

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
May 19, 2026

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Clerk Tomasino called the roll. All Legislators were present, with the exception of Legislator Speranza.

Chairman Hill called Legislator McKimmie and Emergency Management Manager Tom Eggert to the lectern to read a proclamation declaring May 17th-23rd, 2026 as “EMS Week” in Niagara County.

Chairman Hill called Legislator Gooch and Commissioner of Social Services Meghan Lutz to the lectern to read a proclamation declaring May as “Foster Parent Recognition Month” in Niagara County.

Chairman Hill called Legislator Gooch to the lectern to read a proclamation declaring May as “Bladder Cancer Awareness Month” in Niagara County.

No citizen spoke on the Agenda.

Moved by Bradt, second by Elder to accept the Preferred Agenda.

Resolution No. IL-088-26 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

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Resolution No. CSS-068-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FORENSIC LAB SUPPLIES SOLE SOURCE UNITED CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGIES (UCT)

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has a Forensic Laboratory which is accredited to ISO17025 International Standard by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB); the accreditation puts rigorous requirements in place for the laboratory and any potential vendors and supplies that the laboratory uses as part of their accredited testing services, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory has to purchase laboratory testing supplies which need to be manufactured for consistency in purity and comply with accreditation standards, and

WHEREAS, United Chemical Technologies is the sole manufacturer and sole distributor within the United States of the following items:

- Clean Screen ® DAU: A mixed-mode sorbent which enables the extraction of acids, neutrals and bases (CSDAU203, CSDAU203-D, SELECTRASORB™ CSDAU00C)
- Clean Screen® BNZ: A specialized sorbent for benzodiazepine extractions (CSBNZ206)
- SELECTRA-SIL ® Derivatizing Reagents (SMTBSTFA-0-25: MTBSTFA, SBSTFA-0-25: BSTFA)
- RFV01F4P REservoir, and

WHEREAS, under New York State common law, an exception to competitive bidding arises when the goods or services required in a contract may be obtained only through a single source so that there is no possibility of competition (*Harlem Gas Co. v. Mayor of New York*, 33 NY 309; 11Opns St Comp, 1955, p 502), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature deems that under NYS Common Law, United Chemical Technologies may be used to purchase the listed testing supply items for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory as a sole source provider.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. CSS-069-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FORENSIC LAB SUPPLIES SOLE SOURCE CAYMAN CHEMICAL**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has a Forensic Laboratory which is accredited to ISO17025 International Standard by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB); the accreditation puts rigorous requirements in place for the laboratory and any potential vendors and supplies that the laboratory uses as part of their accredited testing services, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory has to purchase laboratory reference supplies for testing which need to be manufactured for consistency in purity and comply with accreditation standards, and

WHEREAS, Cayman Chemical Company is a trusted manufacturer of reference standard drugs to be sold to federally licensed laboratories for testing and analysis, and

WHEREAS, Cayman Chemicals certifies that it is the sole manufacturer of a large number of drug testing standards, the list of which is annexed to this resolution, and

WHEREAS, under New York State common law, an exception to competitive bidding arises when the goods or services required in a contract may be obtained only through a single source so that there is no possibility of competition (*Harlem Gas Co. v. Mayor of New York*, 33 NY 309; 11Opns St Comp, 1955, p 502), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature deems that under NYS Common Law, Cayman Chemical Company may be used to purchase the listed testing supply items for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory as a sole source provider

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. CSS-070-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MCP ACQUISITION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-073-18 on 9/18/18 to enter into a job specific contract with MCP Acquisition DBA Mission Critical Partners LLC (“Mission Critical”) to review, examine and negotiate the Motorola Proposal for a Countywide Public Safety Radio Project, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-007-19 on 2/19/19 to waive the Request for Proposal and enter into a professional services contract with Mission Critical to manage the Radio System Two Site Implementation Project, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-004-20 on 1/20/20 to waive the Request for Proposal and enter into a professional services contract with Mission Critical to technically review, procurement review, project management, contract negotiations and implementation of the Radio System Six Site Project, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-056-23 on 6/20/23 to waive the Request for Proposal and enter into a professional services contract with Mission Critical for ongoing general consulting services for the Public Safety Communications Systems, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County’s contract for ongoing general consulting is due to expire on 6/30/26, and

WHEREAS, Mission Critical has been managing the implementation of the construction and integration of new tower sites in the Niagara County Public Safety Communications System since 2018 and has been conducting analysis and planning for the ongoing needs for growth and maintenance of the Niagara County Public Safety Communications System since 2023 which gives the firm unique expertise and system knowledge, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office would like to continue to utilize the consulting services and expertise of Mission Critical for the Public Safety Communications System to maximize the effectiveness of the system for Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, under Niagara County’s Purchasing Guidelines, the Niagara County Legislature and the requisite committee(s) have the discretion to waive the Requests for Proposal for a professional services contract, and

