

Westmoreland Town Board
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2026

Supervisor Charles Hebbard called this regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm on May 11, 2026. Present at this meeting were Councilpersons Burton Seymour Jr., Kirk Donley, Randy Rundle, and Peter Smith. Also present were Highway Superintendent Russell Young, Sole Assessor Holly Osterhoudt, Attorney Mitchell Whittaker, Tax Collector Margaret Leone, and two (2) audience members. Absent from this meeting was Codes Enforcement Officer Fred Fox, Jr.

Supervisor Hebbard asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Hebbard then recessed the regular meeting to allow comments from the floor.

Supervisor Hebbard advised that Dave Collis has presented a revised quote for the town's heating and cooling system, explaining that "value engineering" was used to reduce the original price by nearly half, specifically by removing over-the-top industrial controls that would have cost \$175,000. The board discussed the logistics of the project, including cleaning existing ductwork and installing three independently zoned systems. Mr. Collis indicated that the work could begin in June and take about a month to complete.

Resident Mike Smith brings up the Hometown Heroes banner program. A community member mentioned that 48 banners are being put up, with 13 "America's 250th" banners from Oneida County being picked up tomorrow. Dave Baransky is loaning a lift truck for the installation, which is expected to start on Sunday. Additionally, the board confirmed that a Memorial Day parade will take place, starting at 9:00 AM at the Town Green, followed by ceremonies at the cemetery and a repeat at Clark Mills at 11:00 AM. Russell agreed to provide a truck and driver for the event.

Highway Superintendent Russell Young submitted the following report:

- Highway Dept is prepping roads, getting them ready to pave
- The 284 Agreement needs to get signed by board and sent to Oneida County
- Highway Dept has been hauling woodchips for Oneida County from their Rte 233 site to the county jail site
- Rick has been doing maintenance on roadside mowers
- Guys have been picking up brush

Highway Superintendent Young provided an update on paving projects, noting that the costs of oil and gasoline have increased the prices for Stop Seven, O'Brien, and Lawrence Streets. To stay within budget, the board agreed to eliminate paving for two dead-end roads, Newman Drive and Acee Lane, which saved approximately \$57,000. Stop Seven Road paving began today and is expected to finish tomorrow. The board also passed a resolution to request a speed limit reduction to 45 mph on Route 233, from Route 5 in Kirkland to Judd Road, due to increased traffic from new businesses like North Star Orchards and TJ Allen.

Sole Assessor Holly Osterhoudt reported that grievance day is scheduled for May 26th. Assessment change notices have been sent to residents whose property values changed.

Codes Enforcement Office Fred Fox Jr. submitted this report:

Complaints

4-15-19 5845 Scadden Rd. Violation notice sent for junk and debris on the entire property (scrap metal, demolished trailer etc...) property maintenance on the house, garbage & junk vehicles. Order to Remedy Date 5-21-19.

3-9-20 Spoke with deceased owner's son, Brian Grant. Going to work with him on cleaning up property. He has already started. Photo(s) taken 3-12-20.

11-23-21 Re-Checked property. Vast improvement noted from initial inspection. Re-cited under Brian Grants name with an OTR date set for June 1, 2022.

7-12-22 Re-Checked progress still being made. Have to track down owner again, phone numbers I have are disconnected.

10-23-23 Inspected property. High grass made it hard to view. Majority of junk and debris from initial violation notice was abated. To date no contact with owner's son, Brian Grant.

