

Minutes of a Budget Work-Session of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson held at the Town Hall, 4052 State Route 42, Monticello, New York and held on **October 15, 2024.**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr. Presiding
Councilwoman Melinda S. Meddaugh
Councilman Scott S. Mace
Councilman John A. Pavese
Councilman Ryan T. Schock

Also Present: Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk
Melissa DeMarmels, Town Comptroller
Richard L. Benjamin, Jr., Highway Superintendent
Glenn Somers, Parks & Recreation Superintendent
Jill M. Weyer, Director of Community Development
James L. Carnell, Jr., Director of Building, Planning & Zoning
Michael G. Messenger, Water & Sewer Superintendent
Heather Berg, Receiver of Taxes

BUDGET WORK-SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Rieber opened the Budget Work-Session at 5:00 PM for the purpose of discussing and reviewing the 2025 Fiscal-Year Tentative Budget. Notice of this Budget Work-Session was published in the Sullivan County Democrat on 09/27/2024 with the same being posted on the bulletin board at the Town Hall and on the Town Website on 09/25/2024.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Town Board started reviewing the 2025 Fiscal-Year Tentative Budget that was filed with the Town Clerk on 09/30/2024. Comptroller Melissa DeMarmels provided the Board with a budget summary for reference and review. The Town Board met with various Department Heads to discuss and review Department Budgets as follows:

- 1) Highway Department – Superintendent Richard L. Benjamin, Jr.
- 2) Village of Ateres formation transition
- 3) Tax Collector’s Budget – Heather Berg, Receiver of Taxes
- 4) Building, Planning & Zoning Department – Director James L. Carnell, Jr.
- 5) Parks & Recreation Department – Superintendent Glenn Somers
- 6) Youth programs and activities, cemeteries, beautification, and adopt-a-road – Superintendent Glenn Somers & Director Jill Weyer
- 7) Water & Sewer Department including Lighting Districts – Superintendent Michael Messenger
- 8) Town Clerk, Registrar & Records Management Department – Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk/Registrar/RMO

- 9) Justice Court Budget Requests
- 10) Assessor's Budget

MEETING RECESSED

On a motion made by Councilwoman Meddaugh and seconded by Councilman Pavese the work-session was recessed at 6:50 PM. All board members voted in favor of recessing the work-session until Tuesday, October 29th at 5PM to continue discussing and reviewing the 2025 Fiscal-Year Tentative Budget.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Marilee J. Calhoun

Marilee J. Calhoun, Town Clerk