WHEREAS, Mission Critical has prepared a proposal for ongoing general consulting services for a fixed amount of \$396,004 over three years from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, with the option for two one-year extensions which will be paid for out of Statewide Interoperable Communications Grants for the first year and each subsequent year that the grants are available, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County finds the services to be provided by Mission Critical consist of “professional services” and further waives the RFP requirement and/or requirement that additional cost proposals be sought or obtained, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review and approval of an agreement, that the MCP Acquisition DBA Mission Critical Partners LLC Professional Consultant Services contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. CSS-071-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FLOCK SAFETY NEW 25 CAMERA CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-024-23 on 02/21/23 to designate Flock Safety as the sole source for a stationary License Plate Reader System to tie in to our Axon system storage of Evidence.com, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County entered into a 10 Camera Contract and a 57 Camera Contract with Flock Safety in January 2024 for stationary license plate readers (LPRs) in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-116-25 on 10/21/25 approving an amendment to the 57 Camera Contract to relocate, and possibly change the number of cameras, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office and Flock Safety have worked together to change the locations and number of Stationary LPRs to locations that can be licensed for installation and are helpful to Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the 57 Camera Contract with Flock Safety be terminated, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County enter into a new 25 Camera Contract with Flock Safety for the operation of 25 stationary LPRs within Niagara County while continuing the current 10 Camera contract with Flock Safety, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review and approval of an agreement, that the Flock Group, Inc., DBA Flock Safety, 25 Camera Contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. CSS-072-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY HEAD COOK POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified of the upcoming retirement of the Head Cook at the Niagara County Jail, and

WHEREAS, the Head Cook position is responsible for all the meals for the incarcerated individuals at the Correctional Facility which entails meal planning to ensure dietary guidelines are met, supply ordering, supply receipt, coordination with Food Service provider, and supervision and training of Cooks for meal preparation, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to create a temporary Head Cook position in order for the current Head Cook to train his replacement, and

WHEREAS, the temporary position would be eliminated upon the retirement of the current Head Cook at the end of June, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one temporary Head Cook position be created and filled effective June 7, 2026 at AFSCME Head Cook Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$25.60 per hour, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (#163)	\$4,100
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense (# NEW)	\$4,100
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. CSS-073-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUEST
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Defender Office has permission to fill a vacant Assistant Public Defender position, this is a critical and important position that is required to satisfy operational requirements of the department and to provide effective legal representation to indigent defendants charged of crimes, and

WHEREAS, due to challenges with the recruitment for qualified candidates despite posting efforts and activities to source candidates for this important position has not resulted in a sufficient applicant pool of Niagara County resident candidates applying for this vacant position, and

WHEREAS, Public Defender Office has made diligent and sincere efforts to recruit highly qualified candidates for the position from within Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a one-time Waiver of Residency from the policy to hire only Niagara County residents be approved to fill the currently vacant Assistant Public Defender position #13818 as there are no remaining Niagara County residents in the applicant pool.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. CSS-074-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
CONFLICT ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Conflicts Office & Assigned Counsel has permission to fill presently vacant Conflict Attorney position No. 10429, which is an important position that is required to provide legal representation of indigent persons entitled to public defense who cannot be represented by the Public Defender's Office due to a conflict of interest, and

WHEREAS, due to recent challenges with recruitment efforts of Niagara County residents that are experienced criminal trial attorneys for these vacant positions of Conflict Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the Conflicts Office & Assigned Counsel has made diligent and sincere efforts to recruit highly qualified candidates for these vacant positions from within Niagara County, including multiple postings for an extended period of time, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Waiver of Residency from the policy to hire only Niagara County residents be approved to fill this vacant position of Conflict Attorney when the most qualified applicant or only qualified candidates resides outside Niagara County.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. CSS-075-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
CONFLICT ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Conflicts Office & Assigned Counsel has permission to fill presently vacant Conflict Attorney position No. 13964, which is an important position that is required to provide legal representation of indigent persons entitled to public defense who cannot be represented by the Public Defender's Office due to a conflict of interest, and

WHEREAS, due to recent challenges with recruitment efforts of Niagara County residents that are experienced criminal trial attorneys for these vacant positions of Conflict Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the Conflicts Office & Assigned Counsel has made diligent and sincere efforts to recruit highly qualified candidates for these vacant positions from within Niagara County, including postings for an extended period of time, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Waiver of Residency from the policy to hire only Niagara County residents be approved to fill this vacant position of Conflict Attorney when the most qualified applicant or only qualified candidates resides outside Niagara County.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. ED-013-26

From: Economic Development and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT FAST NY GRANT AND
NATIONAL GRID STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST
WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY BUSINESS PARK**

WHEREAS, Niagara County suffers from a lack of development ready industrial space, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County cannot remain competitive with neighboring counties across the state or within the United States without available sites to attract new investment, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Economic Development determined that the County owned site at Junction Road (SBL # 107.00-2-32), in the Town of Cambria is ideally suited for an industrial park, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development, with the approval of the Niagara County Economic Development Committee has applied for several grants to assist with the infrastructure needed to make the site shovel-ready for development, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has been awarded funding through the Empire State Development FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program Track-C in the amount of \$3,258,450 and the National Grid Strategic Economic Development Program in the amount of \$356,289, to assist with the infrastructure needs of the site, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara does hereby accept the grant awards and that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any grant agreement and/or required documents, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.28.8020.000 43089.03	State Aid, Other Economic Development	\$19,670.00
A.28.8020.000 41289.02	Other General Gov Income Misc. Reimbursement	\$19,670.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.28.8020.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$39,340.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. ED-014-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 19, 2026

