

Scottsville, New York
November 25, 2025

Regular Town Board Meeting held November 25, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

Present: Supervisor Jim Kirch
Councilman Tim Davis
Councilman Carl Schoenthal
Councilman Ed Shero
Councilwoman Tina Stevens

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Mark Boylan, Attorney
Shanna Fraser, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Ctr. Dir
Cindy Pfeifer, Budget Officer

Supervisor Kirch presiding.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Roll Call. All Town Board Members present.

Supervisor Kirch read a statement regarding Councilman Shero's reference to an Attorney General's opinion from 1986 regarding a potential conflict between the Deputy Clerk and Bookkeeper roles which was brought up earlier in the year. Supervisor Kirch said he misspoke as to the actions of the Attorney for the Town at the time of the matter. Councilman Shero brought it up again at the workshop, Supervisor Kirch said that he had followed up with the current Town Attorney, and he offered his opinion and sees no conflict in the rolls.

Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Kirch gave a presentation of the budget process, review of 2025 and explained the budget that has been prepared for 2026. The presentation is included with these minutes.

Cassandra Merritt would like to see the townwide revaluation and would like to see money allocated to the Assessor's Office for resources to make it happen soon. She also mentioned the Town website and the issues with it. Lastly, she questioned what portion of the adult and youth services budget will be allocated for serving Mumford and that end of the town.

Mike Balonek wants to see the townwide revaluation as a priority. He also said that the Supervisor's salary should be in the budget even though it is not being taken by Supervisor Kirch.

Jim Musshafen said that it is not acceptable to wait to have the revaluation and there is enough money in the budget to move forward with it.

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried, the public hearing on the 2026 Budget was closed at 7:45 P.M.

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried, the public hearing on the 2026 Special Districts Budget was closed at 7:46 P.M.

Councilman Shero had questions for the Budget Officer regarding the role of the bookkeeper. The Budget Officer said the bookkeeper enters payroll, works with accounts payable and enters receipts.

New Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 149:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland adopts the 2026 Budget as presented.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
 Councilman Davis-aye
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Davis seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried,

Resolution No. 150:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland adopts the 2026 Special Districts Budget as presented.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
 Councilman Davis-aye
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Stevens, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk