

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025, AT 6PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK

Present: Sean Mahoney Supervisor
David Kukle Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza(left 6:58pm) Councilman

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian Budget Officer
Sgt. Robert Haines Hunter Police Department
Robert Blain Superintendent of Highways

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 6PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FUND BALANCE - Discussion

A \$195,000 B \$30,000 DB \$25,000 DA (upped what R. Blain submitted by \$25,000 making it \$325,000 for a combined total of \$575,000

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Lara states a figure of \$20,000 was included in the tax rate for STR monitoring (Granicus contract amount \$23,000) adding she received a copy of a contract today from Rose for Deckard and there are escalating figures. Lara stated not enough time to review it.

DISCUSSION – Franchise fees, ambulance revenue, and justice court revenue.

A Woolheater contacting Medex.

POLICE – Sgt. Haines states S & T Security not needed for this upcoming weekend; the Police Department will handle with a few minor mitigations put in place. He references more barrels below bridge and tow away signs in various locations.

Councilman Semenza left (6:58PM)

Town Board directs R. Blain to take the impound lot fencing down as there will be no more towing this year.

Sgt. Haines states the town does not anticipate towing at all next year.

CONTROL OF DOGS

A3510.1 leave at 2025 rate (\$3,629) No raise submitted.

A3510.4 lower to \$800

HYDRANTS – Town Board requests information on how many hydrants the invoice is for.

AMBULANCE

A4540.4 lower to \$81,000.

A1640 -Supervisor Mahoney to contact Medex for an explanation as to why revenue is low when calls are up. Leave figure at \$225,000.

GREENE COUNTY EMS – Supervisor Mahoney states could possibly get absorbed by Greene County, Town Board should have an answer prior to the adoption of the budget. Lara instructed by Town Board at first budget meeting to leave a figure in.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Highmark BlueShield Retirees - Lara states she put in a 7% increase hoping the increase will be lower once she receives rate information. She adds she did not factor in the 10% employee contributions; she will rework these figures for the next meeting. Also, she did a worksheet showing the actual percentage of deductible used and has based her projections on that information (66% usage for General only and 50% usage by Highway employees) Town using figures for the Bronze6 program.

STAFFING NEEDS – Discussion on need for a full-time person to be shared between the Secretary to the Supervisor and the Code Enforcement Officer. Both offices have historically had additional staff.

HIGHWAY

Platte Clove raised by 5% \$259,875. The mechanic tentative budget was increased 12% which can be bumped back down to 5% on the 2025 amount of \$126,000 resulting as \$132,300.

DB5112.41 will be renamed to Capital Improvements -Paving and Guardrails as funds will be used in other places, not just Platte Clove Mt.

R. Blain states he approves the additional fund balance use of \$325,000 in DA and \$25,000 in DB.

LAND DEVELOPMENT – keep at zero.

R. Blain states municipalities may burn brush once the statewide burn ban has been lifted.

NYS DIVISION OF CEMETERIES

Town Clerk to contact office to verify paperwork was received for Haines Falls Cemetery abandonment.

HUNTER HIGHLANDS

Discussion on force accounts.

PERSONNEL

Town Board states D. Rion to remain at \$25.00 per hour for the 2026 budget.

POLICE

Discussion on pay rises and who on the part time roster works regular hours versus those who do not appear on the payroll.

L. Hamrah-Poladian believes Sgt. Haines did not include pay rises for part-time employees in the 2026 budget but will verify that with him before the next budget meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:50 PM to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -3-

Noes -0-

Absent -2- (Semenza,Legg)

C. Pascucci and L. Hamrah-Poladian excused.

Councilman Reale makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 PM. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -3-

Noes -0-

Absent -2- (Semenza,Legg)

No action taken.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:50 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -3-

Noes -0-

Absent -2- (Semenza,Legg)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter