

**APRIL 1, 2026
REGULAR MEETING – 4:00 PM**

Present: Deputy Mayor Emery, Trustees: Harter, and Hotchkiss, John Power, Marcia Delong, Matt Halsey and Roberta Hamer
Absent: Mayor Grimshaw and Trustee Linerode

Deputy Mayor Emery led the Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Emery opened the Public Hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 Village Budget at 4:00 pm. Deputy Mayor Emery stated that there will be a 3% increase in taxes for the fiscal year. Purchase of highway equipment was approved to be funded with the capital reserve fund. On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye the public hearing was closed at 4:04 pm. No public comment.

Deputy Mayor Emery opened the regular meeting at 4:04 PM

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2026 were approved by Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye. The Election minutes from March 18, 2026 were approved by Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye.

The following claims were approved for payment on motion of Trustee Harter seconded by Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye:

General Fund Abstract:	10C: \$22,418.74 11A: \$33,375.16
Water Fund Abstract:	10C: \$24,972.84 11A: \$4,367.53
Sewer Fund Abstract:	10C: \$40,740.07 11A: \$14,014.30

Reports were given by John Power/Village Administrator and Deputy Mayor Emery on behalf of William Hamacher/Zoning/Code Enforcement

Deputy Mayor Emery wanted to congratulate newly elected Trustee Hamer. He also wanted to thank Susan Linerode for all her years of service to the village.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye, the 2026-2027 Village Budget was approved.

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION FEES

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Mexico is considering a vacant building registration fee; and

WHEREAS, to establish a new vacant building registration fee schedule as follows:

- YEAR 1: \$125.00
- YEAR 2: \$500.00
- YEAR 3: \$1,000.00
- YEAR 4: \$1,500.00
- YEAR 5: \$2,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion made by Trustee Hotchkiss, and seconded by Trustee Harter, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION adopted as follows:

Terry Grimshaw, Mayor	ABSENT
James Hotchkiss, Trustee	AYE
James Emery, Trustee	AYE

Robert Harter, Trustee AYE

Susan Linerode, Trustee ABSENT

On motion of Trustee Hotchkiss, seconded Trustee Harter, all aye, the following resolutions were passed:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN A SEQRA
DETERMINATION FOR REVIEW OF THE TOWN AND VILLAGE OF MEXICO
FARMLAND AGRICULTURE AND PROTECTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, agriculture in Town and Village of Mexico is an important component of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was developed with funding support from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), Article 8 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law, and Part 617 of Title 6 New York Code, Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) to incorporate the consideration of environmental factors into existing planning, review, and decision-making processes of local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, SEQRA requires that all agencies determine whether the actions they directly undertake, fund, or approve may have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Village Board of Trustees have reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2 and 3, with attachments and narrative; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico have designated themselves as co-lead agencies in the SEQRA review of the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, an uncoordinated review of the Town and Village of Mexico's Farmland Protection Plan has been completed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that based upon the information provided and discussed, the Town Board and Village of Mexico Board of Trustees have determined that the proposed action of adoption of the Town and Village Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that an environmental impact statement will not be prepared; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the reasons supporting this determination are documented on the Environmental Assessment Form, narratives and attachments to the forms, and on additional supporting documentation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that as a consequence of such findings and declaration, and in compliance with the requirements of SEQRA, the Town and Village, as co-lead agencies, hereby issue a Negative Declaration and direct that the Town Clerk file the ENB Notice and make available the same in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN AND VILLAGE OF MEXICO FARMLAND
AGRICULTURE AND PROTECTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico was awarded a New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets grant to develop a Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan contain updated census information, new ag-economic data, up-to-date maps and an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for agriculture, long-term vision and goals, and a series of recommended strategies to enhance agriculture in the Town and Village and an action Plan to guide implementation of programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico Agriculture and Farmland Steering Committee received significant public input in its development of the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Mexico Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board held a joint public hearing on the Plan on March 23rd 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and Village Board of Trustees have completed SEQRA review and determined that the proposed action of adopting the Town and Village Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan is a Type 1 Action and will not have a significant adverse environmental impact;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the adoption of the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will not have a significant adverse environmental impact pursuant to SEQRA and that an environmental impact statement will not be required; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board and Village Board of Trustees hereby adopt the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town and Village of Mexico Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan shall be incorporated in whole, into the new Town and Village joint Comprehensive plan to be a completely integrated element pursuant to Town Law 272-a and Village Law 7-722, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town and Village authorize submittal of said plan to the Commission of the Oswego County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for its review and approval, and subsequent to the County Board's decision, the Plan shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for their final approval; and, be it further

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye, the board approved the mayor's appointments with the exception of the cemetery board members until further research:

DEPUTY CLERK	DESIRAY TANNER	1 YEAR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	DESIRAY TANNER	1 YEAR
DEPUTY MAYOR	JAMES EMERY	1 YEAR
CEMETERY SEXTON	JOSHUA RHINEART	1 YEAR
HISTORIAN	SUSAN VAUGHN	1 YEAR
SAFETY INSPECTOR	FIRE CHIEF- SHAWN EDWARDS	1 YEAR
ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT	WILLIAM HAMACHER	1 YEAR
ATTORNEY	GRAHAM SEITER	1 YEAR
BUDGET OFFICER	TRACI WALLACE	1 YEAR
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION	OSWEGO COUNTY NEWS <u>OR</u> PALLADIUM TIMES	1 YEAR
OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY	PATHFINDER BANK NYCLASS	1 YEAR
SEWER COMMISSIONER	JAMES HOTCHKISS	1 YEAR
CEMETERY & WATER COMMISSIONER	ROBERT HARTER	1 YEAR
RECREATION COMMISSIONER	ROBERTA HAMER	1 YEAR
PERSONNEL & HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER	JAMES EMERY	1 YEAR
CEMETERY BOARD	TBD	TBD
ZONING BOARD	BRADTRUPELL	3 YEARS

Marcia DeLong updated the Village Board in regards to everything that she is working on. She stated that by the May meeting the draft of the Comprehensive Plan should be done and will be presented to the board for their review. The Farmer's Market is making exceptional progress and concerts this year will be held on the school's property.

On motion of Trustee Harter, seconded Trustee Hotchkiss, all aye, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Wallace
Village Clerk