

**Town of Candor
101 Owego Road
Candor, New York 13743
Public Hearing of August 12, 2025**

Supervisor Strosahl opened with a Prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Clm. Leonard, Supervisor Strosahl, Clm. Rader, Clm. Evans, Superintendent Whatley, Clerk Irizarry.

Others Present: Webmaster Malone, EMS Hammond. Press Anne Stout, Dog Control Officer Liske, and 15 residents.

Clm. Reichert and Attorney Pelella were excused from the meeting.

At 7:00 pm, Supervisor Strosahl opened the Public Hearing for the Knox Box Law. Residents took turns voicing their thought about the Knox Box. First, the buying and installing the Knox Box is too expensive one resident said with agreement from the other residents. Next, another resident stated the Knox Box should be a voluntary action to get one not a Law or mandated by NYS. Also with agreement from other residents. Yet another resident suggested the Knox Box be used on Public Buildings only.

EMS Hammond shared that he likes the voluntary use of the Knox Box. He stated it is helpful for first responders for entrance to a building. He also shared that some residents can choose to use hide-away keys and inform the 911 non-emergency call center of them. The information on the location would show up on the ambulance dash. No information on key placement would transmit over the scanner. Fire Commissioner Steve Baker shared that the Senior Housing gave the keys to him for emergencies with no Knox Box needed. A church in Candor did the same. One last resident said the option should be our own not forced on us.

Supervisor Strosahl liked the input from the public on the Knox Box Law. He asked the three times required if there was any more questions or discussion

The Public Hearing concluded at 7:25 pm.

No decision was made.

The Regular Meeting opened at 7:25 pm.

Privilege of the Floor: EMS Hammond took the floor for the last time here at the Town Hall as he took another position with State EMS. He continued to summarize the month. There were 67 calls with 29 billable. Time out the door was 3 minutes 45 seconds. This is higher time than he likes and it was because of the delay by additional calls they were on. They dropped one "code 2" call with nine mutual aid calls. About the billing, EMS Hammond foresees a surplus again this year for 2025. The 2026 Budget and Contract for EMS was presented to The Board by EMS Hammond and they are not asking for any more money than last contract.

EMS Hammond introduced Nick Chase who with his paramedic training and fireman experience will be helpful in his new position as EMS director.

M-49 Clm. Evans motioned seconded by Clm. Leonard to approve the minutes from July 8th, 2025. All in favor.

Supervisor Strosahl stated the General Fund spent \$255,331.80 and the Highway Fund spent \$210,920.89.

M-50 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve those vouchers for the Highway and General Funds. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Assessor: No report.

Board of Appeals: Clm. Leonard stated that last month they had training and so far no issues with any appeals.

Buildings and Grounds: There were two extra mows for the cemeteries stated Supervisor Strosahl.

Cemeteries: No report.

Code Enforcement: Clm. Evans summarized Code Enforcer Yacopino's monthly report. There were nine building permits issued, seven completed, 21 open permits from year 2022 and 3 violations pending further activity.

Dog Control: Dog Control Officer Liske got her limited driving license back after illness so she is now driving on her own. There is no progress on finding a place for Candor's stray or dangerous dogs. Supervisor Strosahl shared that Dean Morgan would find such a place. No word yet on that. Ag and Markets have stiffer regulations such as specific behavior time, exercise time, and that is why contracts were cancelled with the towns. It is required by New York State to have Dog Control, but there is no place to house the dogs. Supervisor Strosahl will call Ag and Markets to maybe set up a meeting.

Highway: Superintendent Whatley said two culverts were replaced and paving will start on August 26 on Raish Road. Prep for Prospect Valley Rd paving will be next week. Discussion continued about the storm that left damage to some roads and trees and scattered garbage in the roads.

Justice: No report.

Planning Board: Clm. Evans thanked the Planning Board for the hard work they put into the Knox Box Law. Planning Board Chair Susan Evans welcomed the new member Ellen Miller. Chairperson Evans stated the Owego Law was used as a model for the Knox Box Law which she said was not voluntary.

Old Business

Supervisor Strosahl would like to make ING a contractor for the bridge a prepaid bill. That way the bill is paid and we can get our reimbursement from the State quicker.

M-51 Clm. Leonard motioned seconded by Clm. Rader to make ING a prepaid not to exceed 1.4 million. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

New Business

Town Clerk Irizarry presented to The Board a request to restore and preserve two Vital Records books. A quote of \$1815 was given by a company called Kofile. The previous name was Brown's River which

preserved the other Vital Records books. The project will be paid with the Town Clerk's Contractual Fund. The Board requested a quote for digitizing the vital records electronically and Clerk Irizarry will get that quote for next meeting.

M-52 Clm. Rader motioned seconded by Clm. Evans to approve the \$1815 for the preservation of the Vital Records books. Roll Call Vote: Leonard-aye, Strosahl-aye, Rader-aye, Evans-aye.

Clm. Leonard stated he will reach out to the County for the instructions to convert from ".org" to ".gov" emails again. The ".org" will forward to ".gov" for still some time.

Entered Executive Session to discuss an employee and litigation.
The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:06pm and out 8:35pm.

In Regular Session 8:38 pm.

M-53 Clm. Evans moved seconded by Clm. Rader to hire Dekota Wintermute at \$20 hour starting August 18th, 2025. All in favor.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.