

A duly noticed joint public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Hornellsville and the Town Board of the Town of Canisteo, County of Steuben, State of New York, was held on September 8, 2025 at the Hornellsville Town Hall, 4 Park Avenue, Arkport, New York 14807 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Broughton.

- Present: Dan Broughton, Supervisor
James Giglio, Council Member
David Oakes, Council Member
Trisha Yanni, Council Member
- Recording Secretary: Jessica LaFrance, Town Clerk
- Absent: Robert Mauro, Council Member
- Also Present: Kate L. Silverstrim-Jensen, Harris Beach Murtha

No members of the Canisteo Town Board were present. Pursuant to General Municipal Law §705(3), if a governing board of an affected local government does not participate in such hearing, the governing board or boards of the other affected local government or governments shall have power to conduct such hearing without the participation of such former governing board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited, led by Dan Broughton, Supervisor.

Purpose:

The purpose of the hearing was to consider a joint resolution pursuant to General Municipal Law §§703–705 proposing the annexation of approximately 42.30 acres of territory from the Town of Canisteo to the Town of Hornellsville, as more fully described in the joint resolution and notice of public hearing. Proper notice of the hearing was published and posted pursuant to law.

Presentation of Resolution:

The Joint Resolution was summarized for the record, and the territory was described as set forth in the Notice of Joint Public Hearing.

Public Comment:

Residents of the affected area, Ruth Whitmore, Dick and Kathryn Russell, and Hannah Mikolajczyk, as well as Rick McInroy, Mayor and Katrina Oliverio, Village Clerk-Treasurer from the Village of Canisteo participated. Several of the residents present asked questions regarding municipal services including ambulance and fire services and what other changes they could expect should annexation proceed. The Board and counsel explained that, if approved, the territory proposed to be annexed would no longer receive emergency services through the Town of Canisteo fire protection district. Instead, this territory will become part of the Town of Hornellsville fire protection district. Residents were familiar with the fire departments and EMS providers for the adjacent town and were aware that these agencies frequently work together to provide mutual aid when necessary. Several residents also asked about snow removal and plowing. They noted that currently the Town of Canisteo only plows a small portion of the road, and that the driver has to go through Hornellsville or the Village of Canisteo in order to access this section of the road. The Board and counsel explained that, if approved, the Town of Hornellsville would take over plowing operations for this section of road, which means they would plow the entire length of the road. Plow trucks would no longer have to turn around on Dineen Road or go around to access it. Additional questions asked were informational in nature and were addressed by the Board and counsel. No one expressed opposition to the proposed annexation and no written or oral objections from property owners or residents were submitted or filed.

Adjournment:

The matter will be taken under advisement, and each Board will deliberate and issue its determination as required under General Municipal Law §711.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica L. LaFrance
Town Clerk
September 16, 2025