

Budget Workshop Meeting III
Catskill Town Hall
October 14, 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.

IT – Shawn Conklin of Webjogger reviewed the quotes submitted to the board for ambulance, town hall, the firewall, computer upgrade cycle, monthly management agreement, cloud storage, and data retention.

The board discussed each recommendation with Shawn. Supervisor McCulloch polled the board and asked if they had any questions for him. All were good with the quotes presented.

Central Garage – Salary, contractual. Jack wishes to replace the 15 yo truck. Supervisor McCulloch pulled the board. Cost \$68,000. Jack also stated there is a request to separate the locker room from the toilet at the highway department. Councilman Giordiano stated both cannot be done. Councilman Kozloski would rather purchase a truck. Kirsten reviewed the lines. All agreed on the purchase of a new truck using reserves and sale of the old truck.

Telephone line reduced to \$1,100. Building security increased to \$720. Vehicle equipment/repairs reduced to \$1,000.

Highway – salary 5% increase. Supervisor McCulloch would like the Highway Superintendent in the wage chart. Highway Superintendent Beers did not feel 5% was adequate. Kirsten stated his request was \$80,000. Mr. Beers wants to be equal with the other full-time elected official and did not realize the increase for union is 10%. Councilwoman Scannapieco stated the steps will not be equal as it goes by years employed. After discussion, salary increased to \$78,580 (10%) plus the step. All board members agreed.

The rest of the lines were reviewed.

MEO contractual. CDL included software. Summer help was reduced to \$15,000. Road materials take half of what is left and add it to the \$165,000 so it would be \$225,000. \$60,000 will be encumbered of the \$89,000 left in the line.

CHIPS – comfortable with \$340,000.

EQ (Equipment) – Mr. Beers would like to replace #9, the 2019 Ford. He would also like to either look at a used single axel dump truck or encumber monies next year to purchase a new one in 27.

Repairs & maintenance – bumped up a little.

Motor fuel – ok with number.

Road materials - \$5,000 increase.

Mr. Beers stated everything else looked good. The bridge will be blacktopped next week.

Supervisor McCulloch asked if there was anything else. Kirsten asked about budgeting for interest. Revenue \$20,000.

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Kozloski, seconded by Councilman Giordiano. The meeting ended at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Izzo
Town Clerk