

Groton Village Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, February 20, 2026

Mayor Neville
Trustee Conger
Trustee Morey
Trustee Holl

Nancy Niswender-Clerk/Treas
Angela Conger Deputy Treas
Charles Rankin
Lee Shurtleff - County Legislature

Glenn Morey
Patrick Deptula
Representative Anna Kelles

3:30 Mayor Neville reopened the meeting from February 20, 2026 and welcomed everyone.

Discussion of items that were discussed in Clerk Niswender's meeting with Rep. Kelles

- **AIM**

Discussion of the temporary increase and NYCOM action to request a permanent increase.

- **SWAP**

Waste Water and Drinking Water funding

Rep. Kelles reviewed the process of presenting this bill.

They are still working on fine tuning this bill to make it work.

- **Groton Nursing Home**

County Legislature Lee Shurtleff reviewed some history on the Groton Nursing Home needs over the years.

1982 the Groton Community Health Care Center / Nursing home was opened. The Nursing Home is not-for profit.

The Health Care Center worked with Cortland Memorial Hospital.

Since Guthrie took over CMH, the Nursing Home broke off independently.

Medicaid pays - a minimal amount of the cost. There needs to be an increase in Medicaid payments.

The 40 year old building needs repairs that could run to \$1,000,000.

Outside the Municipality and schools it is the largest north Tompkins County employer.

Discussion on the difference of cost of care and income received.

Income rate from Medicaid is based on 2007 base year and has not been updated since.

January 2024 - case mix index was .98. Rate now is 1.7

Rep. Kelles will research the items mentioned to see what assistance can be provided or suggested.

- **Groton Central School**

Rep. Kelles commented on the following:

Foundation Aid Rates need to be updated and adjusted for rural communities.

Groton's formula % has decreased.

We should look at advocating for this to be increased or re-evaluating or a cap.

- Review of the RFP's for the \$675,000 CDBG Grant # 487HR309-25. Trustee Holl made a motion that once the Contract has been signed and approved to accept the Thoma RFP for \$120,750, seconded by Trustee Conger, all in favor, carried.

5:15pm

Meeting adjourned to the budget meeting on March 7th 9am