

TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING #3

October 3, 2024

A Town Board 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting was held on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at the Esopus Town Hall 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York at 6:00 PM. The following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Danielle Freer
Councilperson Evelyn Clarke
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Laura Robinson
Councilperson Jared Geuss**

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

**Brian Pickard, CPA
Debbie Kain, Bookkeeper**

Supervisor Freer called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

The Town Board reviewed the changes recommended from the last budget meeting held on September 19, 2024. The 2025 budget stays within the 2% tax cap. The surplus fund balance will be used to reduce the tax levy.

Supervisor Freer reminded the Board that they need to decide how the balance of the ARPA money will be spent. A prior list of approved items had been compiled when the funds were first received, and they will be reviewing to see what items can be purchased. The report on how the funds are to be allocated needs to be completed by December 2024 however, the money needs to be spent by 2026.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF 10/03/24 AS THE PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER TO ACCEPT THE 2025 BUDGET AS WRITTEN AS THE PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING 2025 BUDGET

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR DANIELLE FREER TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 BUDGET MEETING FOR OCTOBER 17, 2024, AT 6:45 PM AT 1 TOWN HALL WAY, ULSTER PARK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER AT 6:33 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

*Respectively Submitted,
Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*