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A CONSULTING FIRM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORK RELATED TO THE NIAGARA COUNTY BUSINESS PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, Niagara County was recently awarded funding from the Empire State Development FAST NY Shovel Ready Grant Program, and the National Grid Strategic Economic Development Program to assist with the development of the Niagara County Business Park site on Junction Road in the Town of Cambria, and

WHEREAS, the County issued Request for Proposals 2026-31 on March 17, 2026, seeking a firm to assist in completing a Wetland Delineation and Phase 1B Cultural Resource Assessment, and

WHEREAS, four (4) proposals were publicly opened by the County Purchasing Department on April 16, 2026 which were independently evaluated by Economic Development staff based on experience and qualifications, reasonableness of costs, successful completion of similar projects, and references, and

WHEREAS, the reviewers recommended LaBella Associates as the chosen firm to complete the necessary work, at a cost not to exceed \$39,340.00, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for environmental consulting services be awarded to LaBella Associates, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the required documents may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-085-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

LEVEL 2 CHARGING STATION RATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Works Department has installed six (6) Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Level 2 Charging Stations at three (3) County parks; Clyde L. Burmaster Park, Krull Park, and Royalton Ravine Park, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the department to implement a pricing policy to administer charging fees to users, and

WHEREAS, a review of the current electric supply, transportation and delivery expenses, vendor (Evoke) transaction and session fees, county expenses, and regional usage trends, the department is recommending a flat rate pricing policy program per the pricing table, and

WHEREAS, the recommended flat rate pricing policy will implement a flat rate session-fee per transaction, maximum charge duration of 120 minutes, a grace period of 15 minutes, Idle fee of five (5) dollars per hour after maximum charge duration is exceeded, energy supply and delivery expenses, and vendor transaction fees, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee has reviewed the proposed 2026 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Level 2 Charging Station Rate schedule and recommends the implementation of the 2026 rates, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2026 fee scheduled be implemented as of June 1, 2026.
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-086-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.
Dated: May 19, 2026

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 SOLAR PANEL RECYCLING REGULATIONS CONSULTANT CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-080-22, dated June 21, 2022, awarded the contract for the Solar Panel Recycling Regulations Consultant Contract was awarded to RRS Inc., (DBA The Signalfire Group) 416 Longshore Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, in the amount of \$78,635.00, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Division of Environmental/Solid Waste reserves the right to extend the contract for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods based on funding availability, satisfactory performance, and upon mutual agreement between the County and Contractor, and

WHEREAS, Resolution NO. IF-124-25, dated November 18, 2025, extended the contract to June 30, 2026, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, both parties have mutually agreed to a contract extension of one (1) additional year per the same terms and agreements as the original contract, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract to RRS Inc., (DBA The Signalfire Group), be extended to June 30, 2027, at no additional cost to the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-087-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND BUFFALO NIAGARA DISC GOLF

WHEREAS, Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to operate a Disc Golf Tournament in an area situated on the County owned property at Clyde L. Burmaster Bond Lake Park, and

WHEREAS, this program benefits the residents of Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with the events, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf to hold a tournament October 3, 2026 at Clyde L. Burmaster Bond Lake Park with use of Shelter #1, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf for this tournament, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf, as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the agreement with the Buffalo Niagara Disc Golf may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-088-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND
WESTERN NEW YORK DISC GOLF CLUB**

WHEREAS, Western New York Disc Golf Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission and use of the new Memorial Band Shelter to operate a Disc Golf Tournament in an area situated on the County owned property at Royalton Ravine Park, and

WHEREAS, this program benefits the residents of Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and

agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with the events, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Western New York Disc Golf Club to hold a tournament June 27, 2026 at Royalton Ravine Park, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with Western New York Disc Golf Club for this tournament, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and Western New York Disc Golf Club, as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the agreement with Western New York Disc Golf Club may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-089-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND
THE WESTERN NEW YORK DISC GOLF CLUB**

WHEREAS, the Western New York Disc Golf Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to operate a Disc Golf Tournament in an area situated on the County owned property at Clyde L. Burmaster Bond Lake Park, and

WHEREAS, this program benefits the residents of Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with the events, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Disc Golf Club to hold the tournament on July 11, 2026 at Burmaster Park with use of Shelter #1, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Western New York Disc Golf Club for this tournament, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Western New York Disc Golf Club, as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the agreement with the Western New York Disc Golf Club may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-090-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND
THE ROYALTON - HARTLAND CSD**

WHEREAS, the Royalton – Hartland CSD has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to operate a track meet and practices at Royalton Ravine Park with use of Shelter #1, and