4-14-25 Clean up progress being made. Still no contact with owner's son. Spoke with tenant.
 11-18-25 re-wrote son because new load of j/d on site. OTR 12-16-25. No progress.
 3-10-26 Spoke with Brian Grant at the property. He was working on clean up when I arrived. I advised Grant that he has until end of April to show a substantial improvement or we are sending him to court.
 4-28-26 Some improvement not substantial. I will be drafting court paperwork.
 10-11-22 (6000) Greenway-Lowell Rd. Notice of violation written for unsafe structure and junk and debris. Building placarded for unsafe structure (foundation wall). OTR set for 11-8-22. 11-8-22 No progress made. Preparing paperwork for court. 11-15-22 Court paperwork filed. Court date set for 12-7-22. 12-6-22 No contact with owner as of this date. 12-20-22 I have to file court paperwork after the 1st of the year.
 6-4-24 Sent a certified letter requesting owner to contact our office immediately upon receiving the letter. 6-26-24 Certified letter was received, no contact from owner to date.
 7-9-24 Court paperwork submitted and mailed certified letter. Court date set for 8-28-24.
 8-28-24 Owner appeared in court. Progress made on clean up. On site inspection set for 9-3-24. Adjourned until 10-23-24. 10-23-24 Clean up is done, adjourned until April 2025 to finish structural repairs on the building. 6-4-25 updated court owner has contractor and is should be starting repairs in June. Next court date 9-24-25. Court adjourned to 11-19-25. 11-19-25 Repairs have begun about 90% complete. Adjourned until 1-28-26 to have work complete and building permit closed out. Adjourned to resolve contractor error.
 3-19-24 6645 Cooper St. Notice o- violation & posted unfit/unsafe written for partial collapsed building. OTR to have demolition permit set for April 19, 2024. 9-10-24 mailed final notice with OTR set for 9-24-24. Set for court 11-13-24. Owner did not show. Adjourned until 1-8-25. 11-19-24 emailed court paperwork to a process server per town attorney. 11-26-24 Owner has been served by process server. 1-8-25 Case is put on hold. Owner is deceased and Greg Mattacola will try and reach out to the attorney for the estate.
 6-11-24 4741 French Rd. Notice of violation written for property maintenance issues with an order to remedy set for 7-30-24. 7-22-25 emailed violation notice with new violations to current property management company.
 7-23-24 6368 Rte. 5. Notice of violation written for property maintenance issues with an order to remedy set for 8-27-24. 9-24-24 majority of the work is complete.
 4-22-25 7301 E Carter Rd (on County Seat Rd). Notice of violation written for junk and debris and for unlawful accessory structures. Order to remedy set for 5-27-25. 4-29-25 Owner spoke with Pat regarding permit for structures.
 8-5-25 6215 Cooper St. Crane. Notice of violation written for demolition w/o permit and j/d. OTR set for 8-19-25.
 9-2-25 6385 Rte. 26. Vacant House. Notice of violation written for roof damage from where a tree had previously fallen on house. OTR set for 10-7-25. 1-20-26 cited new owner of record with an OTR set for 5-31-26.
 9-23-25 5731 Eureka Rd. Perkosky. Notice of violation written for j/d, j/v and roof damage. OTR set for 11-4-25. 1-6-26 two of the three violations have been corrected. Extending until mid June to finish roof.
 11-18-25 5776 Rte. 26 Corteaux. Notice of violation written for j/d. OTR set for 12-16-25. No Progress. 4-7-26 No Progress.
 11-18-25 5987 Rte. 26 Parker. Notice of violation written for j/d. OTR set for 12-16-25. No Progress. 4-7-26 No Progress.
 2-17-26 4611 Rte. 233 Reece. Fire to detached garage. Letter sent to contact Pat with plan and to apply for applicable permits.
 4-14-26 5820 Bartlett Rd. Turner. Notice of violation written for j/d. OTR set for 4-28-26. 4-28-26 Abated.
 4-14-26 5781 Rte. 233. Richard Storey. Notice of violation written for house unfit/unsafe. OTR set for 6-2-26 to have plan (repair or demolish) and permit obtained. 4-21-26 Placard affixed to the property.
 5-5-26 4727 French Rd. Smith. Notice of violation written for fence, pool, high grass with OTR set for 5-19-26.

