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PUBLIC HEARING -TOWN OF SHELBY

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Public Hearing is for the 2025 Preliminary Budget

November 7, 2024

6:00 PM

Present: Scott Wengewicz, Supervisor
Steve Seitz, Councilman
Ed Zelazny, Councilman
Jeff Schiffer, Councilman
Linda Limina, Councilwoman
Kathy Bennett, via zoom
Darlene Rich, Town Clerk
Claude Grimes, Constable
Jim Conway, Constable

Others	Lorraine Limina	Mike Sidari
	Karen Curtain	Mary Zelazny
	Chris Mason	Yonic Parada
	Deborah Higgs	Doug Higgs
	Scott Carlton	George Phillips
	Mike Rich	John Pratt
	Donna Mazur	Steve Mazur
	Rosanne Russo	Paul Taylor
	Phil Rudnick	Barb Daliuso
	Joy Waters	Larry Waters
	Jon Sherman	Marguerite Sherman
	Leona Weese	Mark Prawel
	Deborah Padoleski	Cheryl Holt
	Sue Knights	Julie Wolter
	Bill Eick, Co. Leg.	Thomas Burgess
	Jada Burgess	James Zelazny
	Catherine Holland	Diana Baker
	Jess Marciano	Doug Bracey
	Tom Rivers-Orleans Hub	

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM
Pledge to the Flag.

Purpose of the Public Hearing- To hear comments for and against the 2025 Preliminary Budget

Kathy Bennett, Attorney- spoke regarding the preliminary budget. The total town wide is 4.08 down .09 from 2024. Total town inside is 2.39 up .18 from 2024. Snowplowing was highly discussed during the workshops. Snowplowing DA/DB. DA is townwide and DB is outside the town. Need to establish a tax rate for the residents in the village. The village pays the village for village roads. The town doesn't control village plowing. Note the math might change. Some of the additional insurance, workers comp, disability, hospital & medical insurance will have to be moved. The town wide rate could increase from 4.17 to 4.39

Public Comments: Bill Eick- he just heard about this. He is a tax payer past dairy farmer. Tax rate increase is more costly to the farmers. State is telling us its going to be worse. Needs to be tabled, things are up in the air and he doesn't like it.

Julie Cecchine, Assessor-In municipalities the state sits over the county and county sits over the town and town sits the village. Town residents will see increase depending on assessed value every year. Everyone will see a change.

Attorney- Town has fund balance looking to use. Has exceeded level. State would like to see fund balance aren't available for next year. That would change tax rates for next year.

Dale Root-Talked regarding dual tax rate, as a Shelby resident only. More time is needed. Five people sitting on the board to work for all the people. We charge village people 2.39 then rural side up to 4.10 to make up the difference. How will it affect neighboring towns. County roads enter into the budget, shared services. Village tourism route the village gets money from the state, the town doesn't. People have to travel to the village. Needs to be tabled until it can be worked out.

Mike Sidari- He is a resident that lives in the village. Thanks the board to remove plowing out of the village. Supervisor drives on town roads, village resident drive on state roads. Money comes from the state. Thanked Limina when discussing when discussing the 2025 budget -remove plowing out of the budget.

John Pratt- Been a past member on the board for four years working on the budget. Everyone has done a remarkable job digging into the budget. Limina is an analyst that's her job. Just need to see where it goes.

Yonic Parada- agreed with John. Done a great job. Town hired LGSS-Tina the representative not one time has she been here to help us. Gets \$5000, she should be here. There still is a lot of work to do.

Jada Burgess-Bookkeeper for Joint recreation. They provide a wonderful program. Wants to continue to see shared services. We want to feel appreciated as a Town of Shelby tax payer.

Doug Bracey-Just came to his attention. It should be looked over. Need to get through another year to see if its viable. Think it would open up a lot of items down the road.

Limina-With Town of Shelby, from the railroad tracks to the Iroquois Wildlife refuge resident in village pay for it.

Daiana Baker-Thanked the board for their time. You have heard all the information, no need to look further.

Larry Waters-Working with no numbers for 2024. Working off the 2023 budget is crazy. Barre significantly lower. Doesn't make sense. Shelby water district #1, up from last year. Service charge separate line-item board needs to address it.

Marguerite Sherman- here as a resident. Last year sat through workshops. Some adjustments were made. She watches the meetings. Appreciates all of the work. Reminds everyone taxable households 40% reside within the village. They are here to represent everyone. Comparison if plowing left in town wide tax rate Medina DPW not responsible. Don't feel tax payers should be responsible.