WHEREAS, this program benefits the youth and other residents of both the Towns of Royalton and Hartland in addition to Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, such program is operated on a not-for-profit basis, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with event, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Royalton-Hartland CSD to hold the track meet on September 22, 2026 with practices being held on September 18 and 21, 2026, at Royalton Ravine Park, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Royalton – Hartland CSD for a track meet and practices, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the Agreement for the track meet and the practices of Royalton – Hartland CSD, the County Attorney will review said Agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney’s review, the agreement with the Royalton – Hartland CSD may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-091-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
AWARD OF BID AND BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR CONCRETE TEE PADS
FOR NIAGARA COUNTY PARKS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Department issued Sealed Bid 2026-37 Concrete Tee Pads for Niagara County Department of Public Works - Parks on April 14, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works - Parks Department is dedicated to the enhancement and maintenance of recreational facilities throughout Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, Clyde L. Burmaster Park has been selected to host the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) 2026 Amateur World Championships, and

WHEREAS, in order to meet national tournament standards and ensure a safe, consistent and professional playing surface, the installation of 36 concrete tee pads at various locations within the Clyde L. Burmaster Park located at 2571 Lower Mountain Road, are necessary, and

WHEREAS, only one response was received for the bid opening on April 30, 2026 which was from Palladino Excavating and Concrete, 5653 Wendy Court, Lockport, NY 14094, in the amount of \$65,500.00 and

WHEREAS, Purchasing and the Department of Public Works has examined the bid proposal, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for the Concrete Tee Pads for Niagara County Department of Public Works – Parks be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Palladino Excavating and Concrete, for an amount not to exceed \$65,500.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H660.15.1620.000 45031.10	Interfund Transfers from Capital Reserves	\$ 4,176.00
H689.15.1620.000 45031.10	Interfund Transfers from Capital Reserves	\$ 7,884.68
H771.15.7110.000 45031.00	Interfund Transfers from Operating	\$ 3,000.00
H783.15.7110.000 45031.00	Interfund Transfers from Operating	\$ 3,198.23

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H660.15.1620.000 72200.01	Buildings Building Improvements	\$ 4,176.00
H689.15.1620.000 72200.01	Buildings Building Improvements	\$ 7,884.68
H771.15.7110.000 72400.00	Land Improvements Expense	\$ 3,000.00
H783.15.7110.000 72400.00	Land Improvements Expense	\$ 3,198.23

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H714.15.7110.000 45031.00	Interfund Transfers from Operating	\$ 6,198.23
H714.15.7110.000 45031.10	Interfund Transfers from Capital Reserves	\$ 11,948.91

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H714.15.7110.000 72400.00	Land Improvements Expense	\$ 18,147.14
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RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the agreement for the Concrete Tee Pads for Niagara County Department of Public Works – Parks project be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following capital projects be closed:

- H660 – Electrical Hazard Assess 2018
- H689 – HVAC Improvements 2019

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the balance for these accounts in the amount of \$111.77 is to be returned to the original funding source:

Capital Reserves - \$111.77

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-092-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE 245 30th STREET, NIAGARA FALLS, NY
SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TRANSFER TO NIAGARA ORLEANS
REGIONAL LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-137-24, dated September 17, 2024, deemed the property at 245 30th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14303, as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the expense to remediate, demolish or otherwise likely utilize the property located at 245 30th Street, Niagara Falls, NY would exceed any return, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has no use for the building, and the expense of upkeep or needed repairs would only burden the taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has no further public use for the property, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is a member of Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation ("NORLIC") which accepts real property in need of rehabilitation and works with developers to place these types of properties back on the tax roll to pay taxes as a remediated property, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County's best interest would be to transfer the property located at 245 30th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303 to NORLIC in order to see it placed back on the tax rolls and paying revenue to Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has no public use for the property located at 245 30th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara declares the property located at 245 30th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, as surplus property, and be it further

RESOLVED, Niagara County will transfer the property located at 245 30th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, to NORLIC; and the required deed and necessary documents for such transfer shall be prepared for the review and approval of the Niagara County Attorney's office, and be it further

RESOLVED, Niagara County will retain all necessary easements for utilities and site access as indicated in the survey of February 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute all such documents required to accomplish the transfer of the property at the property located at 245 30th Street, Niagara Falls, NY, to NORLIC.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-093-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

RANSOMVILLE ROAD CULVERT NO. 17-1 CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF- 147-23, dated October 17, 2023, awarded the consultant services contract for the Ransomville Road Culvert No. 17-1 Project to CHA Consulting, Inc., 2200 Main Place Tower, Buffalo, NY 14202, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-175-23, dated November 14, 2023, approved Ransomville Road Culvert No. 17-1 as a Bridge NY Culvert Local Project Agreement, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract date to December 31, 2027, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the consultant services contract for the Ransomville Rd Culvert No 17-1 Project to CHA Consulting, Inc., 2200 Main Place Tower, Buffalo, NY 14202, be extended to December 31, 2027, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the Contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-094-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUDGET MODIFICATION – BALMER ROAD CULVERT 109-14
AND RANSOMVILLE ROAD CULVERT 17-1**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution IF-033-26 on 02/17/206 to award the bid for the Balmer Road Culvert 109-14 and Ransomville Road Culvert 17-1 Bridge NY Projects to the lowest bidder, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution IF-071-26 on 04/21/2026 to allocate additional funds to the Balmer Road Culvert 109-14 (H773) project and Ransomville Road Culvert 17-1 (H794) project, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) additional funds were incorrectly posted to the capital accounts, and

WHEREAS, the below budget modification correctly appropriates the funds to the proper capital accounts, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H794.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$ 193,842.99
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DECREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H773.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$193,842.99
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:
H794.15.5197.000 72600.02 Infrastructure Bridges \$193,842.99

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:
H773.15.5197.000 72600.02 Infrastructure Bridges \$193,842.99
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-095-26
From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.
Dated: May 19, 2026

**AMAZON DISTRIBUTION CENTER – PROJECT FIFI
IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCKPORT AND PACKARD ROADS
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT NO. 5**

WHEREAS, Amazon is constructing a warehouse/distribution facility in the Town of Niagara on Lockport Road, and

WHEREAS, improvements are necessary to both Lockport and Packard Roads to handle the increased heavy truck loads, and

WHEREAS, the County has been in negotiations with Amazon for the improvements necessary to Lockport and Packard Roads, and Amazon will reimburse Niagara County for the hiring of a third-party consultant to perform design review and construction inspection services for this project, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-087-23, dated May 16, 2023, awarded the project review contract to Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, in the amount of \$56,050, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-031-25, dated February 18, 2025, allowed for \$10,000 in additional funds for additional design review, for a revised contract amount of \$66,050, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-075-25, dated April 8, 2025, allowed for \$60,000 in additional funds for continued design and construction plan reviews, for a revised contract amount of \$126,050 to Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-129-25, provided additional funds for continued design, construction plan review, and field inspection services in the amount of \$200,000, for a revised contract amount of \$326,050, to Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-037-26, extended the contract with Erdman, Anthony, 806 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, for design review and construction inspection, until December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required for continued design and construction plan reviews in the amount of \$73,350.93, for a revised contract amount of \$399,400.93 to Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

H768.15.5112.000 42770.01 Other Unclassified Revenue \$73,350.93

INCREASE EXPENSES:

H768.15.5112.000 726000.01 Infrastructure Roads \$73,350.93

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract for the design review and construction inspection services be increased by \$73,350.93 to Erdman Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, for a fee not to exceed \$399,400.93, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney’s review, the change order may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IF-096-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**ABOLISH CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
& CREATE CONTRACT COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the duties of Confidential Assistant - Department of Public Works do not meet the present needs of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the duties of the proposed Contract Coordinator position better represent the duties necessary for the daily operations of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the flexibility and scope of duties of Contract Coordinator better serves the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in a vacant position within the Buildings and Grounds Division of Public Works, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective May 23, 2026 the position of Confidential Assistant – Department of Public Works (Position #13851), NUH Grade 5 at \$51,324 to \$68,086.20 per year, be abolished, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective May 24, 2026 the position of Contract Coordinator, Flat Salary Grade 8 at \$64,005 to \$78,468 per year, be created and filled, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.15.1620.000 71010.00	Positions Expense #13351	\$2,630.00
A.15.1620.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 561.00
A.15.1620.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 202.00
A.15.1620.000 78300.00	Workers Compensation Expense	\$ 46.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.15.1490.000 71010.00	Positions Expense #XXXXXX	\$2,630.00
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A.15.1490.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 561.00
A.15.1490.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 202.00
A.15.1490.000 78300.00	Workers Compensation Expense	\$ 46.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
 Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-074-26

From: Legislators Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres and Economic Development Committee.
 Dated: May 19, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH TONAWANDA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Athletic Association (NTAA) is a 501 (c)3 organization that offers a variety of athletic programs to children in the City of North Tonawanda, and

WHEREAS, NTAA strives to provide football, flag football and cheerleading programs that focuses on personal growth, team development, leadership skills and participant safety, and

WHEREAS, NTAA is in need of support in helping expand and improve program offerings, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports North Tonawanda Athletic Association appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

North Tonawanda Athletic Association	\$4,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
 Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-075-26

From: Legislator David E. Godfrey and Economic Development Committee
 Dated: May 19, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEON FESTIVAL THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Wilson Area Business Association will be hosting the 4th Annual LEON Festival, a celebration of being halfway to Christmas, which will feature live music, food trucks, a street vendor fair, and more, and

WHEREAS, the 4th Annual LEON Festival will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2026, and

WHEREAS, events such as this, can only be successful with full community support, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of the Wilson Area Business Association by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Wilson Area Business Association – LEON Festival

\$500.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-076-26

From: Legislators Anthony J. Nemi, Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCKPORT MONDAY NIGHT CRUISES
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Lockport Monday Night Cruise Optimist Club is a not-for-profit organization that hosts the Lockport Monday Night Cruises at Ida Fritz Park in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, this family friendly event draws hundreds of people to the area on a weekly basis during the months of May through September, and

WHEREAS, the Lockport Monday Night Cruises features food and music, along with vehicle theme nights, and various first responder appreciation days, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of the Lockport Monday Night Cruise Optimist Club by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Lockport Monday Night Cruise Optimist Club

\$500.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-077-26

From: Legislators Irene M. Myers, Michael A. Casale, Shawn A. Foti, Richard L. Andres, Michael A. Hill, Randy R. Bradt, Jesse P. Gooch, David E. Godfrey, Anthony J. Nemi, Richard E. Abbott, Christopher J. McKimmie, Carla L. Speranza, Jeffrey Elder, Christopher A. Robins, Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA COUNTY 250TH AMERICAN REVOLUTION
COMMITTEE THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, in 2026 our country is celebrating its 250th birthday, known as a semiquincentennial, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature created the “Niagara County 250th American Revolution Committee” in 2023, a twenty-five-member group made up of representatives from historical and cultural organizations, community leaders, tourism officials, educators, elected officials, and community volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County 250th American Revolution Committee is actively designing original programming and historical initiatives intended to unite the community in celebration and broaden our collective understanding of our nation’s 250-year journey, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorize the allocation of funding from the Community Partnership Program through Resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the organization Niagara County 250th American Revolution Committee by appropriating monies from the said Community Partnership Funds as follows:

Niagara County 250th American Revolution Committee \$1,125.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-078-26

From: Legislators Richard L. Andres and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA CHURCH
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish was established on May 1, 1901, Father Peter Lotocha was named Pastor and the first Mass was celebrated on May 3, 1903, and

WHEREAS, besides mass and other church related events Our Lady of Czestochowa serves as a polling site for elections, as well as a training facility for the Niagara County Sheriff's Department, and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the safety of the parishioners, visitors and staff, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church needs to replace the exterior doors of the church, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Our Lady of Czestochowa Church by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church \$5,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-079-26

From: Legislator Michael A. Casale and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF LEWISTON FIREWORKS DISPLAY
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston is planning once again for its annual July 4th fireworks display, and

WHEREAS, this cherished event is a long-standing tradition that the Village is proud to continue for the community, and

WHEREAS, this year's celebration holds special significance as our nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States, and

WHEREAS, in honor of this historic milestone, the Village is hoping to provide an even more spectacular fireworks display than in previous years, creating a memorable celebration for the entire community, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lewiston is proud to provide the only Independence Day fireworks display in the Lewiston-Porter area, drawing spectators from across Western New York and Southern Ontario who enjoy the display from many vantage points throughout the Village, and bringing families and visitors together to celebrate our great nation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further.

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports this year's Village of Lewiston July 4th fireworks display by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Village of Lewiston	\$1,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-080-26

From: Legislator Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SALVATION ARMY OF NIAGARA FALLS
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army of Niagara Falls has been serving the Niagara Falls community for over 135 years, providing critical assistance and support to individuals and families in need, and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army of Niagara Falls has been a longstanding and vital organization offering programs that address poverty, food insecurity, and other economic hardships, and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army of Niagara Falls hosts an annual Summer Community BBQ program, which provides free meals to residents throughout the summer months, helping to address food insecurity and support vulnerable populations, and

WHEREAS, this program serves hundreds of residents each week and offers not only meals, but also an opportunity for community engagement, outreach, and connection to additional support services, and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army of Niagara Falls has requested assistance to help support and sponsor the Summer Community BBQ program to ensure its continued success and ability to serve those in need, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorize the allocation of funding from the Community Partnership Program through Resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Salvation Army of Niagara Falls by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Salvation Army of Niagara Falls	\$1,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-081-26

From: Legislator Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRASSROOTS GARDENS
OF WESTERN NEW YORK INC. (LASALLE VINEYARD SITE)
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Grassroots Gardens of Western New York, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to urban agriculture, food access, and community development throughout Western New York, and

WHEREAS, Grassroots Gardens of Western New York, Inc. operates the LaSalle Vineyard site in Niagara Falls, which serves as a community garden, gathering space, and educational resource for residents, and

WHEREAS, the LaSalle Vineyard site provides opportunities for community members to participate in gardening, educational programming, and neighborhood revitalization efforts, contributing to improved quality of life and stronger community connections, and

WHEREAS, the organization plays a vital role in promoting sustainability, addressing food insecurity, and fostering a sense of pride and ownership within the neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, support from the Community Partnership Fund will assist Grassroots Gardens of Western New York in maintaining and enhancing the LaSalle Vineyard site and expanding its community-based programming, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Grassroots Gardens of Western New York, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Grassroots Gardens of Western New York, Inc.	\$500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-082-26

From: Legislator Anthony J. Nemi and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOT CHOCOLATE WITH GOD & S'MORES CHILDREN'S
PROGRAM THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Pendleton United Methodist Church in the Town of Pendleton hosts the Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores (HCWG) Children's Program on Friday nights throughout the school year, and

WHEREAS, the HCWG program is open to children from pre-school through 7th grade, and currently has over 220 children that participate, and

WHEREAS, the HCWG program offers an opportunity for the children to have a safe and nurturing environment where the kids can play, dance, make crafts, have fun and grow in their faith, and

WHEREAS, children who age out of the program have the opportunity to become youth leaders, serving as a role model to the younger children, while developing their leadership skills, and

WHEREAS, the HCWG Program relies on donations and its annual bake sale to help cover the costs associated with running the program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores Children's Program by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Hot Chocolate with God & S'mores Children's Program \$750.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-083-26

