Town of Yates April Board Meeting
8 S. Main St., Lyndonville, NY 14098
May 14, 2026, 7:00PM

Present: James Simon, Supervisor
Susan Hrovat, Councilman
Harold Suhr, Councilman
William Jurinich, Councilman
Michele Harling, Town Clerk
Justin Edwards, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Excused: Steve Vann, Councilman
Roger Wolfe, Highway Superintendent
David Reese, Code Enforcement Officer
Trisha Laszewski, Town Assessor

Others: Bob DeMallie Larry Wolfe

Supervisor Simon called the May Board Meeting to order at 7:02PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERVISOR REMARKS

No remarks.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-5/26

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APRIL REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 regular Board Meeting as presented to each Board Member.

Offered by Councilman Hrovat , who moved its adoption
Seconded by Councilman Suhr

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Vann)

Motion: Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 50-5/26

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER YEAR-END MEETING

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2025 Year-End as presented to each Board Member.

Offered by Councilman _____, who moved its adoption
Seconded by Councilman _____

_____ Ayes _____ Nays

Motion: _____

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RESOLUTION NO. 51-5/26

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MAY EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 Executive Session as presented to each Board Member.

Offered by Councilman Hrovat, who moved its adoption
Seconded by Councilman Jurinich

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Vann)

Motion: Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 52-5/26

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2026 KNOWN AS THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL LOCAL LAW

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 5th day of January, 2026 by the Town Board of the Town of Yates, notice of which was published in the Batavia Daily News on December 18, 2025 as required by the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Open Meetings Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing the Town Board considered the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026, entitled “Short-Term Rental Local Law”, and

WHEREAS, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard with respect to the enactment of said local law, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Yates hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2026, “Short-Term Rental Local Law”, as follows:

Local Law Filing New York State Department of State
99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

~~County~~
~~City~~ of Yates, Orleans County, New York
Town
~~Village~~

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2026.

A local law "Short-Term Rental Local Law"
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

~~County~~
~~City~~ of Yates, Orleans County, New York as follows:
Town
~~Village~~

Be it hereby enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Yates, in the County of Orleans, New York, as follows:

The Zoning Regulations of the Town of Yates shall be amended by the following modifications to said sections, and the new section to be added, Section 706, entitled "Town of Yates Short-term Renal Law," which are as follows:

SECTION I: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

There exists in the Town of Yates no short-term rental local law, yet there are a number of existing short-term rentals, and there are an increasing number of short-term rental inquiries being made to the Town. The intent of this local law is to grandfather existing short-term rentals and to require them to obtain a special use permit; to address the addition of short-term rentals which may be created in the future; and to require permitting requirements established herein to apply to all future short-term rentals.

ARTICLE II – Terminology

Section 230. Definitions

SHORT-TERM RENTAL (STR)- A dwelling unit or portion thereof that may or may not be occupied by the owner of record or their immediate family that is offered or provided to a guest

by a short-term rental for a fee for less than thirty (30) consecutive nights. They are a form of tourist or transient accommodations that may also include property offered by or booked through online accommodation marketplace platforms (such as Airbnb, Vrbo, etc). Note: For the purpose of administration and enforcement of this title, the terms "overnight rental," "nightly rental," and "vacation rental" are interchangeable with short-term rentals. This definition specifically excludes bed and breakfasts, hotels, and motels.

ARTICLE VII: SPECIAL PERMIT CRITERIA

Section 240-96 Short-term Rental (STR)

A. PURPOSE - STRs are a benefit to the Town, its residents, and the general public. However, the Town holds that STRs can have a negative impact on neighboring residents of STRs if they are not properly licensed and regulated so as to ensure the rights of neighbors are protected. These supplementary regulations are designed to foster STRs and to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors and to minimize adverse impacts to the Town of Yates.

B. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS- The minimum lot size, frontage and setback requirements shall conform to the specifications set forth in the specific Zoning district in which the STR is located.

C. GENERAL

1. STRs shall be allowed in the following Districts: Agricultural/Residential, Hamlet, Residential, General Business, Waterfront Development, and Waterfront Residential.

2. STRs shall require a special use permit and are subject to all requirements of this section. See Article IX: Special Use Permits and Procedures.

3. The structure proposed for use as a STR shall meet the requirements of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. The permit application must include a drawing of the building floor plan and the designated parking areas and setbacks from property lines and roads.

