

10-05-2024 – 2025 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Present:

Councilman Matthew Krist
Councilman Kathleen Becker
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Absent:

Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel
Councilman Ethan Dabolt

Also Present:

Highway Superintendent Christopher Dabolt
Town Clerk Jennifer Bray
Approx. no guests

Supervisor Gambino called the 2025 Budget work session to order at 9:05 AM.

Supervisor Gambino began by informing the Board that the dog control officer had submitted her resignation to the Town Attorney. Supervisor Gambino stated that she had received a recommendation from the Supervisor of the Town of Colden as well as the Supervisor from the Town of Holland for Michelle Zak who serves as the Town of Colden dog control officer as well as the backup for the Town of Holland. Supervisor Gambino noted that William Newell, the dog control officer for Holland serves as the backup for Colden if needed. There was a brief discussion then, **on a motion by Krist, seconded by Becker, Michelle Zak was appointed as Dog Control for the Town of Sardinia and William Newell as backup. Carried, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.**

Supervisor Gambino then began a review of the General Fund lines of the 2025 Budget. She started by noting that some lines have a 4% wage increase but noted that it was not across the board as some may be less or more to make them comparable to other Towns. Supervisor Gambino continued the line-by-line review of the budget. Supervisor Gambino stated that the tentative budget did not have an increase in line A3510.100 Dog Control Officer but suggested changing that to be more in line with the surrounding Towns. A discussion followed and the line was changed to \$8000.00. Next a lengthy discussion was held regarding line A5010.100 Highway Administration Superintendent and well as line A7180.110 Special Recreation Facilities Maintenance Coordinator. After discussion it was agreed that line A5010.100 would remain at the amount proposed in the tentative budget and line A7180.100 would be increased to \$7000.00. The next item in the General Fund that was the Highway Garage Lines. After discussion it was agreed to add a line in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the budget for a new salt shed. Next there was a brief discussion regarding the park lines and potential projects. The next items discussed were new lines that have been added to the budget. Both are under Youth Programs. The first will be for the Boys and Girls Club of Holland that provides after school and summer programs for kids some of whom are residents of Sardinia Residents. The other was for the not-for-profit Muckdogs baseball organization. Supervisor Gambino noted that if approved these lines would also have contracts between the organizations and the Town.

Supervisor Gambino then moved on to a review of the Highway budget lines. The first item discussed was line DA5142.430 Parts and Labor. It was decided the line would be increased to \$35,000.00. It was noted that the line DA5142.450 Sand and Salt was increased by \$10,000.00 from the 2024 Budget.

The last items discussed were the Fire Protections lines. Supervisor Gambino noted that the increases are contracted based. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the revenues used to fund the Fire Protections lines in the 2025 Budget including taxes, interfund transfers and fund balance appropriation.

Upon completing a full review of all of the 2025 Budget lines Supervisor Gambino asked if there were any other comment or questions on the budget. There were none. Supervisor Gambino stated that she would make the updates noted and set a public hearing at the October regular meeting. There being no other business to come before the Board. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Becker, the 2025 Budget Work Session closed at 11:14 am. Carried, 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Bray, RMC
Town Clerk