

**TOWN OF BROADALBIN
201 UNION MILLS RD
BROADALBIN, NY 12025
518-883-4657
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 10th, 2025**

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Supervisor – Joseph DiGiacomo-present
Town Board Member – Doug Kissinger-present
Town Board Member – David Bardascini-present
Town Board Member – David Bogardus-present
Town Board Member – Mike Rorick-present

Call to Order –The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison

Public Hearing #1 Adopt a Budget

Public Hearing #2 Banning Commercial Solar Law

Roll Call

Supervisor DiGiacomo recognized Veterans by requesting all Veterans in the room to stand in Honor of Veterans Day.

Open public Hearing # 1 Adopt a Budget at 6:30pm

-Supervisor DiGiacomo discussed updating the Comprehensive Plan.

- Other brief points of discussion consisted of delegating Code Enforcer and Deputy Code Enforcer's duties, Councilman Rorick stated that he would like to donate the 3% salary increase.

-Acceptance of Minutes from October 14th, 2025

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger
RESOLUTION #2025-81 APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board approved the submitted minutes from the previous meeting mentioned above.

Discussion;

No further discussion

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Department Reports

Town Supervisor:

- Supervisor DiGiacomo reported that he has attended three Fulton County Budget Meetings within the past week. The County's Budget has moved to tentative with a thirty eight million dollar Tax Levy, twenty eight million dollar mandate, leaving a ten million dollar budget to cover all costs in Fulton County.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that Two hundred seventy two thousand nine hundred dollars is the weekly Medicaid payment of Fulton County's budget is assigned to Medicaid. Supervisor DiGiacomo disclosed that he voted "no" pertaining to Code Blue in Fulton County.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo discussed Planning Board Secretary Director Scott Henze may not be available in 2026.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo has received the Fire Contract from Treasurer Bob Zurlo.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo disclosed that he received an official letter from Johnstown Animal Shelter stating that they will no longer have a contract with any Municipalities.
- Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that the Board of Appeals Chairman still remains open due to Tom Flynn's resignation.

Youth Commission:

- Representative Keith Buchanan provided The Town Board with a check for twenty five thousand dollars on behalf of The Broadalbin Youth Commission.
 - Representative Buchanan reports the BYC is getting ready for winter sports.
- On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Bogardus to close Public Hearing # 1 and Adopt a Budget at 6:45pm.
- No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Dog Control Officer:

- Dog Control Officer Patricia Ashbey reported that both she and Deputy Bill Robinson have 5 open cases along 7 more they are currently looking into. D.C.O Patricia requested to enter Executive Session.

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Kissinger to enter Executive Session at 6:45pm to discuss personnel.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and seconded by Councilman Kissinger to exit Executive Session at 6:55pm
No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Assessor:

-Councilman Rorick read the Assessor's report that stated the Assessor's Office has been slow and that Lead Assessor Miriam Young is planning to work from home after having a couple of days off due to personal health reasons.

Building and Grounds: nothing to report

Public Hearing #2 Banning Commercial Solar Law opened at 6:57pm

-Speaker 1: Town Resident brings up concerns pertaining to how solar could affect the soil, impact family life within the community, and believes that solar would mostly benefit downstate.

-Councilman Bardascini states two large truck panels were dumped on the side of the road in a local area.

-Speaker 2: Mike Dobrowski states solar panel quality is constantly improving to benefit the environment. Mike states that he has lost a large amount of money for lease agreements with a hold on regulations while waiting on The Town's decision on Solar Laws.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo states The Town has already spent quite a bit of money on the regulation changes and additions.

-Councilman Bogardus states that Governor Kathy Hochul is banning gas and propane while trying to make the switch to electricity.

-Speaker 3: Town Resident approves of solar on houses, not in a field or by a local water source.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo states that farms leach too and affect the soil and water supply.

-Speaker 1: Town Resident questions if hazardous material research has been done?

-Councilman Rorick states that once any part of Broadalbin is contaminated it cannot be undone.

-Speaker 4: Jim Magiella discusses his outlook on solar. Jim states that lead can be found in many different machines used by every person in the room daily, such as car batteries. Jim discloses that he feels car batteries are more harmful than solar panels. Jim continued his

discussion pertaining to his views on solar while stating his concerns towards prolonging submitting the law to the County. Jim feels that regulations protect all town residents property rights and taxes paid on people's property.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo states that The Town of Broadalbin already has a solar farm in town that is 2 megawatts and three thousand seven hundred dollars per year in general funding.

-Councilman Rorick discusses the concerns he believes will take place when the town tries to enforce solar and regulate Town Laws. Councilman Rorick states that bringing solar to The Town of Broadalbin could result in cheaper real estate.

-Speaker 5: Eric Rorick discusses potential decline in home values if a Solar Farm is built next to an established home. Eric Rorick states that Empire Paving devalues adjacent properties. Eric Rorick asks The Town Board what industry they would ban regardless of a persons property rights.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated that any business is allowed because The Town of Broadalbin does not have Zoning. DiGiacomo states that The Public Hearing is about an outright ban and that banning solar is a double edged sword when it comes to property rights and solar fields.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo discusses how solar fields could affect wildlife and other challenges that could be faced.

-Councilman Rorick states that The Town Board represents all of Broadalbin's residents.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo states that battery storage is already banned by law.

-Councilman Bardascini discusses that The Town of Broadalbin is three years behind due to all of the tweaks that have been made to the drafted solar law before submission and would like to continue making changes until the State updates theirs.

On a motion made by Councilman Bogardus and seconded by Councilman Kissinger to close Public Hearing #2 Banning Commercial Solar.

Discussion;

Supervisor DiGiacomo states that he does not have a written draft from Attorney Christopher Stanyon to vote on.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger to hold a 5 minute recess.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger to exit recess.

Discussion;

Councilman Bardascini provides the Town Board with a Resolution provided by Attorney Christopher Stanyon via email.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

-The Town Board Members read the drafted resolution that was provided by Councilman Bardascini.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo asked The Board if they would like to act tonight or table it until next month's meeting. The Town Board decided to vote during the current meeting.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger to vote on the drafted Resolution.

Discussion;

-Supervisor DiGiacomo questioned the Board Members, as an example, If Empire puts in a field for their own use would that be okay? Supervisor DiGiacomo explains to The Board that is what this provided documentation is stating.

-Councilman Bogardus questions about people's property rights, questioning if this law passes people can't sell?

-Councilman Rorick discloses that he agrees to stop solar fields for commercial use only.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo questions how The Town Board would regulate if someone is actually selling the power?

- Supervisor DiGiacomo states once again property rights are in question.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo states that if solar is residential then the owner cannot sell it like a commercial company can. Supervisor DiGiacomo questions, do you lease your solar panels then you are provided with extra power?

-Supervisor DiGiacomo reminds The Board Members that The Town has already spent about Twenty thousand dollars on regulations that may be obsolete if The Board votes to approve the Regulation in question.

Roll Call to vote on Resolution to Ban Solar

VOTE: Bogardus-NAY Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-NAY Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-NAY

-Resolution fails

On a motion made by Supervisor DiGiacomo and seconded by Councilman Bogardus to

set a Public Hearing on December 9th, 2025 at 6:45 pm.

Discussion;

Councilman Rorick states that he would like to have attorney Christopher Stanyon present.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Highway Superintendent:

-Superintendent Sandy Thompson reports that The Highway crew has slowly begun moving items into the new garage. Superintendent Thompson holds a discussion with The Town Board Members pertaining to the Bearcom System that is used in the highway vehicles.

Superintendent Thompson spoke with Broadalbin Perth School's Superintendent Stephen Tomlinson about the repeater.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo questioned about putting up a tower then Superintendent Thompson responded that it is six thousand dollars to rent a tower.

-Superintendent Thompson reported that she is going to do some more research to provide more information during the next meeting.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo discussed using The County's repeater and potentially requesting a grant.

-Superintendent Thompson obtained three quotes for a one ton without a salter included

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and Seconded by Councilman Bogardus to purchase an 8' 2 yard sander for \$7,083.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Justice Court:

-Councilman Kissinger reads the Justice report stating that Joseph W. Gilston Sr has collected \$1,371.00 while William Jennings has collected \$4,085.00 in fines within the month of October totaling \$5,456.00. Out of the fines collected \$960.00 were from cases dating back to 2024. Justice had a total of 42 cases in October.

Planning Board:

-Storage Public Hearing is scheduled on November 19th. The Planning Board reports that Kline's site plan was approved.

Town Clerk:

-Town Clerk's Office requests to schedule The Town's Close Out meeting and Organizational Meeting.

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Supervisor DiGiacomo to schedule Close Out meeting on December 29th 2025 at 6:30pm
No further discussion;

VOTE: Kissinger- AYE Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Bardascini to schedule the Organizational meeting on January 6th 2026 at 6:30pm.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Code Enforcer:

The Code report was read by Supervisor DiGiacomo stating the Code Enforcement Office has been busy with new applications, pending paperwork, complaints and requests. Code Enforcer Norman Barbosa reports he and Supervisor DiGiacomo are working together to update the software and system.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing at this time

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger to sign Fire Contract 2026 for \$164,640.00.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Bardascini to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:43pm.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

On a motion made by Councilman Rorick and Seconded by Councilman Kissinger to exit Executive Session at 8:57pm

Direction taken;

Appoint Steven Quinlan as Deputy Code Enforcer effective today.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Public Comment:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Approval to pay vouchers

Prepaid	\$ 55,571.72
General	10,018.45
Gen OV	1,091.00
Highway	6,830.81

Total	\$100,835.41
-------	--------------

RESOLUTION #2025- 82 APPROVAL TO PAY VOUCHERS (CLAIMS)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Broadalbin Town Board authorizes the payment of the vouchers in the amount of **\$100,835.41**.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

ADJOURNMENT 9:00 P.M.

On a motion made by Councilman Kissinger and seconded by Councilman Bogardus The November 10th, 2025 Town of Broadalbin Town Board meeting was adjourned.

VOTE: Bogardus-AYE Bardascini-AYE Kissinger-AYE Rorick-AYE DiGiacomo-AYE

Respectfully,
Town Clerk Deputy
Krystin Bailey