1203 Fire Prevention Inspections:

2-26-25 6541 Rte 5 Hill Top Repair. OTR set for 3-19-25.
 8-19-25 7105 Norton Ave. Skenandoa Golf Club. Notice of violation written with OTR set for 9-16-25. 9-16-25 one violation has been abated, two remain.
 9-23-25 7314 E Main St. 4 fam Yong. OTR set for 1-12-25. Extend to end of Feb 2026. Extend to end of April.
 10-7-25 7286 W Main St. Westmoreland Methodist Church. Notice of violation written with OTR set for 11-18-25. Extended 4-28-26 Abated.
 4-7-26 6154 Dewey Rd. Specialty Auto. Notice of violation written with OTR set for 4-28-26. 4-28-26 Abated.
 4-7-26 6333 Rte. 233. Patrick Heating. Notice of violation written with OTR set for 4-28-26. 4-28-26 one violation abated, one not complete.
 4-14-26 6129 Rte 233. Terpening Trucking. No Violations.
 4-21-26 6377 Rte. 233. Camelot Village. Notice of violation written with OTR set for 5-5-26. 5-5-26 Abated.
 4-21-26 5610 Rte. 233. Whitestown Automotive. Notice of violation written with OTR set for 5-5-26. 5-5-26 Abated.
 4-28-26 5600 Rte. 233 Village Custom. Notice of violation written with OTR set for 5-11-2026.
 4-28-26 5325 Rte. 233 Apex Surgical Center. No Violations.

Building Inspections: By Pat Baron, Building Inspector

Month	Apr-26	Westmoreland Town Board: Building Permits/ Septic Systems Monthly Report					
Date	NO.	Last Name	First Name	Address	Tax Map ID #	Type Of Permit	Fee Paid
4/14/2026	2026-21	JONES	SCOTT	7557 E. SOUTH ST	315.018-2-7	SHED	\$ 40.00
4/14/2026	2026-22	SWEET	JEREMY	4891 CRASER RD	314.000-2-21.2	SHED	\$ 40.00
4/14/2026	2026-23	BURDICK	ROBERT	5191 TUDMAN RD	301.000-2-38.3	POLE BARN	\$ 320.00
4/14/2026	2026-24	PFEIFFER	JEREMY	6800 LOWELL RD	300.000-2-50.1	ADDITION	\$ 124.00
4/14/2026	2026-25	GIBILARO	GEOFFREY	6044 SHED RD	273.000-1-89	FENCE	\$ 30.00
4/14/2026	2026-26	ZECCA	ROBERT-CORA	6868 LOWELL RD	302.000-2-41	TRUSS ID ADDITION	\$ 110.00
4/14/2026	9995	HULSER	RICHARD	6179 BARTLETT RD	274.000-2-12	AREA VARIANCE	\$ 75.00
4/14/2026	2026-27	LEWIS	CHARLES	7288 W. SOUTH ST.	314.000-2-32.3	GARAGE	\$ 75.00
4/21/2026	2026-28	KREBS	TYLER	7593 E. SOUTH ST	315.0189-3-9	FENCE	\$ 30.00
4/21/2026	2026-29	GEDDES	EDEE	7563 STONE RD	303.000-1-59.2	PERMIT RENEWAL	\$ 20.00
4/24/2026	2026-30	BROCKWAY	MARY	124 PAZDUR BLVD	274.000-1-21.3	DECK	\$ 75.00
4/24/2026	2026-31	MANFREDO	ANTHONY	7273 W MAIN ST	302.004-1-15	ROOF SOLAR	\$ 300.00
4/24/2026	2026-32	BOUCHER	PAUL	5512 LOWELL RD	287.000-1-50.1	SEPTIC	\$ 75.00
4/28/2026	2026-33	PAWLIKOWSKI	CHRISTOPHER	6020 EUREKA RD	288.000-1-28	POLE BARN	\$ 395.00
4/28/2026	2026-34	OWENS	JAMES	5251 PECKVILLE RD	303.000-1-40.2	DECK	\$ 75.00
4/28/2026	2026-35	COLLINS	ROBERT	5766 NYS RT 233	289.000-2-43	DEMO BARN	\$ 75.00
4/28/2026	2026-36	SMITH	TODD	5834 BURROWS RD	288.000-2-66.17	DET. GARAGE	\$ 90.00
4/28/2026	2026-37	CIMINO-HOWARD	MARISSA	5528 BARTLETT RD	302.000-1-16	FENCE	\$ 30.00
							\$ 1,979.00

Codes Enforcement Officer Fox was absent, but the board discussed concerns regarding equipment storage at a new pole barn site on Cider Street. A phone call was also made to TJ Allen regarding dirt on the road; the owner has since paved his driveway and purchased a water truck to mitigate dust.