Attorney- Snowplowing moved to from outside decrease of 4.17 to 4.08, town inside would increase 2.21 to 2.39. If snowplowing is included townwide fund total tax rate is 3.40, .78 decrease for residents outside 1.19 increase inside village.

Deborah Padoleski- not a resident but has two rental properties. Thanks Limina for knowledge she brought to the town. Need to the best possible services. Appreciates removal of snow plowing also other highway services.

Emails:

William Martin-Opposes split tax rate between the village and the town. Feels strongly that more time is needed to get all of the details. He would be in favor of tabling this issue until after the first of the year allowing much needed time to review the whole situation.

Dave Silkowski-Please consider removing the taxes for snow plowing in the village. He already pays taxes for that service.

James Heminway- Apparently the proposed budget contains a tax increase for the town of Shelby residents who live in the village and a tax decrease for those who live outside of the village. This is in spite of the fact the village residents already pay for upkeep on town roads within the village limits and those outside limit pay nothing. Village residents already pay the town significant taxes for services we do not receive.

Quite frankly the arbitrary change in tax rated to raise the village share in order to reduce the rated outside the village is outrageous. It seems that the board is not so interested in representing all the residents in Shelby, but rather following a self-serving agenda, since those in favor of this will see a tax reduction. We already had this type of behavior from the last supervisor who personally benefitted while costing the town and county thousands.

For a matter of record, I own property both in and outside of the village, so I will not get as hurt as much as others in the village. However, my stance is one of fairness, which this proposed budget is not. Maybe the village should start billing the town for the maintenance of those roads in the village limits.

Do the right thing and correct this.

Susan Squires-I have owned property in the Town of Shelby / village of Medina since 1986. I have to admit I have not followed this budget until very recently. I have read on of the meeting minutes for the budget discussions.

I have had the privilege of serving on both the Medina Central School District Board of Education and as a village trustee for the Village of Medina. If I am reading the minutes correctly it appears that the rates for the Town of Shelby residents will be more than if you happen to also live in the village. I am asking at this time that you do NOT take that direction. My understanding is that roughly 11, 700 people live in the towns. Again, my understanding is that 52% of those

11,700 reside in the village. I believe with these numbers; it certainly would not be advisable to tax those people to the extent you have on the table. The village also does provide valuable services such as fire response to the areas outside the village. Equipment bought by all the entities could / should be shared. Resources could / should be shared.

As a former village trustee, we certainly felt it was important to work with the Towns to achieve the best services at an affordable rate for our constituents. We are all elected to do that. I am asking that you take a look at these numbers and consider what is the fair and equitable think to do.

I had fully planned on attending tonight's meeting to actually say all of the but unfortunately my mother has had a medical emergency in the hospital today and I will not be able to make tonight's meeting.

I would like to say that I have worked with some of you before and have always had the utmost respect for you. Please don't not let the citizens you represent -all of us-down. We need you to work collectively with the Village and Town of Ridgeway to make this the best area to live and be able to provide for our families. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Joe Root-When watching the November 5th budget workshop meeting, I hear of a proposal to remove snow plowing expense for residents that live in the Town of Shelby portion of the village of Medina.

I find it quite unique that the council member that lives in the village portion of the town of Shelby propose the idea. I would hope this council member would abstain from voting on the topic since they would be personally benefiting from this plan. I believe they are quite versed in the action, from looking at their voting history. To also hear the Town of Ridgeway charges their residents that live in the village for snow removal and have no intent to remove it from their budget. Wonder if Village of Albion residents are charged by the town of Albion? Or even village of Holley and town of Murray?

Would this idea effect MEO's salaries, retirements, health care costs?

Just like we are all residents of New York State and Orleans County; We pay tax to both to benefit as a whole. We are all Shelby residents that pay taxes that benefits the Town of Shelby as a whole.

To conclude my thoughts on this matter. I would hope that we vote this down. For the Town of Shelby board members should put the Town of Shelby as a whole first, not the village of Medina.

Margurete Sherman- If it's tabled when would the budget be done?

Supervisor said it has to be done by Nov 20.

What happens if it doesn't pass?

Zelazny asked if it can be amended once it is passed.

Attorney-would need to know what need to be changed before final
Limina-one person wants to make an attack on her idea. Do you think it's fair the
village people pay for snow plowing in the village and then again in the towns? Is
that really fair? Town of Shelby is not paying for the whole.

More discussion needed. Date for another meeting. Nov. 5th before board
meeting.

Motion to close the meeting by Zelazny, second by Seitz at 7:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene A. Rich, MMC, RMC
Town Clerk