

TOWN OF SANFORD

PRELIMINARY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

PRESENT:	Kenny Wist	Supervisor
	Jay Vandermark	Councilman-absent
	Alice Ray	Councilman
	Shane Lester	Councilman
	Dan Andresen	Councilman
	Alison Lang	Town Clerk

Guest: Anne Lawrence, 536 Farnham Road; Steven Logue, 2928 Old Route 17.

Supervisor Kenny Wist called the Meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Town Hall 91 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754.

Supervisor Wist presented the board with the Oquaga Lake Sewer report. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the Oquaga Lake Sewer report.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Pete Hathaway, Code Enforcement Officer. On a motion made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the Code Enforcement Officer report.

Supervisor Wist spoke on behalf of the Highway Superintendent. Blacktopping will come to an end this week; plant is closing. Highway crew continues to haul in road sand in preparation for winter along with regular highway maintenance. Wist along with the Highway Superintendent met with FEMA earlier in the day for a recovery scope meeting. A 60-day window will allow for the town to identify any additional damage within the township from the storm in August. The town is currently working with an engineer on some of the larger temporary and permanent repairs in North Sanford; Clark and Perry Roads.

Supervisor Kenny Wist opened the Public Hearing to hear comments and objections to the 2025 Year Preliminary Budget. Affidavit of Publication on: 10/30/24 & 11/6/24 in the Town's Official Newspaper, The Deposit Courier; Affidavit of posting on the Town's Official Sign Board & Website, posted 10/30/24.

Supervisor Wist asked for any oral or written comments?? Town Clerk reported the Town did not receive any written comments.

The anticipated inflation rate increase is 2.25%, below the 2% tax cap levy limit. Jodi Seymour asked the town board if someone holds more than one position and gets a 2%

increase for each position; wouldn't that equal to an overall increase of 6%? Each position gets a 2% increase on each individual position but each position is paid a different salary; doesn't equal an overall 6% raise. Anne Lawrence questioned the ARPA funds; Wist explained that those are the Covid relief funds.

Supervisor Wist stated, all persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing is CLOSED. Time: 7:38 pm.

Town Clerk asked the Town Board to consider a Resolution "Adopting the Annual Town Budget for the Year 2025". The motion was made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the following Resolution.

**#63-RESOLUTION-2024
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL TOWN
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Sanford, Broome County, New York, duly held a Public Hearing on November 12, 2024, commencing at 7:00pm, on the Preliminary Budget approved by the Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, including Fire District Budgets and the Oquaga Lake Sewer District Budget and having heard in the matter of the Budget for this Town for such fiscal year been discussed and considered, it is

RESOLVED, that the said Preliminary Budget, including the Fire Districts Budgets and the Oquaga Lake Sewer District Budget for Year 2025 is hereby adopted and established as the Annual Budget for this Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and that Annual Budget as so Adopted is detailed in the Minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board, and it further

RESOLVED, that the town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify as provided by Law, duplicate copies of the said Annual Budget hereby Adopted and shall attach thereto an exemption report in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008 and deliver one such copy, to the Supervisor of the Town and that he shall present such copy to the Board of Legislators of the County, as required by Law.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken as follows: Supervisor Kenny Wist: AYE; Councilman Shane Lester: AYE; Councilman Dan Andresen: AYE; Councilman Alice Ray: AYE; NOES: None. Dated: November 12, 2024.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to guests. A question was asked how the town board prepares for meetings if the materials aren't available to the board members. Wist explained that some information is received last minute through email and is reviewed prior to the meeting. Seymour spoke on the camera and asked to receive a copy of the report regarding the pipe on Big Hollow Road. Wist received a verbal report and will request a written report. Seymour also let the board know a highway employee urinated in

the middle of the road. The issue will be addressed. The motion detection lights on the windmills will not take place until spring; construction is now complete.

The Dog Control report was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the DCO report for October 2024.

The Assessor's report was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the Assessor's report for October 2024.

The Minutes of October 2nd; 8th; 15th; and 22nd were presented to the board. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the minutes of 10/2/24. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the minutes of 10/8/24. On a motion made by Shane Lester, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the minutes of 10/15/24. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the minutes of 10/22/24.

The Clerks report of October 2024 was presented to the Town Board. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Dan Andresen and all approved the Clerks report for October 2024.

The Monthly report of September 2024 was presented to the Board. On a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved the monthly report for September 2024.

Supervisor Wist spoke on committee reports. Wist spoke on the new highway garage; he has attended several meetings to review preliminary drawings. Wist hopes to have a set of plans to review by the December meeting and getting the project out to bid shortly after.

Supervisor Wist gave the floor to Town Clerk, Alison Lang. Lang had nothing to report.

Bills were presented to the Board.

The Motion was made by Dan Andresen, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved that the Bills be paid as presented:

The Total Amounts and Voucher Numbers submitted to Town Clerk by Supervisor's Secretary.

Date of Audit: 11/12/24 Abstract #11– General: \$31,712.31–Voucher #640-641, 644-645, 647-648, 650-656, 663-684. Highway: \$218,105.54– Voucher #657, 685-707; Sewer O & M: \$10,497.69– Voucher #642-643, 649, 659-662; T&A: \$106,194.56-Voucher #646,658.

Since no further business was at hand, on a motion made by Alice Ray, seconded by Shane Lester and all approved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Alison Lang, Town Clerk