TOWN OF WOODSTOCK NY – TOWN BOARD MEETING
45 COMEAU DRIVE, WOODSTOCK NY 12498
MEETING 7PM, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Public Hearing on 2027 Preliminary Budget

C. Presentations

C.1 Affordable Housing Options

C.2 Hudson Valley Power Authority Act (A02127/S02026) Presentation by Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha

D. Resolutions

D.1 Resolution Closing the Public Hearing for the 2027 Budget

D. 2 Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of $30,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to HomeShare Ulster County

D.3 Resolution Supporting the Hudson Valley Power Authority Act (A02127/S02026) and Expressing the Town's Intent to Participate in the Development of a Publicly Owned Utility System

D.4 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Stinemire Engineering for Septic Feasibility Investigation Services for the Zena Property and Appropriating ARPA Funds

E. Announcements

F. Adjournment

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2027 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock adopted its Preliminary Budget for the years 2027 on October 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Notice of Public Hearing was posted on October 26 and published in the Hudson Valley One on October 28; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 2, 2026 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Town of Woodstock, 45 Comeau Drive Woodstock, NY 12498; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock does hereby close the public hearing on the Budget for the year 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopts the modifications to the Preliminary Budget as presented this day by the Budget Committee, which shall be subject to further review before the Final Budget is brought to a vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF $30,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO HOMESHARE ULSTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the need to expand affordable housing opportunities and support housing stability for residents of the Town of Woodstock; and

WHEREAS, HomeShare Ulster County provides housing assistance by matching homeowners with available living space to individuals seeking affordable housing options; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that supporting HomeShare Ulster County advances the Town's housing goals and serves a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds remain available for eligible community support and housing-related initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the appropriation of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to HomeShare Ulster County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute any necessary agreements and related documents, subject to review by the Town Attorney, to facilitate the disbursement of said funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such funds shall be used to support HomeShare Ulster County's programs and services serving residents of Ulster County, including residents of the Town of Woodstock.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUDSON VALLEY POWER AUTHORITY ACT (A02127/S02026) AND EXPRESSING THE TOWN'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Power Authority Act (A02127/S02026), sponsored by Sarahana Shrestha in the New York State Assembly and Michelle Hinchey in the New York State Senate, would establish the Hudson Valley Power Authority ("HVPA"), a public authority authorized to acquire and operate electric utility infrastructure, including the assets of Central Hudson, as a publicly owned, not-for-profit utility serving the residents and businesses of the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, access to affordable, reliable, and resilient electric service is essential to the health, safety, and economic well-being of the residents, businesses, and local governments of the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodstock is a significant consumer of electric service and has witnessed the impact that rising energy costs have on residents, businesses, community institutions, and municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that public ownership of electric utility infrastructure offers an opportunity to enhance transparency, accountability, and public participation in decisions affecting energy rates, service quality, infrastructure investment, and reliability; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board further believes that public ownership would place this critical infrastructure under the oversight of a publicly accountable entity whose mission is to serve ratepayers and the public interest; and

WHEREAS, unlike an investor-owned utility, a publicly owned utility would not be required to generate profits for shareholders, allowing revenues to be reinvested into system improvements, infrastructure modernization, reliability, resiliency, customer service, and rate stabilization for the benefit of customers and communities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Hudson Valley Power Authority is intended to provide reliable service, reasonable rates, clear and understandable billing, support for clean energy development, community benefits, labor protections, and increased public accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the need for continued investment in electric infrastructure to meet future energy demands, improve system resiliency, and support the transition to a modern and sustainable energy system; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that local communities should have a meaningful voice in the governance and operation of the electric systems upon which their residents and businesses depend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby supports passage of the Hudson Valley Power Authority Act (A02127/S02026) by the New York State Legislature and respectfully urges Governor Kathy Hochul to sign the legislation into law should it be adopted by the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock supports the acquisition of Central Hudson by the Hudson Valley Power Authority for the purpose of establishing a publicly owned, not-for-profit electric utility operating under public oversight and accountability, with the interests of ratepayers and communities taking precedence over shareholder profit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Woodstock expresses its willingness to participate in discussions, planning efforts, stakeholder engagement, and regional coordination activities associated with implementation of the Hudson Valley Power Authority should the legislation become law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board encourages the development of an electric utility system that prioritizes affordability, reliability, resiliency, transparency, environmental stewardship, and responsiveness to the needs of Hudson Valley residents and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Michelle Hinchey, Sarahana Shrestha, the New York State Legislature, and such other elected officials and interested parties as deemed appropriate.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH STINEMIRE ENGINEERING FOR SEPTIC FEASIBILITY INVESTIGATION SERVICES FOR THE ZENA PROPERTY AND APPROPRIATING ARPA FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodstock is evaluating future uses of the Town-owned Zena property and requires an assessment of the site's suitability for on-site wastewater treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, Stinemire Engineering has submitted a proposal to perform field testing, soil investigations, and prepare a comprehensive septic feasibility report for the property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed work will assist the Town in determining the property's development potential and identifying any septic-related constraints; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the proposed services is Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars ($9,850.00); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are available and appropriate for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Woodstock hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Stinemire Engineering for field testing, soil investigations, and preparation of a comprehensive septic feasibility report for the Town-owned Zena property at a cost not to exceed Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars ($9,850.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this work shall be provided from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this Resolution.