From: Legislators Irene M. Myers and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUNGSTOWN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Youngstown Business and Professional Association is hosting the Beginning of Summer Street Dance and Car Cruise once again in June 2026, as a way to rally the community around the start of the summer season, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Village of Youngstown and surrounding communities look forward to this event each year, and

WHEREAS, the Beginning of Summer Street Dance and Car Cruise draws in many visitors, who patronize shops and local restaurants, creating a positive economic impact, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of the Youngstown Business and Professional Association, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Youngstown Business and Professional Association \$1,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-084-26

From: Legislators Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee

Dated: May 19, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA FALLS LITTLE LEAGUE THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Little League serves the youth of Niagara Falls in giving them an opportunity to participate in baseball and softball, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Little League has many participants that come from low-income families, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Little League is constantly hosting tournaments and out of city teams, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Little League is stressing positive character in all its participants, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding from the Community Partnership Program through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Niagara Falls Little League by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Falls Little League	\$1,500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-085-26

From: Legislators Richard E. Abbott, Michael A. Hill, Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres, David E. Godfrey, Anthony J. Nemi, Irene M. Myers, Jesse P. Gooch, Michael A. Casale, Shawn A. Foti, Christopher J. McKimmie, Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder, Sam R. Farruggia and Carla L. Speranza.

Dated: May 19, 2026

SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S.1563 (TEDISCO) ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE ANIMAL CRUELTY REGISTRY FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED UNDER “BUSTER’S LAW”

WHEREAS, animal cruelty is a serious criminal offense under New York State Agriculture and Markets Law § 351 and § 353-a, commonly known as “Buster’s Law”, and such offenses have long been recognized as indicators of broader patterns of violent behavior, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1563 (Tedisco) would amend the Agriculture and Markets Law to establish a statewide animal cruelty registry maintained by the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for individuals convicted of violating Buster’s Law, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require individuals convicted under these provisions to register their name and address annually, and upon any change of address, until a court determines—based on psychiatric or psychological evaluation—that registration may cease, and

WHEREAS, the registry would be made available in print and electronic form to law enforcement entities, district attorneys, humane societies, societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, animal control officers, dog or cat protective associations, breeders, animal rescues, and pet stores conducting business in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the bill would prohibit individuals required to register from owning companion animals or working in facilities where companion animals are present, including shelters, pounds, pet stores, and zoos, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature created a county-wide animal abuse registry in 2015 that has helped prevent continued animal abuse by the same individuals, however, there are limitations to a county-only registry as people with abuse records can move to other counties and go undetected, and

WHEREAS, the fight against animal cruelty would be greatly enhanced if counties had improved access to accurate, centralized information regarding individuals convicted of animal cruelty offenses and a uniform statewide registry would provide clear, standardized enforcement across all municipalities, and

WHEREAS, S.1563 includes a mandatory \$50 surcharge upon conviction to offset the costs associated with establishing and maintaining the registry, thereby minimizing fiscal impact on local governments, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature supports S.1563 (Tedisco) establishing a statewide animal cruelty registry for persons convicted under Buster's Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul and the WNY delegation to the State Legislature.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by McKimmie, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by McKimmie.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-086-26

From: Legislators David E. Godfrey, Christopher J. McKimmie, Michael A. Hill, Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres, Michael A. Casale, Irene M. Myers, Jesse P. Gooch, Anthony J. Nemi, Richard E. Abbott, Shawn A. Foti, Jeffrey Elder, Christopher A. Robins, Carla L. Speranza and Sam R. Farruggia.

Dated: May 19, 2026

A RESOLUTION FOR THE STUDENT HOUSING VILLAGE AND THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT THE USE OF THE STUDENT HOUSING VILLAGE FOR NON-STUDENT HOUSING BY THE 107TH ATTACHED WING LOCATED AT THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION FOR THE HOUSING OF RESERVISTS

WHEREAS, by Resolution CS-008-07, adopted by the Niagara County Legislature on February 20, 2007, the County of Niagara (the "County") transferred a twelve-acre parcel located adjacent to the Niagara County Community College to the Student Housing Village Corporation, a New-York not-for-profit corporation recognized as a charitable organization pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Resolution CS-008-07, was to facilitate the construction of a new, dormitory facility at such location for the benefit Niagara County Community College, and

WHEREAS, Resolution CS-008-07 further provided that the transfer of the twelve-acre parcel of land by the County restricted the use of the Land so transferred to student housing solely for students of Niagara County Community College, and

WHEREAS, Resolution CS-008-07 further provided that should there be any violation of such student housing use restriction, then the twelve-acre parcel would revert back to the County of Niagara, and

WHEREAS, the Student Housing Village Corporation caused the construction of a dormitory facility at such location for the benefit of housing Niagara County Community College students, and

WHEREAS, the Student Housing Village Corporation has been approached by the 107th Attached Wing located at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station for the housing of Reservists at the dormitory facility during two [2] area training sessions, during the dates of June 6, 2026 through June 7, 2026 and July 30, 2026 through August 3, 2026, for the use by approximately 100 Reservists, and

WHEREAS, due to summer recess at Niagara County Community College there will be approximately 290 vacant and available rooms, therefore no students will be displaced or have their arrival postponed as a result of the temporary use by the Reservists, and

