

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 pm

PRESENT

Councilman Dennis Robinson
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek - excused
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

Town Accountant Mark Adamchick
Highway Superintendent Lee Wohlhueter
Budget Officer Tammy Nuttle
Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer
Town Clerk Deborah Jusiak
Approximately 1 resident

2026 Preliminary Budget Workshop

Supervisor DePasquale began the 2026 Budget Workshop by reviewing the Highway revenues and expenditures. The Highway tax rate was raised by approximately 2.2% to offset the rising cost of materials. The Highway Fund did not receive a General Fund Contribution. Supervisor DePasquale and the Board discussed a 3% pay rate increase for all employees. Superintendent Wohlhueter was excused from the meeting at 6:30 pm.

DePasquale said that Street Lighting is an in-and-out account. It had to be raised by about 21% to offset increased NYSEG rates and charges to convert New York State's infrastructure to electric. The district saw small savings from a NYSERDA rebate program and conversion to LED lamps.

Refuse charges were raised to \$286.76/unit to cover Waste Management's charges. The amount includes an offset contribution of \$8,500 from the General Fund Balance. The Supervisor's Office will investigate a possible grant for hazardous waste disposal. Residents' extra garbage and recycling tote charges will appear on the tax bills as separate line charges.

The Water Department debt charge was raised to \$682.35 to cover the debt payment and the steep increase in operations. The Department will evaluate the system for leaks.

The Town Board went through the General Fund revenues and expenditures and made additional changes to some of the budget lines. They will also be updating program rates, fees and fines to make them comparable to other towns. The Board is looking at the Hometown Heroes Banners for the Town and adding a donation to the Holland Boys and Girls Club. The Board discussed making an increased donation to the Glenwood-Maltby Cemetery for tree work and mowing this year and in the future.

The Board discussed the upcoming Kummer Park project. A deposit will be made on new playground equipment before the end of the year. Town employee and volunteered labor will be honored as in-kind services towards the Town's 50% contribution. The Park project grant renovations will go into a separate bank account.

Accountant Mark Adamchick will make the adjustments and provide an updated copy of the 2026 Town Preliminary Budget.

The Supervisor determined that a workshop will be needed prior to the October Town Board meeting to address the CDBG items and the assessor's appointment.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Jusiak
Town Clerk