

PUBLIC HEARING - 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
Town of Shelby
4062 Salt Works Rd. Medina, NY

November 18, 2024 7:00pm

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Present:

Scott Wengewicz, Supervisor
Steve Seitz, Councilman
Eddie Zelazny, Councilman
Linda Limina, Councilwoman
Jeff Schiffer, Councilman
Kathleen Bennett, Attorney
Pam Henry, Deputy Clerk

Excused: Darlene Rich

Others:

Donna Mazur
Gabriele Barone
Larry Waters
Sharlene Pratt
Alana Koneski
Diana Baker
Steve Mazur
George Phillips

Lorraine Limina
Joy Waters
John Pratt
Jeff Wagner
Jess Marciano
James Zelazny
Yonic Parada

Kurt Benz
Linda Benz
Barb Daluisio
Matt Holland
Cathrine Holland

Called to order at 7:05 PM

Pledge to the flag

Councilwoman Limina explained the total new budget with corrections, and cover page

Public Comments

Barb Daluisio was more confused with the budget. NOT fair that the village residents should pay more. The problem needs to be untangled with the Village. The proposal

should be the one that creates the least amount of taxes. We should not be billed twice. She also thanked the board for looking at all the details and issues needed to untangle issues with the Village.

Jim Heminway thinks the Town and Village should share in terms of road maintenance and snow plowing.

John Pratt thinks the Town should spend money on new audio and video equipment. Shelby should look carefully and negotiate with Medina for lower rates on water. The highway budget for another truck is not warranted.

Matt Holland thinks we are being double billed on the taxes, but are we getting double services?

George Phillips wants the Town to take its time and think about the budget. It's a Pandora's Box which once opened will be hard to close.

Larry Waters thinks snow is being an overkilled item. Other problems –no Supervisor reports, increase in taxes, line items-too much in fund balance. Traffic control-asked for \$5,000.00. What are we doing with the money? Street lighting \$14,000.00? Equipment reserve -plow truck and bed? Should the Town have bonded that? Now with the LED lighting the Town has received a rebate of \$3500.00. Where is that money?

Sharlene Pratt thinks snow removal should stay the same, and keep the taxes down. Something has to be done. Leave things alone- things should stay the way they are.

John Parada Appreciates all the time that has been spent on the budget. Snow plowing needs to be addressed. It's not right no questions were answered.

Barb Daluisio Says cooperation need to be communicated between Shelby and the Village of Medina in order to work together.

Alana Koneski Wanted to know if Shelby residents are paying both Shelby and Medina taxes

Supervisor Wengewicz answered questions

To John Pratt- the possibility of ordering another new truck was discussed at the last meeting, ordering is about 2 to 2 and a half years out.

To Larry Waters- Money to be used for cemetery salaries. All damaged headstones are being repaired with that money.

To Building Fund- \$7500.00 is being set aside for house demolition. That amount is only a fraction of the cost.

To Street Lighting- The Town is in a 2-year program to pay for the new equipment, and are saving money using the LED lights.

To Equipment reserve- The Town will try to pay cash for the other new truck.

Supervisor Wengewicz read the following emails:

Darlene Rich- Being a resident of Shelby I am against taking snow plowing out of the Village. More needs to be researched before a decision is made that the Town will be sorry for later. Once something is taken out of the budget it is hard to be put back in which could cause a domino effect on the taxes in the next year and for years after.

Doug Bracey- I spoke at the meeting distaining the snow plow issue. I still feel this needs to be hashed over a long period of time. I hope my opinion helps as a land owner with acreage I pay my share of taxes.

Jessica Root-Olinger- I am not a resident of Shelby, but I own property here. I would like to see the board vote down removing the tax on the DA account to Village residents. I believe this needs to be examined in depth for the pros and cons to all town residents. The Village has already been taxed (in June) for the 2025 season, giving the Town of Shelby plenty of time to revisit this issue at a later date when all information has been researched.

Public comment portion of the meeting ended at 8:04 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 124-24

RESOLUTION TO MAKE PRELIMINARY BUDGET THE FINAL BUDGET
Motion by Supervisor Wengewicz seconded by Schiffer

Roll Call Vote

Seitz-yes

Schiffer-Yes

Limina- No

Zelazny- No

Motion passed Budget Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by Pamela Henry, Deputy Clerk