WHEREAS, the Student Housing Village Corporation will in all respects be compensated and reimbursed by the 107th Attached Wing located at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station for the use of the housing by the Reservists, in addition the required insurance and indemnification will be provided by the 107th Attached Wing located at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station for the use of the housing by the Reservists, and

WHEREAS, the use of the Student Housing Village by the 107th Attached Wing located at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station shall be limited to the housing of Reservists for two [2] area training sessions, during the dates of June 6, 2026 through June 7, 2026 and July 30, 2026 through August 3, 2026, for the use by approximately 100 Reservists and no additional non-student housing is being agreed to, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby authorizes and permits the use of the Student Housing Village for non-student housing by the 107th Attached Wing located at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station for the housing of Reservists for two [2] area training sessions, during the dates of June 6, 2026 through June 7, 2026 and July 30, 2026 through August 3, 2026, for the use by approximately 100 Reservists and such use shall in no manner impair the future and continued use of such Student Housing Village by the Student Housing Village Corporation for student housing.

Moved by Godfrey, second by McKimme to amend the resolution.

Amendment; Replace the word Attached with Attack, located in the title, sixth, eighth, ninth WHEREAS and the first RESOLVED.

Amendment approved.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by McKimmie, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by McKimmie.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-087-26

From: Legislators David E. Godfrey, Michael A. Hill, Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres, Irene M. Myers, Jesse P. Gooch, Anthony J. Nemi, Richard E. Abbott, Michael A. Casale, Shawn A. Foti, Christopher J. McKimmie, Jeffrey Elder, Christopher A. Robins, Carla L. Speranza and Sam R. Farruggia.

Dated: May 19, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.6051 AND SENATE BILL S.2080 TO ENHANCE PROTECTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

WHEREAS, healthcare workers, including physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nursing assistants, ambulance personnel, and hospital volunteers, provide critical, life-saving services to the public, and

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly Bill A.6051 (sponsored by Assemblymember Carrie Woerner) and Senate Bill S.2080 (sponsored by Senator Jeremy Cooney) seeks to amend the New York State Penal Law to strengthen penalties for assaults on medical providers and hospital staff, and

WHEREAS, New York State law already classifies assaults against many public-facing professionals, including police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, sanitation workers and nurses as assault in the second degree, a Class D felony, and

WHEREAS, this legislation would extend that same protection to all hospital employees and volunteers, reinforcing expectations of safety and respect and supporting a secure care environment for patients and caregivers alike by making it a crime to intentionally prevent them from performing their duties or to cause them physical injury, and

WHEREAS, safeguarding healthcare workers ensures the stability of our medical infrastructure and guarantees that patients receive uninterrupted care in a secure environment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature fully supports the passage and enactment of Assembly Bill A.6051 and Senate Bill S.2080, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Assemblymember Carrie Woerner, Senator Jeremy Cooney, and the Niagara County delegation to the New York State Legislature.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by Bradt, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by Bradt.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-088-26

From: Legislator Richard L. Andres and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, in 2026 our country is celebrating its 250th birthday, known as a semiquincentennial, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda will be displaying large banners throughout the Webster Street Business District to commemorate this monumental event, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorize the allocation of funding from the Community Partnership Program through Resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the City of North Tonawanda by appropriating monies from the said Community Partnership Funds as follows:

City of North Tonawanda	\$2,040.00
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Approved for submission.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Myers, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Myers.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

Resolution No. IL-089-26

From: Legislator Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 19, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WAHI STUDIO, INC. THROUGH
THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, WAHI Studio, Inc. is an educational 501 (c) (3) nonprofit to pursuing creativity using visual arts, and

WHEREAS, WAHI Studio, Inc. provides free art opportunities in Niagara County for youth and families, and

WHEREAS, WAHI Studio, Inc., is utilized as a resource for creative art programming, events and activities through collaboration and in service to other organizations in Western New York, and

WHEREAS, one special event includes Chalk Fest happening July 18-19, 2026 where funds are needed promote this event, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports WHAI Studio, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

WAHI Studio, Inc. \$1,000.00

Approved for submission.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by Godfrey, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by Godfrey.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Speranza

APPOINTMENTS:

	<u>Appt.</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD:</u>		
<u>Mental Health Subcommittee:</u>		
Kevin Burgess 8946 Hennepin Ave., Niagara Falls 14304	05/19/26	12/31/29
Jenna Genova 8645 Hennepin Ave., Niagara Falls 14304	05/19/26	12/31/29
Timothy Deeks 322 Locust St., Lockport 14094	05/19/26	12/31/29
<u>Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Subcommittee:</u>		
G. Joshua Anderson 1746 Mackenna Ave., Niagara Falls 14034	05/19/26	12/31/29

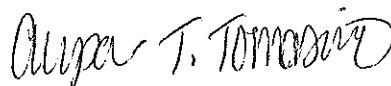
Moved by Bradt, second by Elder.
Approved.

Legislator McKimmie wanted to thank Commissioner of Economic Development Andrea Klyczek and her staff for the great job they do.

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Andres that the Board adjourn.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned 6:27p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

No citizens spoke at this time on the General Welfare of the County.



Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk