

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners
City of Norwich, New York March 11, 2026

Present: John Kolb, Steve Simmons, Alison Locke, Gigi Baas, Commissioners. Tim Miller, Superintendent

Absent: Jennifer Kelley, Sue Dietrich, Doug Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Steve Simmons at 6:30 PM. There were no minutes of the previous meeting, as there was no quorum at the February meeting.

Guests: None.

Correspondence: None.

Water Treatment: The basement of McLaughlin's Department Store flooded on February 12. A frozen sprinkler system pipe in the vacant store was the cause. The fire department pumped out the basement, and water to the store is now shut off. There was also a water main break today on Henry Street which was resolved in a couple of hours.

Wastewater: The SCADA system has been repaired. The bar screen has broken, which was part of the scheduled upgrades, and Tim will make every effort to expedite things so that the screen can be repaired as soon as possible.

Old Business: There is no news from the DEC on the aluminum issue. The chlorinator pumps have been repaired by Avanti. The mayor will be attending our next meeting, and the agenda for this meeting was discussed. Steve will invite Alderman Bill Loomis to attend as well. The major issues to be discussed with the mayor and Mr. Loomis are as follows: 1. What is the city's policy regarding the lake and the adjacent land owned by the city? 2. Who has primary responsibility for the management and use of this land? 3. Who enforces any rules or decisions regarding the lake and the adjacent land? Furthermore, it was suggested that the city consult with an attorney well versed in land use/utility law to formulate an enforceable policy regarding Chenango Lake and land owned by the city. Tim suggested that the DEC be consulted as well, since activity around a drinking water source is regulated by this state agency. Permits for any activity around a drinking water source typically require review by the DEC. It is hoped that Jennifer will be helpful in contacting someone from the DEC to assist in this regard.

Adjournment: Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by John.

The next meeting will be held on April 8th at 6:30 PM at the Sewer Plant.