# LACONA VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
# August 10, 2026

A regular meeting of the Lacona Village Board was duly held on the tenth day of August in the year 2026 at 6:00pm in the Village Offices Building at 11 Park Street, Lacona, NY 13083.

**Members Present:**
Steve Haskins, Mayor
Travis Balcom, Trustee
Roger Lallier, Trustee

**Others Present:**
Megan Sprague, Clerk/Treasurer
Ron Marsden, Code Enforcement
Dylan Kimball, Fire Chief
Mike Yerdon, County Legislator
Stan Miller, Resident

At 6pm, the mayor opened the public hearing. The public hearing was for the purpose of the public to speak on proposed Local Law #1 of 2026 "Moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Village of Lacona". A copy of this law is available at the Clerk's office for review.

With no one to speak for or again the proposed law, at or around 6:05pm, the mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the regular meeting.

**Agenda Item One | July Minutes:**
The Board approved the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on June 8th, motion duly made by Trustee Balcom, seconded by Mayor Haskins and carried.

**Agenda Item Two | Bills & Financials:**
Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lallier, seconded by Trustee Balcom and carried with a 2-0 vote, the Board approved the following Abstracts:

- Abstract 03: $21,552.44
  - General Fund: $17,492.45
  - Water Fund: $4,059.99

**Fund Balance through July 31st:**

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| General Fund | $186,932.57 |
| Fire Reserve Apparatus | $145,311.90 |
| Infrastructure Reserve | $113,069.88 |
| Water Fund | $7,410.49 |
| Trust & Agency | $0 |

**Agenda Item Three | CEO Report**
CEO Marsden reported that there was one (1) building permit and thirteen (13) violations for the month of July. He also stated that the estate is having a hard time selling 1890 Harwood due to legal obligations by the attorney. When the Fire Chief asked if the condemned, CEO Marsden confirmed that it was.
Based on CEO Marsden's recommendation the Board approved of reducing 1733 County Route 15's EDU from one (1) to one half ( ½ ) , upon duly motion made by Trustee Balcom, seconded by Trustee Lallier and carried.

**Agenda Item Four | Fire Chief Repot**
Chief Kimball verbally read his report. This report is on file at the Village Clerk's office for the public to view. The Chief stated the department had a successful attendance for the Old Home Days on August 8th. He is hoping to have the event for two consecutive days in 2027. Chief Kimball also alerted the Board that engine 13-2-1 will go to Jerome for repairs due to drain valves that are leaking water during transport.
Upon motion made by Trustee Balcom, seconded by Trustee Lallier, Michael Wood was approved as a full member after serving a six (6) month probationary period.

**Agenda Item Five | Historian Report:**
The Historian's report was reviewed.

**Agenda Item Six | County Legislator:**
The County Legislator brought informational packets on data centers. He predicts if Data Centers were built locally, it would be closer to the nuclear plant in Oswego due to the resources there.

**Agenda Item Seven | Joint Waterworks:**
The Joint Waterworks has successfully submitted a grant with the help of grant writer Morgan Spencer.

**Agenda Item Eight | Regional Planning Board:**
The Board reviewed the uncompleted subdivision law. It was decided that it will take more time to read it outside of the meeting before discussion could be had. The law is written to be identical for the Town of Sandy Creek, the Village of Sandy Creek, and the Village of Lacona.

**Agenda Item Nine | Youth Recreation:**
Director Kendall Darling was absent. The Youth Recreation program has completed its season. Miss Darling has announced that 2026 was her last year. The Village of Lacona will be looking for a new Director for 2027.

**Agenda Item Ten | Other Business:**
Clerk Sprague brought a proposal for online water payments to give water customers the ability to pay with debit/credit card online. She stated that customers have been requesting this service for years and more with every billing period. Mayor Haskins stated that he did not agree that it was a necessary service with a startup fee of around $1,800, and $800 annually thereafter. Trustee Lallier stated that he could see the need for it and thought it would be a useful service to offer the public. Trustee Lallier made a motion to approve of the proposal. The motion was not seconded. Trustee Balcom indicated he could see both sides. The decision was tabled for September.
A fee schedule was reviewed and adopted, motion duly made by Trustee Balcom, seconded by Trustee Lallier and carried. The fee schedule is on file at the Clerk's office for the public's review. The schedule includes water fees as well as other office & application fees.

Clerk Sprague reminded the Board that Village office will be closed on September 7th for Labor Day.
The mayor signed the annual contract for the Codes Software with Williamson Law Book.
The mayor updated the Board on the Powers Avenue drainage project. He brought a change order from Maguire Excavation that increases the cost of the project by a total of $10,690. The Board approved of this change motion made by Trustee Lallier, seconded by Trustee Balcom and carried unanimously.
Mayor Haskins informed the Board that the Cyber Security audit performed by NYS Comptroller's Office has released their report. To summarize, the Mayor said that the Board will have to adopt a cyber policy to comply with the State's requirements.

**Resolution No. 9 of 2026 – Local Law #1 of 2026: A local law establishing a one-year moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Solar Systems and Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Village of Lacona** upon motion duly made by Mayor Haskins seconded by Trustee Lallier and voted upon: Mayor Haskins -yes, Trustee Lallier-yes, Trustee Balcom -yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lacona is considering adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2026 to impose a one (1) year moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Village of Lacona; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lacona, under laws of New York State, desires to maintain its long tradition of protecting the health, safety, general welfare, property and environment within its borders; and

**WHEREAS**, New York Statutes are not sufficient to protect the health, safety and well-being of Village residents, and over decades, starting with the New York Constitution, and continuing with the State of Local Governments and the Municipal Home Rule Law, New York has recognized that New York is a geographically and geologically diverse state, such that local regulations of local environments and land use and development is a hallmark of New York State Law; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Home Rule Law grants the Village broad powers to adopt procedures and local laws to promote and protect the public health, safety, general welfare, property and environment in the Village in order to protect against adverse risks and impacts of development; and

**WHEREAS**, moratoria are "Type II Actions" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations (6NYCRR sections 617.5(c)(30)), and it is hereby determined that this proposed action, the adoption of a land use moratorium concerning certain alternative energy facilities, does not require further environmental impact review, a determination of significance, or the preparation of any other SEQRA documents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oswego County Planning Board has reviewed the application of the Village of Lacona for this Moratorium and has recommended approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Local Law on the above subject, and held a Public Hearing regarding said local law on the 12th day of August, 2026, at the Lacona Village Hall, 11 Park Avenue in the Village of Lacona at 6 p.m., and no persons were heard in opposition to the local law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion made by Mayor Steve Haskins and seconded by Truster Roger Lallier, **BE IT RESOLVED** as follows**:**

1. That Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026, a Local Law imposing a one-year moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems and commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Village of Lacona, is hereby adopted by the Town Board of Trustees.

2. That Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2026 shall take effect upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

**Agenda Item Eleven | Public Comment:**
Mr. Stan Miller continues to be worried about the danger of the dead, large tree on 102 Salisbury Street. He worries about the safety of the community, but also his home and vehicles. He stated that he would like the Village to do everything in its power to have the tree removed. Mayor Haskins informed Mr. Miller that he sent a certified letter to the property owner, and so far, the letter has not been returned.

*With no other business brought before the Board, at or around 7:30pm, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Mayor Haskins, seconded by Trustee Balcom and carried.*

*Megan K. Sprague*
Clerk/Treasurer