Water Plant Operator Ted Flint submitted the following report:

Westmoreland Water District

- Completed monthly sampling requirements - no issues.
- Performed several UFPO dig requests.
- Working with Dodson & Associates in getting our Emergency valves repaired at the corner of Rt. 233 & South St. This was installed back in 2008 and has not been used since and we need to make sure that it works in case of a water emergency. All the valves will need to be rebuilt and cycled for proper function.

Tindall Corners Water District

- Completed monthly sampling requirements - no issues.
- Performed 1 UFPO dig request.
- Continuing to work with contractors and George Joseph to provide North Star Orchards with municipal water. The plan is to hook into the Tindal Water District near the corner of Rte. 233 & East South Street.

Spencer Settlement Water District

- Completed monthly sampling requirements - no issues.

Reading Center Clerk Sarah Snyder submitted no report this month.

Town Attorney Mitchell Whittaker submitted the following report:

During April I completed the following professional services on behalf of the Town of Westmoreland:

- Sent a letter to the owners of the Eureka Road Solar Farm re: an update on its status;
- Researched the Town Law as applicable to the Planning Board's ability to reconsider an earlier determination;
- Attended the regular meeting of the Town Board; and
- Researched shared services agreements between municipalities in the General Municipal Law.

Attorney Whittaker discussed the status of a solar project expansion. The planning board declined to rehear the site plan approval, though the board noted the project technically should have been a new site plan rather than a modification. A decommissioning plan is still pending.

Town Clerk Anna C. Storey submitted the following report:

- In April, the Town Clerk's office sold two (2) new dog licenses and renewed thirty-three (33) dog licenses, for \$311.00. Of that, \$56.00 was sent to the Department of Ag & Markets for New York State's Dog Population Control Program. The Town Supervisor received \$255.00.
- On April 28, 2026, renewal notices were sent out for thirty-six (36) dog licenses due in May 2026. Late renewal notices were sent out for March's overdue licenses, totaling thirteen (13).
- There were six (6) fishing licenses sold in March totaling \$70.00. The supervisor received \$3.88 and \$66.12 was sent to the NYS DEC.
- There were two marriage licenses sold in April for \$80.00. The supervisor received \$35.00 and \$45.00 was sent to the NYS Health Department. A One-Day Marriage Officiant license was issued for \$25.00. Thirty (30) certified copies were issued for \$300.00.
- There were sixteen (16) building permits issued in March for \$1,829.00, and one (1) septic permit for \$75.00. One (1) area variance was issued for \$75.00. There were seven (7) fire inspections totaling \$525.00.
- Eleven (11) permanent and temporary accessible parking permits were issued or renewed during the month.

Checks Received:

1. Stuttard	pavilion rental	\$75.00
2. Camelot Partners LLC	water usage 11/25-2/26	\$14,873.25
3. Stanwix Heights VFD Inc	fuel for March	\$159.90
4. Kokoska	pavilion rental	\$50.00
5. Westmoreland Justice Court	March 2026 court funds	\$9,131.00
6. Westmoreland Fire District	Feb 2026	\$717.16
7. Clark Mills Fire District		\$511.12
8. E-Z Riders Snowmobile Club, Inc.		\$322.90
9. Maxam	pavilion rental	\$75.00
10. fnbo	credit balance	\$17.39
11. Westmoreland Town Clerk	April 2026	\$3,122.88
12. Napoli Shkolnik	water settlement	\$7,997.98
13. Cazenovia Public Library	lost book	\$10.00
14. Westmoreland Central School Dist.		\$17,259.11
15. Westmoreland Cemetery Assoc.		\$69.38
16. Westmoreland Justice Court	April 2026 court funds	\$9,844.00

Communications Received:

1. Office of NYS Comptroller -Newsletter
2. Office of County Executive -Announcement of Release of Housing Guidebook
3. Oneida County Housing Guidebook
4. MVHS Visiting Nurse Association -Acknowledgement of donation
5. Laberge Group – grants opening
6. Heather Humphries – guard rails on Lowell Rd
7. NYS DoT – message regarding speed reduction request
8. Comp Alliance – monthly safety bulletin
9. Leone Family – thank you card
10. Northland Communications – meeting follow up

Oriskany Creek Watershed Committee Representative Roger Potenski provided the following report:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at the Village of Oriskany Falls Town offices.

- Minutes of March meeting were approved
- Treasury holding \$43,421.51
- Discussions held regarding current grant opportunities;
- NYS Resilient Watershed (June 26)
- \$150K minimum, \$10M maximum
- NYS Green Initiative (due June 12th)
- \$1m Minimum, \$10M maximum
- FEMA BREC Program (June 26 deadline)

- Must be shovel ready
- 10% match
- Up front money from municipality
- No scoping unless it leads to a project
- Tough to get
- Salt Shed grants still scheduled to be available May-June, Deadline July 31.
- Stuart Miller from Trout Unlimited gave a report on their testing of Enterococcus Count histories. Mr. Miller reported that they will be beginning, and expanding the water testing, starting in Oriskany, working upstream, testing for E-coli, as well as other run offs.
- County is planning on presenting a Land Use Conference, in conjunction with NYS on June 9th

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at 4:30, at the Whitestown Town Hall on Clark Mills Road.

Councilperson Donley presented options for residents to pay taxes online via ExpressPay or similar services. Margaret, the tax collector, expressed interest but needs to ensure compatibility with Williamson Law software and bank reporting. A discussion regarding the \$2 late fee per bill ensued, as removing it might simplify the billing process.

Councilperson Seymour proposed a reduced speed limit due to increased traffic and new businesses.

144 Councilperson Seymour advanced a motion to put together a resolution reduce the speed limit on Route 233 from Route 5 in Kirkland to Main Street, Westmoreland, from Main Street, Westmoreland to Sutliff Rd. Councilperson Rundle seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

Councilperson Seymour brings up mowing at the parks and cemeteries in town, and wonders if it would be economical to get a new mower.

Councilperson Smith conducted an analysis of National Grid bills, concluding that costs are rising due to delivery rate increases (phase two of three) rather than supply rates. He advised against switching suppliers, as most offers are variable and temporary.

145 Councilperson Seymour advanced a motion to accept the bid from Collis to replace the HVAC System in the Town Hall and Garage, contingent upon approval from Delta Engineers, not to exceed \$210,000. Councilperson Rundle seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

146 Councilperson Donley advanced a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding as presented to North Star Orchards, with the conditions to use approved contractors. Councilperson Seymour seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

147 Councilperson Seymour advanced a motion to accept the following budget modification:

1. Move \$77,375.00 from SW3-599 (Fund Balance) to SW-8320.400 (Layne Christensen Well 1 & 2 issue)
Reason: Well 1 & 2 issue

Councilperson Smith seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

148 Councilperson Rundle advanced a motion to approve and place on file the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Codes Reports for April 2026. Councilperson Seymour seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

149 Councilperson Smith advanced a motion to approve and place on file the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 13, 2026. Councilperson Donley seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

150 Councilperson Seymour advanced a motion to approve and order paid the vouchers of the General fund, vouchers #116 through #147, which total \$15,424.03. Councilperson Rundle seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

151 Councilperson Donley advanced a motion to approve and order paid the claims of the Highway fund, vouchers #79 through #108, which total \$112,634.19 Councilperson Seymour seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

152 Councilperson Rundle advanced a motion to approve and order paid the claims of the water districts as follows:

Tindall Water District	vouchers #6-7	which totals	\$2,215.12
Westmoreland Water District	vouchers #32-40	which totals	\$3,856.05
Spencer Settlement Water District	vouchers #6	which totals	\$30.00

Councilperson Smith seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE and the motion was declared carried.

Supervisor Hebbard stated the next Regular Meeting will be held Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Supervisor Hebbard paused the regular meeting to allow comments from the floor.

There being no one wishing to address the Board, Supervisor Hebbard reconvened to the regular session and asked for a motion to adjourn.

153 Councilperson Seymour advanced a motion to adjourn this meeting. Councilperson Rundle seconded the motion. All Board members voted AYE. Supervisor Hebbard declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna C. Storey
Town Clerk