

Prepaid	\$	11,769.39
General		23,846.19
Gen OV		43.62
Highway		20,339.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>55,998.29</b>

**RESOLUTION #2025- 84 APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS (CLAIMS)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board authorizes the payment of the vouchers in the amount of **\$55,998.29**.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

**ADJOURNMENT 8:50 P.M.**

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Bardascini The December 9th, 2025 Town of Broadalbin Town Board meeting was adjourned.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Respectfully,  
Town Clerk Deputy  
Krystin Bailey