

Town of Pine Plains  
Town Board Agenda  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
7 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Bills
5. Town Attorney, Warren Replansky
6. Public Comment
7. Department Reports
  - a. Highway ✓
  - b. Building Inspector ✓
  - c. Water/Engineer ✓
  - d. Police Department ✓
  - e. Animal Control ✓
  - f. Recreation ✓
  - g. CAC ✓
  - h. Beautification ✓
8. Old Business
  - a. CSC Grant update ✓
  - b. TAP Grant update ✓
  - c. ADU Grant update ✓
9. New Business
  - a. Accept BAR resignation
10. Executive Session
11. Adjourn

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## Town of Pine Plains Town Board Meeting

March 19, 2026

The Town of Pine Plains Town Board convened for a regular schedule meeting at the Town Hall on the above date at 7 pm. Supervisor Brian Walsh, Councilwoman Sisco, Councilman Kevin Walsh, Councilman Roush, and Councilwoman Birdsall were present. Also in attendance were Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, Highway Superintendent Carl Baden, PPWIA Ray Jurkowski, Officer in Charge John Hughes, Assessor Sara Foglia, CAC Chairperson Gail Mellow, and 60 members of the public.

Supervisor Walsh called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

Councilwomen Sisco motioned to approve February 2026 Town Clerks report, and to accept February 9<sup>th</sup> Special meeting minutes, February 19 Town Board meeting minutes, March 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting, and March 10<sup>th</sup> Public Forum Minutes Seconded by Councilman Roush. 5-0 Passed.

Councilman Roush motioned to pay the following General 22262-22306, Highway 22307-22320, Water Bills, 374-377, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall 5-0 Passed

Attorney to the Town- Warren Replansky discussed with the Board “Resolution Regarding Automated License Plate Reader and Public Safety Camera Technology” Supervisor Walsh let the Board know this would not include current or past equipment purchased. Supervisor Walsh held the vote for the resolution until after the public comments. Attorney to the Town presented “resolution Establishing Petty Cash Funds for the Town of Pine Plains Justice Court Pursuant to Town Law §64-1(a)” Motioned by Councilman K. Walsh, seconded by Roush, roll call was take 5-aye 0-nay Passed. Replansky has a tax case that needs to be discussed in executive session.

Public Comment- Supervisor Walsh spoke about the burn ban from March 16-May 14. Sisco thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas tree removal, CAC for hosting “Big Night”, Ray Jurkowski, Supervisor Walsh and Choice Words with the submission of TAP Grant. Sisco also gave information on the Pine Plains Free Library book sale, books in good condition can be dropped off April 11- May 9, and the sale will take place May 23-May 25. Sisco read statement on file. K. Walsh gave a brief history of the events surrounding Flock. Walsh wants the Supervisor to be more forthcoming with details. Walsh also explained the Town Board does not have the authority to remove any elected officials. Councilwoman Birdsall explained the Board has devoted time and energy to the Flock issues and that the Board needs to move forward. Gail Mellow Lake Rd- stated she as the CA chairperson has worked productively with Supervisor Walsh, expanding the adult swim area, applying for grants. After reading the Flock transcript Mellow feels Supervisor betrayed the Town, lied to the community, denied taking any action and tried to blame it on a retired police officer, national politics. Mellow feels that cameras are not safe, as they provide access to men, women, and children. She believes these actions by the Supervisor were underhanded and shameful, expressing deep concern for the community's trust and safety. Diana Woolis Lake Rd- Woolis, a 20-year resident, shared his perspective on the Board's progress in the first quarter of the Supervisor's term, noting that both parties had worked together to accomplish goals. However, Woolis expressed disappointment, stating that the Supervisor should feel shame and embarrassment for allegedly lying. As a former president of the Pine Plains Free Library and a strong advocate for education, Woolis was particularly

troubled by any suggestion to reduce funding for the library budget, calling it shameful. Robert Lyons Caprener Hill Rd- Lyons voiced strong opposition to surveillance measures. Lyons asserted that Supervisor Walsh lacked public transparency, had lost the trust of the community, and was avoiding accountability. Lyons called for the supervisor's resignation and urged the Board to proceed with establishing clear rules and laws to address these concerns. Jill Hill-Lakeshore Dr- Hill expressed her deep disappointment with Supervisor Walsh's remarks. She stated that the Supervisor's role is to serve the community of Pine Plains, not to promote surveillance measures. Hill emphasized that the Supervisor has lost the trust and credibility of the public due to denial and misleading statements, and she called for the Supervisor to resign from the position. Ethan DiMaria South Main St- DiMaria thanked Birdsall for the updates and newsletter on the website. DiMaria requested the Board to read the Open Meeting Law and pay close attention to its wording. DiMaria also inquired about updates regarding the Double Pole removal and the status of dumpsters in town. Councilman K. Walsh responded that Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer Ed Casazza is actively working on these matters. Councilman Roush explained that recent weather conditions have contributed to some delays. Sisco added that Ed Casazza continues to conduct surveys of dumpsters throughout the Town. Patrick Mitchell Victoria Crossing- Mitchell expressed his respect for law enforcement and Judges, noting his belief that Supervisor Walsh is a good guy. He proceeded to discuss Flock cameras and the type of data they collect. Jeff Galm County Route 7-

Tyson Klay Maple St-

Brian Coons E Church St-

Matthew LaBaron Hicks Hill Rd-

Bobby Kennedy Chase Rd-

Alice Nuccio Silvernails Rd-

Ian LaluBean River Rd-

Jeanne Valentine Chase Carpentar Hill Rd-

Lisa Zayas N. Main St-

Department Reports- Highway- Highway Superintendent read report on file. The Board discussed the brush pile and having it shredded twice a year. Roush motioned to accept Daniel McGhee retirement, seconded by K Walsh 5-0 Passed.

Building Inspector- Report on file.

PPWIA/Engineer- Ray Jurkowski read report on file.

Police Department- Officer John Hughes read report on file. OCI Hughes read a brief statement.

Animal Control- Report on file.

Recreation- Recreation Director Brian Coons let the Board know that he has found a candidate for his replacement Jennifer Blackburn.

CAC- Chairperson Gail Mellow gave a brief update on the "big Night" They had 23 volunteers to help amphibians to cross the roads safely. The CAC received pre notification of the Natural Resource Inventory grant for \$54,209.00

Beautification-Sisco gave an update on the planters, "Welcome signs", new surface for walkway in the park. K. Walsh motioned to approve Nicole Walla and Matthew LaBaron to the Beautification Committee, seconded by Roush. 5-0 Passed. Roush motioned to approve \$1,049.97 for bounce house and blow-up corn maze for Community Day, seconded by K. Walsh

5-0 Passed. Birdsall motioned to approve \$1,200.00 from celebration line for mailings for Community Day, seconded by Roush 5-0 Passed.

Old Business- Sisco gave updates on Climate Smart Community Grant, TAP grant, and the ADU grant.

New Business- K. Walsh motioned to accept resignation of Anne Noone from the BAR, seconded for Birdsall 5-0 Passed Sisco gave a Library update on the kid program. The library would like to use the basement on April 1, 2026, for cardboard day. The Library Board would like to have a workshop meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the discussion of the lease with Attorney to the Town. K. Walsh motioned to publish a notice for laborer position in paper, seconded by Roush 5-0 Passed. Sisco motioned to hire Jennifer Blackburn as the Beach Director, seconded by K. Walsh 5-0 Passed. K. Walsh motioned to purchase 25 tons of material for the baseball fields at \$2095.50, seconded by Roush 5-0 Passed. Roush motioned to approve “Resolution Regarding Automated License Plate Reader and Public Safety Camera Technology,” seconded by Sisco, roll call was taken 5-Aye 0- Nay

Roush motioned to move into executive session with Attorney to the Town regarding a tax certiorari with the Highway Superintendent Carl Baden to discuss Personnel, seconded by Roush 5-0 Passed.

Roush motioned to return to regular session, seconded by Birdsall, 5-0 Passed.

K. Walsh motioned to adjourn, seconded by Roush 5-0 Passed.

Supervisor: Brian Walsh

Councilwoman: Jeanine Sisco

Councilman: Kevin Walsh

Councilman: Trevor Roush

Councilwoman: Murphy Birdsall

I am your elected official. It is not only my intention, but my responsibility to honor your input in making decisions in our Town. I appreciate your input, your ideas and I am committed to representing YOU. This includes your ideas for how our town should progress, address our collective and individual needs and most importantly how you want your tax dollars to be spent.

There is a specific process put in place and a law that facilitates this. This process was not followed regarding the Flock initiative. The Town Council had absolutely no knowledge of this company until it was brought to light on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> when pink stakes were placed in the ground in 4 locations: 3 of them on private property. Proper protocol would have involved a presentation to the Town Board at an Open Meeting, a public hearing where you, the members of the community, would be given information, have the opportunity to ask questions, share your opinions and be a valued voice in such a process. If after the gathering of public feedback, the Town Board determined there was public support, the Town Board would vote. The council members sought information from our supervisor and from the Flock Company. Information was not forthcoming. It was not until March 9, 2026, when the town council members received information including emails and recorded telephone conversations between our Supervisor

and Flock, did we understand some of those details that began on November 25, 2024, and leading up to February 3, 2026. The review of the emails and phone conversations answered some of our questions. We have enough information to know that proper protocol was not followed, information was withheld and that there were serious missteps. It is important for you to know that NY State Public Officers Law, Article 2-17 section 36 states that a Town Board, Supervisor, and/or Council members DO NOT have the authority to discipline or dismiss an elected official. Regardless of that fact, this is not our intent. Instead, we are committed to moving forward. We will continue to ask questions, review protocol/procedure and seek out precedence regarding how other municipalities have addressed similar situations. Tonight, we will present a resolution that specifically addresses Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) and Public Safety Camera Technology. The issue that we are focused on is the absolute necessity for following protocol outlined by law. NY State Law, Article 10 section 4-44, and General Municipal Law Section 104b requires goods and services that are not required to be competitively bid, be procured in a manner “so as to assure the prudent and economical use of public monies.” To reach that objective town boards, by resolution, “shall adopt internal policies and procedures governing all

procurements.” The Town of Pine Plains has such a Procurement Policy and Procedures. This can be found on the Town Website under About Us, Laws, E-Codes. What all of this means is that everything related to the Flock Safety issue was required to be brought before the Town Board for discussion and approval.

To be clear, we are not focused on whether we, or you, believe that Flock Safety cameras are good or bad. Our focus is to ensure that the Town Board, Supervisor and Council members, town departments and Committees follow proper and legal protocol. This should never have progressed to the extent that it did without YOUR knowledge and support, and certainly not without the knowledge and a vote from your elected Town Board.

I hope that you can appreciate how much time and energy has been spent trying to understand what has occurred, researching how the situation must be addressed and what we must do to ensure that this never happens again. It is time to move forward.

**PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ OF THE YEAR 2026**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF  
PINE PLAINS JUSTICE COURT CLERKS PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW §64-1(a)**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pine Plains Justice Court has two Town Justices, Ibis Guzman and Rich Brenner; and

**WHEREAS**, Patty Koch serves as the Court Clerk for Justice Guzman and Mary Boyles serves as the Court Clerk for Justice Brenner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has been informed by the two Court Clerks that their offices are in need of petty cash funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Law §64-1(a) authorizes the Town Board to establish by Resolution a petty cash fund and use of a cash box for the office of Justice Court Clerks in advance of audit of properly itemized and verified or certified bills for material, supplies or services furnished to the Town Justice Court Clerks for the conduct of the affairs and upon terms calling for payment to a vendor upon delivery of materials or supplies or the rendering of any services provided the monies in any such fund may be used for purposes of making change when it is required in the performance of the Court Clerks' official duties; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require environmental review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a petty cash fund and use of a cash box in accordance with the provisions of Town Law §64-1(a) not to exceed \$500.00 for each Town Justice Court Clerk subject to the approval of the two Town Justices; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the petty cash funds may be deposited in a petty cash box and that the fund shall be utilized and administered in full conformity with the requirements as set forth in §64-1(a), a copy of which is annexed hereto.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on March 19 2026, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Walsh

Aye

Councilman Birdsall

Aye

Councilman Roush Aye

Councilwoman Sisco Aye

Councilman Walsh Aye

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Madelin Dafoe  
MADELIN DAFOE, TOWN CLERK

# Memo

**To:** Town Supervisor and all Town Board Members  
**From:** Carl Baden, Highway Superintendent  
**Date:** March 16, 2026  
**Re:** Highway Department Report for March 19, 2026

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Operations at the Highway Department are going well.

1. The crew was busy fixing roads.
2. Picking up debris.
3. Snow clean-up.
4. Equipment maintenance.
5. Signs: No Parking on Smith Street from Academy Street for first 20 feet and then one hour parking 20 feet after.
6. I would like to discuss getting the tub grinder earlier this year for the large brush pile.
7. I will be requesting to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

# Town of Pine Plains

PO Box 955  
Pine Plains, N.Y. 12567  
518-398-7110

Ed Casazza  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

office hours  
Wednesday 10:00-noon  
Saturday 10:00-noon

March 4, 2026

## MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Building Permits-  
Stairs-Duffy-24 Pine St.

Total New Homes This Year-0  
CO Searches This Month-1  
Site Inspections This Month-7  
Property Maintenance This month-4  
Total Permits To Date-8

## COMPARISON

This Month	Total For Year To Date
2026-1	8
2025-4	7
2024-3	9
2023-9	14
2022-7	11
2021-4	8
2020-2	8
2019-3	6
2018-1	3

