

10-18-2025 – 2026 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Present:

Councilman Matthew Krist
Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel
Councilman Kathleen Becker
Councilman Krissy Kittleson
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Also Present:

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

Supervisor Gambino called the 2026 Budget work session to order at 9:00 AM. Supervisor Gambino began by addressing an issue from the October meeting. She then made the board aware she has made a change to the Senior Citizens and Programs Committee by appointing Jennifer Bray and Michelle Jones to the Committee. Supervisor Gambino noted that she would like to look into appointing a recreation director to handle senior trips and programs. There was a discussion on all of these topics.

Supervisor Gambino then gave a brief summary of the changes to the 2026 budget. Supervisor Gambino stated that there were a few lines that increased but the overall budget was down. Supervisor noted that there was an error in the Tentative Budget under the Historical Society line noting that it should be \$15,000.00 per the contract with the Historical Society.

Supervisor Gambino then moved to the Highway lines. Superintendent Dabolt requested to be able to roll over any unexpended funds from the 2025 budget to 2026 budget. This would be in addition to the amounts in the 2026 Budget. Supervisor Gambino noted the biggest increase in the highway lines was for payroll and is due to the contract which is being negotiated.

There was discussion on different budget lines as well as potential capital improvement projects for 2026. There was discussion on the cost of the senior trips and dinners. It was noted that due to the total cost of each trip they need to be bid out. Supervisor Gambino reported that Waste Management was donating \$1600.00 towards this year's Senior Holiday Dinner.

Supervisor Gambino asked for a motion to allow for the rollover of unexpended highway funds from the 2025 budget to the 2026 budget. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Hochadel, permission was given to set up a rollover of fund for the Highway lines. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

On a motion by Kittleson, seconded by Krist, the Board moved to Executive Session at 9:38 am to discuss Highway Contract negotiations. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

On a motion by Krist, seconded by Kittleson, the Board returned from Executive Session at 10:17 am. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.

Supervisor Gambino asked for a motion to accept the 2026 Budget with changes to increase the Highway payroll and retirement lines and fixing the error to the Historical Society line. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Kittleson, the 2026 Budget was accepted with changes to become the 2026 Preliminary Budget. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

There being no other business to come before the Board. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Hochadel, the 2026 Budget Work Session closed at 10:19 am. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Bray, RMC
Town Clerk