Budget Meeting

October 7, 2026

Present: Bob Oakes, Supervisor; Pete Solinsky, Deputy Supervisor; Gerry King, Highway Superintendent; Phil Spinella, Councilman; Roy Olin, Councilman; Vince Cardinal, Councilman; Beverly Carusone, Historian; Faith Baker, Town Clerk

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pete provided a copy of the working budget reflecting what was discussed at the September 27 Budget Workshop.

KLCA Special Tax District will be held to $20,000, which was the maximum agreed upon at the time the special district was established. Monies may be spent on insurance specifically for lake treatment though the DEC does not require insurance.

The Williamstown Fire Dept was given a 2% increase over last year's budget.

The library is a 501c-3. Per the Town's attorney, the library building may be donated to library ownership or if sold it must be a public bid. The Town is hoping the transfer will be complete by the end of the year. The Town will continue to provide internet access, electricity and fuel. The Town will not be paying insurance. Nor will the Town be responsible for the roof, furnace, or basement repairs. The Town will not be responsible for maintenance. Historical will be moved to the Community Center.

Next discussion was pre-school. Currently, enrollment is only 11 students. Several of those do not reside in Williamstown. Bob contacted Sue Thorpe, school district registrar. APW has 10 spots open for their pre-K program. The Town's Pre-school is currently funded only through December 2026. Bob will contact the Town attorney regarding the possibility of ending the Town's pre-school program. The Town pays approximately $35,000/year for the teacher's salaries.

Discussion of budget amount for snow removal because of current higher gas prices. It is hoped gas prices will drop after October.

The Town's money is now in interest bearing accounts. Only the money needed to pay the bills will be moved out when needed.

NYMIR and Pavillion: NYS now requires buildings to be able to handle snow loads of 120 lbs./square feet. GYMO completed an engineer inspection of the pavilion. The posts cannot

bear that weight load. The insurance company valued the pavilion at 1.1 million dollars. The Town needs to wait and get a price for rebuilding the pavilion and wait to see what the insurance company is willing to pay for its reconstruction.

AFR's: The 2023 AFR is complete. The 2024 AFR is off. Bob, Pete and Ken Parotte are working on it.

The Town is responsible for the cemeteries on Rt 13, and Happy Valley. The Town is not responsible for Fair View Cemetery. Bev expressed concern that some stones in the older cemeteries, dating from the early 1800's, have fallen. They weigh about 300pounds. It was suggested Bev check with the VFW to see if they could help cover the cost of fixing the stones.

The workshop was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Faith Baker