4. Each rental unit in a STR shall maintain a working smoke detector, a working carbon monoxide monitor, and a working fire extinguisher which shall meet the requirements of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

5. Each rental unit in a STR shall have clearly defined fire and emergency exit routes posted.

D. SPECIAL USE PERMIT

1. Any special use permit application for an STR shall require site plan review by the Planning Board (Article X)

2. The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) shall be authorized, after inspecting an STR for compliance with the requirements of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and payment of the appropriate fees, to issue a Special Use Permit to the owner (s) of the STR.

3. Duration of permit. A Special Use Permit for a STR is required every five years.

E. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

1. Refer to Article I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 240-7

F. ACTIONS

1. Refer to Article I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section 240-8

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

And be it further, RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk send this Local Law to NYS Department of State and eCode360, for filing.

Offered by Councilman Hrovat, who moved its adoption
Seconded by Supervisor Simon

Supervisor Simon said there was a lot of discussion Monday night, and we may not be at an approval point, but I felt like it was the most frank and healthiest discussion and was probably prompted by Harold being back, which was good. I felt like by eliminating most of the bulleted items and just settling down to the five or six that have the emergency safety items was prudent and fruitful, and should be what I would consider the minimum in any local law. I'm obviously going to vote for it. Does anybody else want to comment before we vote?

Councilman Hrovat said I am of the idea, as well as Harold and I think Bill, that when you buy property, for the most part, you should be left alone. I'm not out to tell people what to do, but we do have people in this community over several years that have asked us to come up with something. They've attended meetings; they've come to the debates and whatnot. With all the discussions that we've had, it's difficult to find common ground. I think the safety factor that Steve helped us sort out with the Airbnb thing, it's very minimal, but its common sense and basic. Not that common sense is common anymore, but it does provide some level of structure for basic requirements that we require in order for someone to have an Airbnb. I think it's responsible. I don't think it's overstepping, and I will be voting yes, as well.

Supervisor Simon said I'd like to go back to the purpose of any local law. It is summarized on page two or paragraph A of this particular law. It's usually pretty standard language. I like the way it reads, and that's what I believe we're doing. It says these supplementary regulations are designed to foster STRs, but also to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and visitors to minimize adverse impacts to the Town. We can tweak it, line out something or add something that's not correct, we can do that now and it could just be recorded in the record that that's what we did.

Councilman Jurinich said I've got just a couple things. First thing is that it seems to me that we're doing this law for the few and not the many. The other thing would be, we pass this law, which I think is very prudent, and I like it, but my worry is adding addendums to it is a lot easier than making a law. We've got to vote on it and all that. It's got to go in front of the County, right? If you were to amend it, you don't have to do that.

Supervisor Simon said you do. It's not as laborious of a process, but you would have to propose changes. You're right the guts of this are kind of the hard part, that's why I like what we did by boiling it down. I was the one resisting the changes the most. I would have lobbied for more regulation. We're at this basic bare bones local law and if we should build on it over the years, it may be because we've learned some lessons in blood, sweat, and tears, and we make those changes.

Councilman Jurinich said they're worried about their private lanes, which we have absolutely no control over like controlling the speed limit. And again, that goes back to the few.

Councilman Hrovat said here's the thing. There were a few, but you have to remember whenever there's an issue, we hear from the people that are affected. It's the lakeshore people that it affects, right? There are probably some people that aren't on the lakeshore, but they may be more separate, but it affects them. Over the years, we've had this room filled with people, so we can't say it's for a few. When we held a Town meeting, this place was packed and the problem was on both sides. There were different issues, and like you said, we can't control some of the things they brought up, but the safety part of it is something that I think is a responsible thing to do. As far as the addendums, we're going to have the same problem forever because we're not going to make everyone happy. It's just simply impossible.

Councilman Jurinich said even doing this is going to be a challenge for Dave.

Supervisor Simon said yes, the Planning Board will get busy. The first thing the Planning Board will do is work on any new requests for STR's because folks will have to submit a Special Use Permit. Going forward, all that would have to unfold. There's a point to be made that we would have to inform existing Airbnb owners that they would have to now get this permit and that could be laborious. Dave does have a short list, but that's not going to be a comprehensive list. There are people that rent their cottage two or three times a year and are under the radar of anybody else. Is that going to change, probably not. They're probably not going to get a special use permit, and they're probably going to keep doing what they're doing. But at least the regulations of basic safety requirements, you know, fire extinguisher, fire detector, carbon monoxide, that kind of stuff is in place.

