Open Special September Town Board Meeting
October 07, 2026 5:20 PM

Roll Call: Councilmen Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher, Mayhew and Mallette are present.
Also Clerk Gunn and Highway Superintendent Alfano are present

Supervisor Johnson asks for a resolution from the Board that authorizes the Greig Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with a legal firm to provide assistance with Land Use in the new Zoning Law revisions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH O'TOOLE LAW GROUP FOR LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Greig is in the process of reviewing and drafting municipal regulations concerning Battery Energy Storage Systems ("BESS") to ensure safe and orderly development within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it necessary and appropriate to obtain specialized legal advice and review concerning the draft BESS law prior to its consideration and potential adoption; and

WHEREAS, Bridget O'Toole, Esq., of the O'Toole Law Group, possesses specialized expertise in municipal and energy law to perform a comprehensive legal review of the draft BESS law and provide formal legal comments; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with these professional legal services will be fully funded through grant funds awarded to the Town for the purpose of revising and updating its Zoning Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greig hereby authorizes Town Supervisor Robert Johnson to execute a retainer agreement with Bridget O'Toole, Esq., of the O'Toole Law Group, for legal services related to the review and adoption of the Town's draft Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation for said legal services shall be paid from the designated Zoning Law Grant funds, at no direct additional expense to the Town's general fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATED: October 7, 2026
MOTION BY: Councilman Bailey-Swisher
SECONDED BY: Councilman Olmstead
VOTE:

- Supervisor Robert Johnson: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Mallette: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Mayhew: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Bailey-Swisher: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Olmstead [x] Aye [ ] Nay

RESOLUTION Passes

Supervisor Johnson notes that Town Clerk Gunn has presented a resolution regarding cyber security improvement. Mr. Johnson asks the Board to review and pass this resolution.

Clerk Gunn gave the following overview of the opportunity.

Overview & Proposal

- **Offer**: New York State IT Services is offering members of Digital Towpath (the town's website vendor) free account access to **CrowdStrike Falcon Complete**.
- **Terms**: A 3-year contract fully funded by NY State, with a probable 4th-year state option.
- **Recommendation**: Recommendation for the Town Board to pass a resolution authorizing participation in the service.
- **Consideration**: Note that NY State will have visibility into activity on town-owned computers, but this is highlighted as a minimal concern compared to emerging cyber threats.

How CrowdStrike Falcon Complete Works

1. **Security Software ("The Cameras")**: Continuous monitoring software installed on town computers to detect malware, unauthorized access, and hacking attempts immediately.
2. **24/7 Expert Management ("The Guards")**: Unlike traditional antivirus software that simply alerts users, Falcon Complete provides active 24/7 monitoring by dedicated cybersecurity professionals.
3. **Full Remediation**: The expert team actively contains threats by isolating compromised devices, removing malicious files, and repairing affected systems without requiring town staff intervention.

TOWN OF GREIG BOARD RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NEW YORK STATE IT SERVICES / DIGITAL TOWPATH CROWDSTRIKE FALCON COMPLETE CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, New York State IT Services has established a program providing state-funded access to CrowdStrike Falcon Complete managed cybersecurity services for members of Digital Towpath; and

WHEREAS, the program offers a three-year contract fully funded by New York State, with a potential fourth-year option, resulting in zero cost to the Town of Greig; and

WHEREAS, modern municipal information systems face increasing exposure to sophisticated cyber threats, malware, and unauthorized system access; and

WHEREAS, participation in CrowdStrike Falcon Complete will provide the Town of Greig with continuous software threat detection and 24/7 expert remediation services to protect town equipment and administrative records;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greig hereby authorizes the Town to join the CrowdStrike Falcon Complete program made available through Digital Towpath and New York State IT Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any required agreements, enrollments, or onboarding documentation necessary to implement this service on town-owned computers.

DATED: October 7, 2026
MOTION BY: Councilman Mallette
SECONDED BY: Councilman Mayhew
VOTE:

- Supervisor Robert Johnson: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Mallette: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Mayhew: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Bailey-Swisher: [x] Aye [ ] Nay
- Councilperson Olmstead [x] Aye [ ] Nay

RESOLUTION Passes

Budget Presentation

Tentative Budget Overview: Supervisor Johnson, acting as the Town of Greig Budget Officer, presented the Tentative Budget to the Board after it was distributed by the Town Clerk.

- **Highway Department:** The Highway Department budget was presented first to allow the Highway Superintendent to leave early.
- **Workshop Discussion:** Board members asked questions and offered suggestions throughout the presentation as part of a workshop session.
- **Next Steps & Revisions:**
- The Budget Officer will distribute a revised budget within a few days.
- Board members are encouraged to continue reviewing the details.
- Budget discussions will resume at the regular October meeting next Wednesday.
- **Tax Cap Public Hearing:** A Public Hearing will take place before the next Town Board meeting regarding a Local Law to allow the Town to exceed the 2% New York State Tax Cap, including an explanation of the state's calculation method and why exceeding it may be necessary.

Being no further business, the Supervisor calls for adjournment

Motion 26-10-01 made by Councilman Bailey-Swisher, Seconded by Olmstead
Motion to adjourn 8:00 PM
Vote: Mallette, Olmstead, Bailey-Swisher and Mayhew - Yes
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Gunn, Clerk/Collector