

***DRAFT* Minutes**

October 1, 2025

Present:

Bob Palumbo	Dan Marshall	David Adam	Jared Simpson
Nick Baranowski	Mike Gonzales	Dale Stell	Art Rilands
Fred Stressing			

Necessarily Absent: Bill Namestnik, Marty Aman, John Cowley

Staff and Guests: Kevin Olvany, Sarah Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Co-Chairman, Supervisor Marshall.

Privilege of the Floor

No one asked to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Marshall asked if anyone had any comments regarding the August 2025 draft meeting minutes. No one had any comments. Supervisor Stressing made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Baranowski. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Palumbo read the treasurer's report.

Total Bills:

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| ○ City account: | \$ 9,235.00 |
| ○ CNB: | <u>\$ 86,930.01</u> |
| ○ Total Bills: | \$ 96,165.01 |

The CNB account balance is \$ 43,766.05.

A motion to approve and pay the bills was made by Mayor Palumbo with a second by Co-Chairman, Supervisor Simpson. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee Report

Supervisor Simpson introduced Sarah Reynolds who joined the Watershed Council staff in September. The Personnel Committee met today prior to the Council meeting and they discussed the proposed increase to salary and wages for all Watershed Council staff members in the 2026 Budget to bring pay rates up to a more reasonable amount with consideration for staff experience, skillset, and education. There will be another review of the Watershed Technician position during the first quarter of 2026.

2026 Watershed Council Budget

Kevin provided a summary of the 2026 budget and the changes made since the last Council meeting. There was a discussion of how the Friends of Canandaigua Lake contributions fit into the budget. There was also a discussion that the recent Wegmans *Make a Splash* fundraising campaign donations would be included in the 2025 budget rather than in 2026 so there is no change there.

Kevin also announced the \$2.65 million grant award that the City just received from the Department of State for flood resiliency work in Sucker Brook. This grant will provide funding needed to begin moving forward with the recommendations in the Hydrology Study completed by Colliers Engineering in June that will help reduce flooding impact to homes along Sucker Brook within the City of Canandaigua.

There was a question about the contingency amount in the 2026 budget – it was present in the 2025 budget but has been eliminated in the 2026 budget. Kevin explained that this is a line item that has not been used so it made sense to remove it.

Mayor Palumbo motioned to approve the 2026 Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Stell. Motion carried by vote.

Uniform Docking and Mooring Law Update

Kevin brought up recent updates that we received from the State Office of General Services, which regulates docks on state waters, that says a permit will be required for any docks with a width greater than 8 feet that are not for “water dependent” activities. This has caused some confusion among local dock builders and code officials. We now have updated clarification from the state that they will defer to local regulations for docks that fall under 4000sf in total area even if the width is greater than 8 feet but this came with a strong encouragement to update local laws to be in compliance with state regulations. Kevin said he hopes to reconvene talks on the new draft of the UDML soon. The UDML is already more restrictive than the state’s regulations in many aspects so adding this new maximum width will be in keeping with that trend.

Public / Private Partnership

Kevin discussed the recent Friends of Canandaigua Lake activities including the event at CMAC on August 26. FOCL has been successful in bringing in funding to get closer to the overall private campaign goal of \$15 million. They continue to solicit private donations. FOCL has a meeting in November and Kevin will provide an update to the Council in December.

The Wegmans *Make a Splash* fundraising campaign was successful and brought in approximately \$29,000 in donations. The money will be split equally between the Watershed Council and the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association. Kevin spoke to a representative from Wegmans and they said they plan to do this fundraising campaign again in 2026. Because any future donation amount is unknown, this is not accounted for in the 2026 budget.

Manager / Technician Report

Kevin touched on items that were provided in the Watershed Manager's report. There was a discussion on whether the report includes the activities of the Watershed Technicians in addition to the Manager's activities and Kevin explained that the Watershed Council projects are really a group effort made up of contributions from each staff member. This is all accounted for in the Watershed Manager/Technician Reports.

There was a question about blue green algae (HABs) activities this season. Kevin provided an update on that for most of the season there were very little in blooms- however we have seen an uptick in blooms over the last week or so. In a typical year, we would have seen significant blooms in August and early September, some of them lake-wide, but that did not occur this summer.

There was a question about current water temperatures. Kevin said that John Faust from FLCC reported that he is seeing lake temps at around 68 degrees to a depth of 18 meters so that is a very large column of warm water.

A motion to adjourn until December 3rd, 2025 was made by Supervisor Stell, seconded by Councilmember Baranowski. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: December 3, 2025
Location: Hurley Building