Councilman Suhr said you got us to a point where we're still requiring a Special Use Permit that is renewable every five years.

Supervisor Simon said on Monday night we decided on five years.

Councilman Jurinich said I didn't get a chance to look up what you do for a rental property, a 30-day rental. I don't think they have to have a Code Enforcement Officer go through once a year, or once every five years, whatever.

Supervisor Simon said it's a good question. I think a lot of them are based on three years. Code enforcement has like a blanket, and I think that's actually from New York State, to review things every three years. So certain people and certain businesses are on a three-year rotation. Making it five years gives a little more leeway to the STR owner.

Councilman Jurinich said they're going to take it, and believe me, they're going to change hands, it's a business. I'm good with enforcing the building codes.

Coluncilman Suhr said the only thing is I'm not big on the Code Enforcement Officer going through the place every five years.

Supervisor Simon said we've gone from the debate about one year, which I thought was way too much, to one time only, which would be the other extent of the argument. I would say five is a good compromise, in my opinion. That's going to seem like forever.

Councilman Jurinich said I'd much rather be working on the camper thing than the STR thing.

Supervisor Simon said that's next. In fact, that packet that you looked at from Dave, Harold has it on his plate next, and then when you're done with that, Harold will just pass it around.

Supervisor Simon said are we ready to vote? Is there something that would be an obstacle for you to vote against that you could be convinced of otherwise?

Councilman Suhr said I'm trying to wrap my head around the whole thing. I mean, there's not a lot to wrap your head around.

Councilman Jurinich said it may be an invasion of privacy, but it is going to be a public facility, more or less.

Supervisor Simon said that's right, it's like a hotel.

Councilman Suhr said it just gives the Code Enforcement Officer a lot more power than I want. If you've got a dip for Code Enforcement and say he doesn't like Larry, and he goes to Larry's place, and then he gives Larry a hard time but he likes him (he pointed to someone in the audience), and he goes to his place, he doesn't give him the same, treatment.

Supervisor Simon said then you're talking about firing the Code Enforcement Officer, not changing the law. Keep in mind, the Code Enforcement Officer is already enforcing Special Use Permits for hotels and for bed and breakfasts. Those require Special Use Permits. So for us not to do this, I think, is the minimum. It's also problematic. You would argue that we would go back into the books and start changing all the other laws to say you don't need a permit.

Councilman Hrovat said everything everyone is saying is legit on both sides. I think Steve summed it up. What is our goal, it's health, welfare, and safety. Those are the bottom lines. We've laid it out, and we're not going to catch everybody. Some people will be grandfathered, whatever. If something goes sideways, we've done our due diligence and provided guidelines. If they're not followed, it's on the homeowner.

Councilman Jurinich said the letter we got from one of the ladies down at the lake was one-sided; you know what I'm saying? Those are going to be the people that will be on the phone.

Supervisor Simon said you know what was interesting about her letter? Most of it was just this is this person's field of view. But one comment she made I liked, and that is people who are already going to do these types of things because they're good neighbors and they want their tenant, their visitor, or their patrons to be safe, they're already going to do all this. So what would it matter that they have to pay $50.00 every five years to get a special use permit? It should not be a problem to them. I thought she did make a good point there. That's a comment that's separate from I live down this lane and I don't like these down my lane and all the different things that are in that argument. People that are business owners that are already complying with this, like Steve's been arguing all along, if you're an Airbnb operator, you've already done this and some. Well, then what's the problem with putting this SUP in place?

Councilman Suhr asked what a Special Use Permit application means?

Supervisor Simon said it's a form that they fill out.

Councilman Suhr said but it says Special Use Permit and then you've got the Special Use application. The Planning Board is going to be involved with it?

Supervisor Simon said the Special Use Permits go through the Planning Board.

Councilman Suhr said STR's are now going to be considered a Special Use Permit?

Supervisor Simon said yes, that's the question.

Councilman Suhr said so the Planning Board has to say yes first before the Code Enforcement Officer goes there?

Supervisor Simon said the Planning Board would review, and it's approved by the Planning Board. The Code Enforcement Officer doesn't approve Special Use Permits. That's done by the Planning Board.

