TOWN OF PENDLETON
BUDGET MEETING
October 6, 2025

A Budget Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton was held at the Town Hall, 6570 Campbell Blvd., Pendleton, NY, on the 6th day of October 2025.

Supervisor Maerten opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor Maerten, Councilman Buechler, Councilman Hickman and Councilman Rumbold were present. Councilman Lombardo was absent.

Also present:
Deborah Maurer – Town Clerk
Claude Joerg – Town Attorney
Dave Fischer – Highway and Water/Sewer Superintendent
Tom Maturski – Budget Officer
Miranda Freiert - Assessor

There were six residents in attendance.

Budget Officer Maturski began by explaining the following adjustments that will be made to the Tentative Budget:

BUDGET CODE	DESCRIPTION	TENTATIVE BUDGET AMOUNT	REVISED AMOUNT
A00-1420-420	Attorney – Contractual Pro.	$61,050	$36,050
SR0-10010	Real Property Taxes	$650,459	$630,540
SR0-10012	Real Property Taxes Add Totes	$14,245	$15,950
SS0-8110-450	Administration – Professional Fees	$1,000	$2,500
SW0-8310-410	Water Admin. – Office Expenses	$4,000	$5,550

The following budget lines were discussed resulting in additional adjustments:

BUDGET CODE	DESCRIPTION	TENTATIVE BUDGET AMOUNT	REVISED AMOUNT
A00-1355-100	Assessors – Personal Services	$106,110	$64,000
A00-1355-110	Assessors – Personal Services-Clerk	$10,000	$20,000
A00-1420-101	Attorney - Litigation	$15,000	$15,450
A00-1355-400	Assessors – Contractual	$5,885	$3,000
A00-7310-400	Youth Program – PABA-Contractual	$1,700	$0
A00-1410-120	Town Clerk – Personal Services	$76,296	$76,373

Also, non-financial changes were made to the following lines:
- A00-4020-100 – titled changed to Registrar – Personal Service
- A00-7110- 416 – Trail Grant (Killian to Townline) - to be removed
- A00-7150-2 and all sub-accounts – CFA Playground & Parks Grant – to be removed
- A00-1620-450 – added for Town Hall - Supplies

Additional discussions were conducted regarding the following lines:
- A00-7130-200 – Community Center – Fixed Assets – keep as is
- A00-7550-410 – Celebrations Fire Works – keep as is
- A00-1110-120 – Justices – Personal Services – keep as is
- A00-1420-100 – Attorney -Personal Services – no change
- A00-1440-213 – General Engineering – Support Services – keep as is
- A00-9730-601 – BAN Principal– keep as is
- A00-9730-701 – BAN Interest – keep as is

Councilman Hickman requested clarification regarding the increases related to refuse collection. He and Town Clerk Maurer discussed the process used to calculate the per-unit rate for refuse collection. Councilman Hickman asked to review the current contract and the payments made to

Modern Disposal over the past 12 months. Mrs. Maurer will provide the necessary files and reminded him that these figures must be finalized before the final budget is approved.

The floor was then opened for public comment.

The first resident to speak expressed appreciation that expenses for the Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) Principal and Community Center Contractual Equipment are included in the budget but suggested that corresponding revenue amendments should also be shown.

Another resident asked why the H Fund is not included in the budget and whether she would need to submit a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to obtain it. Supervisor Maerten explained that the information is available in the monthly revenue report, which she may request. She also inquired about the date of the "Actual Expenses" totals. Mr. Maturski confirmed that they reflect figures through the end of July and clarified that the current budget format does not show transfers approved during the year.

Next, Wendelville Fire Company President Russ Talma addressed the Board, noting that the fire company recently submitted a letter requesting a 7% increase—rather than the standard 3%—due to above-average operating expenses. He asked if the Board had considered this request. Supervisor Maerten explained that the Town Board has already approved a local law to appear on the 2025 General Election ballot regarding increases to the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP). He stated that the Town cannot afford to increase both LOSAP funding and the separate allocation to the fire company, and asked whether the fire company would prefer that the referendum be withdrawn in favor of pursuing a general increase instead.

A motion was made by Councilman Hickman, seconded by Councilman Buechler, to adjourn from the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

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Deborah K. Maurer, Town Clerk