

**MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER
HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AT 5PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON
RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK**

Present:	David Kukle	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Budget Officer
Others Present:	Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairperson/IT
	Ariel Woolheater	Ambulance Administrator
Absent:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk

Councilman Semenza calls the meeting to order at 6pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ASSESSED VALUATION

Lara Hamrah-Poladian went over the Assessed Valuation worksheet to point out that the Town has an overall increase of 1.5 million with the majority being in Town Outside (1 million) and a slight decrease in the Village of Tannersville.

A2610 Justice Court Revenues – The Board advised to increase the budget figure to \$60,000.

Town Board asks for 3% and 5% pay increase columns across the board so they can see the numbers.

The Debt Service worksheet shows not a great deal of debt, which lends to the low fiscal stress rating received of 3.3%.

L. Hamrah-Poladian informs the board that the Supervisor's Office is grossly lacking in staff and needs to replenish the workforce. She adds that her budget worksheet includes funding for a part time new hire. Susan handles the majority of the grant work, and she is semi-retired. She stated that Helen is amazing and extremely helpful, however, her primary responsibility is Highway and that is where her funding is sourced. She adds that the office has needed and had been additionally staffed since Supervisor Rem, listing all the names of past assistants, which was at least seven in the past twenty-five years. Councilman Kukle would like to see the data for hours spent on grants versus the money returned to the town for grant administration.

Councilman Kukle questions why the Tax Collector removed annual dues for NYS Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors from her budget?

****Town Clerk note**** The Tax Collector has not had a need to utilize the services of the NYS Association of Tax Receivers and Collectors. As tax collection varies from county to county, she utilizes the Greene County Offices of Treasurer and Real Property when questions arise.

Permits – Discussion on Junkyard and Scrap Processor being two-year permits. Board asks Town Clerk to verify if the licenses will be due in 2026 or 2027. Also, how many Peddler Permits were issued in 2025

and what locations in the Town should have one. Board discussion about enforcement for Peddlers Permits being with the Code Enforcement Office.

****Town Clerk note**** The Estimate of Revenues was revised to include Scrap Processor and Junk Yard Permits that are due in 2026. Also, the Town Board issued no Peddlers Permits.

A1620.42

M. Czermerys states he would like to increase A1620.42 from the originally requested \$22,000 by \$8,000 making the figure \$30,000. He adds upgrades are necessary to comply with law and insurance requirements.

POLICE

Councilman Kukle states the contracts have not yet been executed and still in discussion and suggests this be discussed during Executive Session.

Sgt. Haines states for the ease of budgeting, he would like pay increases to be based upon a calendar year, not hire anniversary dates (comp. time will still be based upon hire anniversary dates)

AMBULANCE

Ariel states there is a need for new furniture in the ambulance quarters. She would like to purchase recliners in 2026 to allow each person to have their own space as opposed to all sitting on one couch. Town Board requests figures for 3% raises as only 5% was submitted.

Town Board discusses billing procedures for ambulance calls and would like to request reports from Medex to discuss at the next meeting.

Ariel stated she has placed a call to Lynette at Medex and is awaiting her response.

HISTORIAN

Town Board requests more details on budget request for Ancestry.com from the Historian.

PLANNING

B2115 Revenue leave at \$6,500.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT – tabled to next meeting.

HIGHWAY

R. Blain states for the loader and roller, he is using fund balance to offset.

Town Board requests figures for 3% raises as only 5% was submitted.

CEMETERY – tabled

RENOVATIONS – Leave at \$10,000

TECHNOLOGY – Eliminate the \$18,000 on worksheet, now contained on IT worksheets.

GREENE COUNTY EMS

Discussion – Greene County Ems, Fire Departments, Workers Compensation, Health Insurance and Lighting Districts.

L. Hamrah-Poladian reads an email from Mark Evans advising the County is to cover costs. The Town Board advised her to leave the expense in A4540.41 for now and she will use the \$42,000 figure.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Insurance broker recommended budgeting \$6,000(single) and \$12,000(family)for the Town funded deductible portion.

L. Hamrah-Poladian, on the worksheets, budgeted \$4,500(single)and \$10,500 (family), adding the Town Board needs to choose which plan and the funded deductible amount.

Town Board wishes to use the suggested plan with the \$6,000 and \$12,000 at this first budget meeting and then go from there. The plan utilized is Bronze 6 which had a 4% increase to premiums compared to the current plan which is increasing premiums by 13%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual obligations. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Supervisor Mahoney)

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 7:24 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1 (Supervisor Mahoney)

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Supervisor Mahoney)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter