

Minutes of October 8, 2024, Germantown Town Board Budget workshop, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom.

Present: Supervisor Helsley
Councilman Sullivan
Councilman Kukon
Councilmember Suarez
Councilman Christian

Town Attorney, Corinne Smith

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the public hearing with the General Fund saying taxes remained flat. Sales tax lowered. Supervisor Helsley is going to check on the franchise fee with GTel. Lowered clerk fees and registrar fees. In January once the Activity Building is completed rental fees will be raised. Fines and mortgage tax down. Town board discussed fines-revenue. Councilman Sullivan asked Corinne about money in the reserve accounts and how we could use those funds, the Lorenz account. Corinne said to make sure it is a true reserve account and use it in accordance to where it should go. Supervisor Helsley said historical property going up for roof and chimney repairs. Insurance is going up. Code Enforcement asked for a raise, his expenses went down. Highway Superintendent asked for 3% raise. Supervisor Helsley said next year they will look at camp counselors. Supervisor Helsley mentioned receiving \$8,000 Hover Grant going towards Parsonage roof. Supervisor Helsley said they are over the budget for the planner. Councilman Sullivan said the planner is a set amount why is it over? Supervisor Helsley will check LaBella's bills. Supervisor Helsley said Celebrations is up for 2025. Highway Fund. Chips should be \$120,000. Fund balance \$63,331. Councilman Christian suggested the School and Fire department chip in with the town for fuel. Supervisor Helsley will talk with Anthony about fuel. Lighting remained flat. Sewer. Councilman Sullivan would like to check with the County about billing for sewer. Supervisor Helsley will talk to PJ Keeler about it.

Next budget workshop is October 22nd at 6:00pm.

Workshop closed at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,