# PINE PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY

February 2026

	Hughes #1	Camburn #4	Dean #6	Perrotta #7	Fantroy #9	Blauvelt #10	Totals
<b>HOURS</b>							
COURT	6	8	2				16
PATROL	9	18	38	63	38		166
DISCOVERY							
TRAINING	8	8	8	8	8	8	48
DETAILS							
SCHOOL DUTY		12	4	10	4		30
ADMINISTRATION	10	35				16	61
INVESTIGATIONS				6			6
VEHICLES	5	2		2			9
SUPERVISE/FTO	3	7					10
OTHER		10					10
<b>TOTALS</b>	41	100	52	89	50	24	356
<b>ACTIVITY</b>							
INCIDENTS		7			3		10
FIRE / EMS		1					1
DOMESTICS							
PROPERTY CHECKS							
ACCIDENTS							
TRAFFIC WARNINGS		7	1	6			14
TRAFFIC TICKETS			1	14	8		23
PARKING WARNINGS							
PARKING TICKETS							
DWI/DWAI							
VIOLATIONS ARRESTS							
MISD ARRESTS							
FELONY ARRESTS							
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	15	2	20	11		48

# PINE PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MONTHLY SCHEDULE REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF February 2026

OFFICER	SCHEDULED	ACTUAL	PLUS	MINUS
# 1 Hughes	0	3		
# 2				
# 3				
# 4 Camburn	13	13		
# 5				
# 6 Dean	4	4		
# 7 Perrotta	13	13		
# 8				
# 9 Fantroy	4	4		
# 10 Blauvelt	3	3		
TOTAL SCHEDULED	37	37		
TOTAL COVERED	All			
TOTAL UNCOVERED				

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE



DATE 03/19/2026



## Continuous Reports

On 02/03/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department provided security for the Pine Plains Basketball games.

On 02/04/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department provided security for the Pine Plains Court for DA Court.

On 02/06/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department provided security for the Pine Plains Basketball games.

On 02/12/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department provided security for the Pine Plains Basketball games.

On 02/18/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department provided security for the Pine Plains Basketball games.

On 02/18/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department provided security for the Pine Plains Court for Traffic Court.

On 02/19/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department was at the Pine Plains Town Board Meeting.

On 02/24/2026 The Pine Plains Police Department conducted annual training on Taser 10.

End of report

**Town of Pine Plains**  
**Dog Control Officers Monthly Report**  
For the Month of: February 2026

<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
Administrative/Training/Call Out hours/Phone/meetings.	5.5	11	156.5
Shelter maintenance hours	2	5	47
Calls received	0	0	18
Miles traveled	0	0	103
Complaints Investigated	0	0	14
Training & meetings attended	0	1	4
Missing & found dogs reported to DCO	0	0	5
Dogs seized	0	0	2
Notice to comply issued	0	0	6
Citations for court-issued	0	0	4

Notes &Comments:

Respectively Submitted,  
Richard Prentice Jr



## Help Wanted

The Town of Pine Plains is accepting applications for a Laborer position. This is a full-time, permanent position. Applicants must have a valid driver's license.

Ability to perform manual labor, including heavy lifting in all weather conditions is essential. Job will include a variety of tasks in connection with the construction, repair, snow removal, drainage and maintenance of Town owned roads and properties.

Applications are available from the Highway Superintendent during regular business hours at 20 Highway Blvd., Pine Plains, NY 12567. Applications are to be returned to the Highway Superintendent at PO Box 955, Pine Plains, NY 12567 by the close of business on April 3, 2026.

By Order of the Town Board

Madelin Dafoe

Town Clerk

**PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ OF THE YEAR 2026**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pine Plains is committed to supporting its Police Department with modern tools that enhance public safety and assist in locating missing persons, investigating crime, and protecting the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of automated license plate reader (APPR) systems and other networked public safety camera technologies raises important public policy considerations related to privacy, data governance, records retention, cybersecurity, and public transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, such technologies create Town records and data that must be managed in compliance with applicable laws, including the New York State Archives LGS-1 Records Retention and Disposition Schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is responsible for establishing policies governing Town infrastructure, data management, and long-term financial commitments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**


**RESOLVED**, that no Town controlled automated license plate reader or networked public safety camera system shall be activated or operated unless and until the Pine Plains Town Board has reviewed and adopted policies governing its use; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that any contracts or agreements related to the purchase, management, or operation of such technology shall be executed by the Town Supervisor only after authorization by the Town Board.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on March 19 2026, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Walsh	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Birdsall	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Roush	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Sisco	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Walsh	<u>Aye</u>

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

  
**MADLIN DAFOE, TOWN CLERK**