

**The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday September 11, 2025 at the Town Hall.**

**Present:** Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember and Amy Hunter, Councilmember

**Other Town Officials:**

Excused: Tanner Harvey, Highway Superintendent; John Macauley, Councilmember and Bill Przysinda, Councilmember

Others present: M. Tucci, Tompkins Insurance Agency

**Bill Devine, Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 8:32 a.m.** Supervisor Devine led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean that the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 185-204 for \$16,798.71; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 155-173 for \$24,767.36; and Capital Fund vouchers numbered 13 for \$2,065.00. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept the regular meeting minutes of 8/14/2025 as presented. Motion carried.

Supervisor Devine forwarded copies electronically of the Town Clerk & Supervisors monthly financial reports. The supervisor financial report with monthly statement of all money received. Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept both financial reports. Motion carried.

**Information handed out/or acknowledged: None**

**Old/New Business:**

INSURANCE 3 YEAR BID REVIEW- Supervisor Devine stated Mike Tucci with Tompkins Agency was present to discuss the 3 year competitive bid for the town. Mr. Tucci has Selective and NYMIR for the board to compare.

Other companies were reviewed such as Houston Casualty/ Trident but the size of the town limits and the cost the company would not even consider providing a quote.

RESOLUTION 51-2025 INSURANCE SERVICES- Following the board review

WHEREAS the Town Board has met at the time and place at its regular meeting the town board has reviewed the proposals that came for 3 year review of insurance policies, and

WHEREAS the Town Board has reviewed the policy coverage effective 9/21/2025 through 9/20/2026, and therefore be it;

RESOLVED this Town Board does hereby accept the NYMIR proposal through Tompkins Insurance Agency.

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter and the results were carried with 3 nay, 0 ayes, Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor & Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, absent; Councilmember Przysinda, absent.

BAN RESOLUTION 52-2025- Supervisor Devine stated in preparation for the 2025 Peterbilt he has asked the town attorney to prepare the paperwork for the BAN for the board.

Attach the resolution **WHEREAS**, all Board Members, having due notice of said meetings, and that pursuant to Article 7, Section 104 of the Public Officers Law, said meetings were open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Groveland seeks authorization to finance the purchase of a 2025 Peterbilt 567 Truck (VIN #: 1NPCLP0X3SD744464) through a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN No. 1 of 2025) for the amount of three hundred five thousand eight hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$305,878.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Groveland seeks to retain the services of DiMatteo Roach & Kelly, Attorneys at Law, to request bid proposals for BAN No. 1 of 2025 from Five Star Bank, Tompkins Community Bank, M & T Bank, Community Bank, N.A., and the Bank of Greene County; and

**WHEREAS**, the note date of the three hundred five thousand eight hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$305,878.00) BAN No. 1 of 2025 shall be the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

**NOW ON MOTION OF** Councilmember Hunter, which has been duly seconded by Councilmember Bean, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Groveland hereby authorizes the financing of a Bond Anticipation Note to finance the purchase of the 2025 Peterbilt Truck (VIN #: 1NPCLP0X3SD744464), known as Bond Anticipation Note No. 1 of 2025, for three hundred five thousand eight hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$305,878.00), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Groveland hereby retains the services of DiMatteo Roach & Kelly Attorneys at Law, to request bid proposals for BAN No. 1 of 2025 from Five Star Bank, Tompkins Community Bank N.A., M & T Bank, Community Bank, N.A., and the Bank of Greene County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor of the Town of Groveland is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents required to issue Bond Anticipation Note No. 1 of 2025 and to secure the purchase of a 2025 Peterbilt 567 Truck, VIN: 1NPCLP0X3SD744464.

Ayes 3

Nays 0

Quorum Present: x Yes

HIGHWAY REPORT- Highway Superintendent Harvey was excused from the meeting, the supervisor provided the quote for the new lawn mower for the board to review on his behalf.

Board discussion: Table discussion until the Highway Superintendent returns, as it involves a State quote, and there are items requested from other board members not present at today's meeting regarding the current lawn mower.

2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET DISCUSSION- Supervisor Devine stated the board has been given the budget prior to the meeting for the board review. Supervisor Devine stated during the preparation for the 2026 budget, the town is going over the tax cap due to the new water district that has to be included in the budget. As in the past budgets most of the increase for the General Fund comes from salary and insurance increases. The Fire Department has its contracted annual approved increase that also affects the tax levy related to the tax cap.

Board discussion: The board reviewed the budget and requested a special meeting as there are a few significant items to review that would significantly effect the tax rate when changes are made.

Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. for the next Tentative Budget meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF TAXCAP OVERRIDE LOCAL LAW- The Town Clerk had previously emailed the budget along with the account's tax cap calculation. It does appear that the town will be over the limit due to the addition of the new water district that has to be included in the tax cap.

Board members all agreed with the Local Law as presented requested a public hearing be scheduled.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to advertise a public hearing for the next board meeting for the Local Law # of 2025 -Tax Cap Local Override Law. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW- MODIFY THE COMPENSATION OF JUSTICE BEAN-**

Following the September town board meeting the board members requested the town clerk prepare the local law, Supervisor Devine presented the Local Law to the members of the board for their review.

Board members present all agreed with the Local Law as presented requested a public hearing be scheduled. Councilmember Bean abstained from the conversation.

A motion by Supervisor Devine and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to advertise the public hearing for the next town board meeting for Local Law # 2025- Modify the Compensation of Justice Bean. Motion Carried with Councilmember Bean stating for quorum purposes only ,stating aye for the public hearing portion only for the Local Law.

**RESOLUTION #53 OF 2025 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF GROVELAND WATER DISTRICT NO.1-**

Supervisor Devine notified the board that a new agreement was necessary, as the previous one had exceeded the dollar amount.

**WHEREAS**, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Groveland has established Water District No. 1 in the Town of Groveland; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the financing of said Water District will involve Rural Development funding which requires the submission of RUS Bulletin 1780-7 Legal Services Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the previous agreement was adopted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 and previously had the maximum threshold at \$25,000.00 which will be replaced with this new agreement, increasing the maximum threshold to \$35,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board feels it is in the best interest of the Town of Groveland to enter into a Legal Services Agreement with DiMatteo Roach & Kelly, Attorney's for the Town of Groveland; and

**NOW ON MOTION OF** Councilmember Bean which has been duly seconded by Councilmember Hunter, now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Groveland hereby authorizes and

empowers William Devine, Supervisor of the Town of Groveland, to execute the RUS Bulletin 1780-7 Legal Services Agreement.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Quorum Present: Yes

Supervisor Communication: Supervisor Devine spoke with the Town Supervisor in Wayland regarding the taxes at the Wayland Pit, which Groveland owns. The Town of Wayland Supervisor would bring it to his town board but doubted they would allow any type of exemption as they have 7 other municipal districts and he would have to do the same for the others municipal districts if Groveland received a credit.

Other Communication: Town Clerk discussed the upcoming copier expiration and has a quote from State procurement for Toshiba, that is a couple of dollars less a month than the current copier. The change would happen towards the end of 2025.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting October 09, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk  
Town of Groveland  
Dated September 11, 2025