Councilman Suhr asked when the Code Enforcement Officer does his inspection, is it after the Planning Board approves it?

Supervisor Simon said no, it wouldn't even have to be inspected. If the Planning Board has already verified that they meet our conditions, then it would already be complied with. It wouldn't require the Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilman Suhr said wouldn't the Planning Board ask the Code Enforcement Officer to go check it out?

Supervisor Simon said only if they had a question about it.

Councilman Suhr said shouldn’t they have questions because the Code Enforcement Officer is going to come in and say he did it, and they're going to just say, okay, we believe you?

Supervisor Simon said that's a fair question. I don't know if they would second guess that. They certainly could, and sometimes the Planning Board members themselves will go and look. They've had those types of situations, like when they're talking about setbacks, sometimes there's a question. Normally a Code Enforcement Officer would verify whether something's in compliance or not. But that's true of the dozens and dozens of permits that we require the Planning Board to review. When you're building a garage or you're building anything, the Planning Board reviews. If there are enforcement questions or questionable items, then the Code Enforcement Officer is involved. That language is pretty universal throughout our zoning laws.

Councilman Suhr said Bill, whatever you do, I'll do. That's how I feel about it right now. I know we've both worked this over pretty good. We've cut it down to just about nothing. Do we want to cut it down some more?

Councilman Jurinich said I don't know how you can. It's basic safety. We both worked construction; you know it's got to be done.

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Vann)

Motion: Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 53-5/26

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ORLEANS COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER AS THE OFFICIAL RECIPIENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Yates recognizes the importance of providing care, shelter, and medical treatment for stray, abandoned, and surrendered animals within the community, and

WHEREAS, the Orleans County Animal Shelter is a duly organized 501(c)(3) nonprofit / municipal entity operating in accordance with Local/State Laws, e.g., NY Agriculture and Markets Law Article 26-C, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yates desires to support the efforts of the Orleans County Animal Shelter in collecting, managing, and distributing donations (both monetary and in-kind) meant for the care of said animals, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Orleans County Animal Shelter is equipped to handle such donations to enhance animal welfare, including food, veterinary care, and shelter operations, be it

RESOLVED, that the Orleans County Animal Shelter is hereby designated as the authorized recipient of all municipal animal shelter donations, including monetary funds, supplies, and equipment donated for the benefit of stray or rescued animals, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Orleans County Animal Shelter shall maintain appropriate records of all donated items and funds and provide an annual report to the Yates Town Board detailing the use of these funds.

Offered by Councilman Jurinich, who moved its adoption
Seconded by Councilman Hrovat

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Vann)

Motion: Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 54-5/26

RESOLUTION TO PAY BILLS

WHEREAS, bills have been reviewed by the Town Board, be it

RESOLVED to pay bills as follows:

Fund A (General – Townwide)	$ 50,048.17
Fund B (General – Outside Village)	$ 2,955.79
Fund DA (Highway – Townwide)	$ 13,955.14
Fund DB (Highway – Outside Village)	$ 17,163.37
Water 4-	$ 7,708.70
Water 2-	$ 42,978.94
Youth-	$
Fire-	$
TOTAL	$134,810.11

Offered by Councilman Hrovat, who moved its adoption
Seconded by Councilman Jurinich

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Vann)

Motion: Carried

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No comments.

TOWN OFFICERS REMARKS

Councilman Jurinich said I went to the Fire District meeting last night. They're pretty much a “no” on an ambulance. They said they can't do it as per their rules.

Supervisor Simon said by their own rules, they said they can't do an ambulance? Have you ever heard of that with the Joint Fire District?

Councilman Hrovat said so they're strictly fire rescue?

Councilman Suhr said, yes, the only thing they're really doing is answering very few fire calls, very few, maybe 5%. To my knowledge, and I don't mean to belittle it, they haven't saved anybody's life because they had a fire truck. To my knowledge, a lot of people that we've responded to, with an ambulance, have lived possibly because of what we did. To be spending $250,000 for pretty fire trucks, more people are going to hate me and I don't care, I want to save people's lives. You've got people who are saying no to something that's going to help the community the most for less money than what they're giving $250,000 for. I'm not against fire by any means. I am a firefighter, but I am against choosing firefighters over EMS because in our aging communities, with the baby boomers, there's going to be a lot.

Councilman Jurinich said they're doing great as a district, as you can see, with their budgets. They just got an $115,000 grant. It's not like they're hurting.

Supervisor Simon asked was part of their argument that they didn't have enough EMTs?

Councilman Jurinich said yes, and they pushed that a lot. They said they would need five anyway.

Councilman Suhr said I've been one for 25 years. The problem is people are too lazy to take the test and put the time in to pass the test. Like I said, for 15 years plus, I've been trying to get the schools to do it, train these kids when they're young. When they're young, they learn quicker, they retain information, and they can pass the test and then they're going to be there for years. Once you get tied into this, like I said, with Mrs. Whipple in fifth grade, when she had the first aid thing, that's when I caught the bug. Then when Emergency came out, the TV show, I caught it even harder. To me, we need to put that spark into the kids in this community. Instead of being a fireman, they should be EMS first, and then maybe a fireman later.

Councilman Jurinich said they do have five kids coming down from the school now. They did a presentation at the school, and they've got five kids coming down to sign up for junior fire.

Councilman Suhr said but they're firefighters, they're not signing up for EMS. They wash trucks, they polish trucks, and once in a while they even pull them out. They had two pumper trucks, and they had to have a $700,000 truck?

Councilman Jurinich said when I was walking out the door they said you're better off paying the $135,000. I said, hey guys, so how would you feel about raising your budget by 3% for one item?

Councilman Suhr said like I said, when I came on this Board, however many years ago, their budget was $60,000, that's what it was. Now its $250,000, what's changed?

Supervisor Simon said well, it was $60,000 from the Town, and $35,000 from another; it ended up being a little slightly over $100,000, if you add in what the Village produced. But I take your point, it's over doubled. And what are they buying? They're not buying an ambulance, they're buying another pumper.

Councilman Suhr said and you could have gotten a free ambulance. That's why I'm not in the Lyndonville Fire Company anymore, because I was pushing hard to get a free ambulance.

Everybody told me, we don't have enough EMTs. They kept trying to get EMTs, but people didn't want to put the time in to pass the test. I'm not a very smart man and I've passed the test eight times.

Supervisor Simon said here's the thing so everybody knows where it's at. Those of you that haven't heard this yet, the ambulance service from Medina is going from $35,000 a year charged to the Town to $135,000. So it's crazy, crazy numbers. We've pushed back hard. Harold and Bill are going to look at possibly working out something with Barker, which has two ambulances. We don't know. We may end up having to pay that. If we do end up having to pay that, which will be months down the road, it'll be a January 1st contract. We'll ask for a one-year contract so we can continue to work on another option. I don't want to sign us up for five years.

Councilman Jurinich said did you get back with Mercy?

Supervisor Simon said not yet, I'm going to contact Mercy. I had that call with him a few months ago, and he was very helpful. I'll ask for a formal RFP. Also, I realized I never kept John Belson in the loop so John Belson is now privy to all those emails. I just sent them to him saying, you should be aware that all the people within the Village are going to feel the same effect if this happens. It's pretty ridiculous for them to look at us, the smallest number of calls, the smallest number of people, the smallest budget of the three Towns; Shelby, Ridgway, and Yates, and charge us the same as the other two Towns. The other two Towns are getting away with murder if that's what happens.

Councilman Jurinich asked if it would be a good idea to contact the other two Supervisors?

Supervisor Simon said I have. I've been in meetings with them. They're not budging. If they lose the battle that we're all fighting- not to pay as much, they don't want to doubly lose the battle within the three Towns of me convincing the two of them, or the Village, to split it accordingly. They won't budge on that. They love it. They figure if we all have to pay $405,000, let's all pay $135,000 each. We don't like Yates' argument, and there are two of us and one of them.

Councilman Suhr said when COVA was going, what was the cost?

Supervisor Simon said here's a number that was thrown out by the Medina Fire Chief, three or four meetings ago. He said normally it's about a $900 minimum charge for an ambulance. You guys saw the numbers. If we pay what they're saying we would pay on average and based on how many calls we've been getting and they've responded to, the Town, not the person who rides the ambulance who would still have to pay, but the Town would pay $1,125 per call, which is more than what they even charge. Meanwhile, they might still get the money. If it's me, I might still pay that $900, plus they're going to get the $1,125 from the Town. How does that work? How is that fair? So I've made all these arguments. The new Board over there, and the new Mayor, has her hands full. I'm not trying to slight the problem. They've got a big fire ladder they're trying to get rid of, they've got issues, and this is not the way to solve their problems.

Councilman Suhr said what was the fire ladder, $1.5 million, or less?

Councilman Jurinich said no, it was $1.2 million.

Supervisor Simon said yes, the fire ladder was $1.2 million.

Councilman Suhr said we paid $750,000, I believe, for a pumper. We had two pumpers that were still working, but it was hard to get parts. It should come down to three ambulance districts; West, Central, and East. Put it right in the middle. You put one in Ridgeway and they can go both ways, and then you put one in Albion, it can go both ways, and shrink down the fire companies from buying. Everybody now has a new pumper. We have a new pumper, Ridgeway has a new pumper, Medina has a new pumper, and they wanted a new ladder truck. You don't need that many pumpers. Common sense has been thrown completely away.

Supervisor Simon said what's sad is that if you believe their numbers, the Village is going to have a huge hole still in trying to pay their full-time fire EMS people, and so that's a house of cards.

Councilman Suhr said it's a paid position there. COVA was a volunteer Central Orleans Volunteer Ambulance. They used to keep people on staff to keep things going that they would pay a small amount of money, but it was by volunteer. Our fire company is by volunteer, but they're not really volunteers. Somehow, $250,000 every year gets used. If we had $250,000 to put into an ambulance, it would be more than enough.

Supervisor Simon asked annually? It would be more than enough.

Councilman Suhr said especially if you get the free ambulance, which Joe Biden gave money for, and then Trump backed it up, too. They were going to give them to you. Barker has two and one was brand new when I went through the last time, trying to get us with them, but they don't even have enough EMTs. It's not that hard. Now the State has changed all the rules. You can be 16 years old and start the process, and at 17 you can be a licensed EMT and you're still in school. Those kids, if there was a call, should be able to leave school to get on an ambulance if they're an EMT and go. They're a lot younger and more agile than I am. They would be a great asset. Nobody wants to do it. It's the simplest, smartest thing to do, and we're all sitting around here until you're the one who's almost dead, laying somewhere, and you've got to wait two hours, wondering if the time's ticking. They call it the golden 10 minutes. The first 10 minutes means a lot. Now you're lying there, and it's a half hour, 45 minutes, an hour, nobody's showing up. Then you're going to say, you know what, I wish I would have listened to Harrold. I wish we would have had an ambulance. The other thing is if you have an ambulance right in Town, instead of all the way in Medina, you save 10-15 minutes right there.

Councilman Jurinich said that should be the other thing. You go to Medina emergency room, period.

Supervisor Simon said but then their argument, which is a valid argument from the Village, is that when there's a requirement because the capabilities of Medina are limited, and there's a requirement to move to Buffalo or Rochester, who does it, the ambulance service. Those are a third of the calls, the transports. That takes you an hour one way and you wait in the emergency room until you get the hand off, you can't leave the emergency room as the EMT until you've handed off to ER and then you can come back, another hour. That's part of the problem.

Councilman Jurinich said and wait for your gurney back, too.

Supervisor Simon said some of them will wait 4 or 5 hours.

Councilman Jurinich said it's become such a big dollar figure and unfortunately the EMT's are probably not getting paid what they should and it's probably the hardest to get certified.

Councilman Suhr said I did it for 25 years and the only time I got paid was when I worked for Niagara Falls.

Councilman Jurinich said it's all about the almighty dollar. I used to sell ambulances so I know how they put the profit on and where they take it off.

Councilman Hrovat said Jim will check with Mercy, you guys will talk to Barker. I think that's our best bet to get out and if we can somehow get people motivated to do this, if we have some on-call people, that's our best shot.

Councilman Suhr said I'll try to get ahold of Barker. I went there a few years ago and they had just bought a brand new ambulance and it was less than $300,000 and they said it was costing them $50,000 - $100,000 to run 2 ambulances year-round including gas, supplies and everything. A lot of times when you go to a hospital with your emergency vehicle, they replace what you used. They'll give you the collars and oxygen, they'll replace everything you used to get there.

Councilman Hrovat said do they pay EMT's in Barker or are they volunteer?

Councilman Suhr said they are volunteer, but they don't have any during the day because people work.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Hrovat, Whereas there is no new business to be brought before the Board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:36PM.
Seconded by Councilman Suhr

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Vann)

Motion: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele L. Harling
Yates Town Clerk