

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK TOWN BOARD
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026**

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Chris Mathews with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

Supervisor Chris Mathews	Present
Councilperson Jim Schmidt	Present
Councilperson Nicole Gorr	Present
Councilperson Scott Grey	Present
Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr.	Present

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS

GUESTS

Andrew McCabe

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS 2026

• **THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE BOARD:**

The **Postage Meter Rate** was reset at \$1800.00 increments on motion by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, seconded by Councilperson Jim Schmidt, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The **Town Clerk Petty Cash Fund** was set to be restored to \$200.00 each month on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The **Regular Town Board Meeting Day and Time and place** was set to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Neversink Town Hall on motion by Councilperson Scott Grey, seconded by Councilperson Jim Schmidt, put to a vote and put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

Payment of Monthly recurring bills and contracts as received was authorized on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, put to a vote put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The **Sullivan County Democrat** was designated as the **Official Newspaper** for the Town, on motion by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, seconded by Councilperson Jim Schmidt, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

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The **Mileage reimbursement rate** was set to coincide with the current Federal Rate (72.5 cents) on motion by Councilperson Scott Grey, seconded by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The following **Banks** were named as **official depositories** on motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Jim Schmidt, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- Key Bank – Liberty Office
- Hudson Valley Credit Union– Grahamsville Office
- Jeff Bank – Liberty Office
- Wayne Bank – Liberty Office

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

FAXING, PHOTOCOPY AND LAMINATING FEES:

On motion by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, seconded by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, faxing fees will remain at \$1.00 for the first page and \$.25 for each additional page, photocopy fees will remain at \$.25 per sheet for 8 ½ x 11 and 8 ½ x 14 and \$.50 per sheet for 11 X 17. Color Copies will remain at \$1.00 for 8 ½ x 11 and 8 ½ x 14. Laminating fees will also remain the same for the following sizes:

8 ½ X 11 sheet	\$2.00	Luggage tag	\$2.00
Business Card	\$1.00	Credit Card	\$1.00

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

POOL FEES:

On motion made by Councilperson Jim Schmidt, seconded by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, Pool Fees will increase for the 2026 Pool season as follows: Town of Neversink residents \$25.00 per permit with a \$10.00 per person guest fee. Town of Denning residents \$50.00 per permit with a \$15.00 per person guest fee.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

TRANSFER STATION FEES:

On motion made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Jim Schmidt, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, Transfer Station Fees for 2026 will remain as follows: Solid Waste Books \$30.00, Transfer Station Permits \$25.00, Freon Removal Fee \$15.00, tires 19 inches or smaller \$5.00 each, tires 20 inches and over \$25.00 each, the fee schedule for miscellaneous bulky items will remain the same.

VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS:

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Supervisor Mathews announced the following Committee Appointments for the Town Board members:

Equipment – Scott Grey, Jim Schmidt

Beautification/Celebrations – Nicole Gorr, Jim Schmidt

Personnel – Richard Coombe Jr., Scott Grey

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Finance – Richard Coombe Jr.
Solid Waste – Chris Mathews
Planning Board/Zoning – Jim Schmidt
Cable Services – Nicole Gorr
Representative to Committee for the Disabled – Nicole Gorr
Representative to the Ethics Committee – Scott Grey
Representative to Emergency Services – Chris Mathews, Scott Grey
Americans with Disabilities Act Representative – Nicole Gorr
Veterans Organization Liaison Representative – Jim Schmidt
Real Property Tax – Richard Coombe Jr., Scott Grey
Parks and Recreation – Nicole Gorr
Neversink Agricultural Society Liaison – Nicole Gorr
Real Property Litigation – Richard Coombe Jr., Scott Grey
Youth Services Liaison – Chris Mathews, Scott Grey

A motion was made by Councilperson Nicole Gorr, seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, to approve the above listed Supervisor Committee Appointments for Town Board Members, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

The following salaries of elected and appointed officials with the frequency of payment were discussed:

**ELECTED – APPOINTED POSITIONS
SALARY
PAY FREQUENCY
2026**

Supervisor-Chris Mathews-\$37,510-annual-bi-weekly
Deputy Supervisor- Richard Coombe Jr. – no compensation
Councilperson-Scott Grey-\$7603-annual-bi-weekly
Councilperson-Jim Schmidt-\$7603-annual-bi-weekly
Councilperson-Richard Coombe, Jr. - \$7603-annual-bi-weekly
Councilperson – Nicole Gorr - -\$7603-annual-bi-weekly
Town Justice-Brent Gotsch - \$11,658-annual-bi-weekly
Town Justice-Keith Stryker - \$11,658-annual-bi-weekly
Clerk to the Courts- PT-Deborah Shaver-\$22.70 per hr.-bi-weekly
Assessor- Bryan Delaney-\$36,029-annual-bi-weekly
Sr. Acct Clerk (Assessor Clerk & Payroll)-Geri Gorton-\$47,879-annual-bi-weekly
Geri Gorton-Longevity-\$925
Clerk to Planning Board-PT-Rebecca Witthohn-\$50 stipend per board meeting
Clerk to ZBA-PT-Rebecca Witthohn-\$50 stipend per board meeting
Clerk to ZBA & PB – Rebecca Witthohn - \$22.70 per hr
Town Clerk- Staci Conjura -\$57,444 -annual-bi-weekly
Registrar of Vital Statistics-Staci Conjura -\$1,652 -annual-bi-weekly
Registrar of Vital Statistics-Deputy- Michelle Goodman-\$858–annual–bi-weekly

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Deputy Town Clerk- FT- Michelle Goodman -\$45,564 -annual-bi-weekly
Clerk-PT- Lisa Garigliano -\$22.70 per hr.-bi-weekly

*Note- The Clerk PT is authorized to work up to 17 ½ hours per week on a regular basis, if needed Jan.1 through March 31st.

Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor – PT- Rebecca Witthohn -\$25.00 per hr.-bi-weekly
Budget/Accounting Coordinator - \$70,000 (+) – annual – bi-weekly

Superintendent of Highways-Preston Kelly-\$100,637 -annual-bi-weekly

Deputy Highway Superintendent-Dan D’Auria -Reg.Time-\$39.03 per hr.-Over Time- \$58.55 per hr.-bi-weekly

Dan D’Auria -Longevity- \$575.00

Building Maintenance – PT – Joe Bagley - \$30.57 per hr

Building Maintenance – PT – Ernest Degastonguay - \$28.51 per hr

Cleaner (Town Hall) PT-Michelle Dexheimer - \$22.70 per hr.-bi-weekly

Grounds Maintenance Worker (Town Hall Complex) PT-Benjamin Knight-\$31.34 per hr.-bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant -PT- Charles Clark - \$20.93 per hr.-bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant -PT- Richard Bivins - \$20.93 per hr- bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant PT Temp. – Tony Costa - \$18.43 per hr – bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant PT Temp. – Larry Bracken - \$18.43 per hr-bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant PT Temp. – Keith McArthur - \$18.43 per hr-bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant PT Temp. – Joe Barkley - \$18.43 per hr-bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant PT Temp. – Flora Herbke- \$18.43 per hr-bi-weekly

Transfer Station Attendant PT Temp. – Michael Rennison - \$18.43 per hr-bi-weekly

Town Attorney-PT-Ken Klein-\$22,000-annual-bi-weekly

Plus \$150.00 per hr. for litigation

Special Prosecutor-PT-Kenneth Klein-\$6,000 – annual – bi-weekly

Attorney to the Planning Board-PT-Kenneth Klein-\$3,800-annual-bi-weekly

Attorney to the ZBA-PT-Kenneth Klein-\$3,600-annual-bi-weekly

Assistant Town Attorney PT – \$125.00 per hr. for litigation

Utilities Plant Attendant-PT- Joseph Bagley - \$30.57

Utilities Plant Attendant-PT-Ernest Degastonguay - \$28.51

Dog Control Officer-PT-Danita Kristoff-\$13,301-annual-bi-weekly

Deputy Dog Control Officer (Pound)-PT-Geraldine Gorton-\$22.70 per hr.-min. of two hours -bi-weekly

Cemetery Maintenance-PT-(2x/year)-Benjamin Knight-\$2,052-annual

Town Historian-PT-Roger Edwards - \$4700 -annual-bi-weekly

Engineer for Town-Glenn Smith-Fee Basis-\$135 per hr.

Code Enforcement Officer-PT- Glenn Gabbard \$35,000 – annual - bi-weekly w/flexible hrs on average of 17.5 hrs per week

Sewer District Administrator-PT- Glenn Gabbard - \$1500 - annual

Asst Building Inspector-PT- vacant 9/17/25 - \$26.25 per hr., bi-weekly-w/flexible hrs. not to exceed 17 ½ hrs per week

Health Officer – PT-Julie Starner-\$3,518 -annual-bi-weekly

Board of Assessment Review Member (3)-\$80 per session-abstract

Clerk to Board of Assessment Review-Michelle Goodman -\$22.70 per hr.-bi-weekly

Park and Recreation Director-PT- Tanya Huggler-\$15,414-annual bi-weekly

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Pool Director – Janet Carey -\$9,342-annual-bi-weekly
AM Swim Director – Janet Carey - \$4,173-annual
Pool Lifeguard - 1-2 yrs – \$16.95 per hr.
Pool Lifeguards - 3 yrs & up – \$17.21 per hr.
Head Lifeguard - \$18.32 per hr
WSI - \$18.89 per hr
WSI (21 yrs or older) - \$21.84 per hr
Skate Guard Attendant - \$16.00 per hr

On motion by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, the foregoing list of persons were appointed to the positions named, salaries set and frequency of pay.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

SUPERVISOR

1. Councilperson Nicole Gorr presented the **Annual Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys**. The following motion was made:

A motion was made by Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilperson Scott Grey, to accept the CHIPS agreement and to authorize the signing and filing of an Amended Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Money, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
VOTE: AYES 5 NAYS 0.

2. Councilperson Richard Coombe Jr. gave an **update on the Ice Rink**. Custom Ice will be cleaning up the site soon. Town will be wiring the chillers and circulating the glycol. Anticipated opening date is January 17th.
3. Supervisor Chris Mathews advised the Teri Lockhart (Town Financial Director) will be joining Councilperson Nicole Gorr and Councilperson Jim Schmidt for **Bookkeeper interviews**.

ADJOURN OR RECESS:

On motion by Councilperson Scott Grey, seconded by Councilperson Richard Coombe, Jr., the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M. put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Staci Conjura, Town Clerk