

Budget Meeting Workshop II
Catskill Town Hall
October 9, 2025 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Patrick McCulloch, Supervisor
 Jared Giordiano, Councilman
 Dawn Scannapieco, Councilwoman
 Steven Espel, Councilman
 Brian Kozloski, Councilman
 Kirsten Bulich, Budget Officer

Supervisor McCulloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Tuesday's budget meeting will include IT and Highway.

Non-Union Wages – Supervisor McCulloch stated Councilman Kozloski and Councilwoman Scannapieco requested what a 3% increase would look like. Union contracts are not yet approved but both Ambulance and Highway have very decent wage increases and feels it would be unfair to non-union employees to have 3%. Councilman Giordiano does not want to have the town be in the position again of having to have big equalizations. After discussion, all were good with 5% and confirmed PT elected officials 0% increase.

Code – Supervisor McCulloch stated we need to find a place for Matt in the wage chart. He is requesting to be brought to where his step would be based on employment years. All were ok with Matt being in year/step 4 and going into year/step 5.

Revenues were reviewed. Ambulance revenue increased by \$100,000. Athens Ambulance Contract – still in negotiations. Dog Control – we have the contract with the VOC in place now. Interest & Earnings increased \$50,000. Councilman Giordiano stated we may need to lower the rental on the Senior Center. We have not received a contract from the County yet. Justice receipts – stayed same. Gifts – stayed the same. Mortgage Tax – increased to \$160,000.

Cemetery – after discussion, line to \$5,000 and the remainder of this year's budget will be in reserve for next year.

Supervisor McCulloch stated there will not be an infrastructure bond next year and will hope to use money from Champlain Power for infrastructure.

Sewer District funds reviewed. Supervisor McCulloch stated we should purchase additional equipment to have as spares for the pump stations etc.

Fire Protection reviewed. Hydrant fees zeroed out. Lighting district – Kirsten to review number and get back to the board.

Planning Board revenue – left at \$5,000.

Building Permits – left at \$120,000.

Supervisor McCulloch polled the board about George's request to fund FT EMT position. Ms. Bulich stated single coverage would be \$72,000. Councilman Giordiano feels a PT EMT will move into the FT EMT position. After discussion, \$36,000 was added to the FT EMT 10 position.

With no further business, a motion to end the meeting was made by Councilman Espel, second by Councilman Giordiano. The meeting ended at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk