TOWN OF PENDLETON
PUBLIC HEARING
November 5, 2026

Supervisor Maerten noted that a formal vote to schedule the Public Hearing had not taken place at the previous meeting. He recommended that the Town Board act at tonight's meeting to formally approve and authorize the scheduling of the Public Hearing.

Roll Call: Supervisor Maerten
Councilman Buechler
Councilman Lukasik
Councilman Kantor
Councilman Rumbold

Also present:
Noreen Lemma – Town Clerk
Dave Fischer - Highway/Water & Sewer Superintendent
Troy Barnes - Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
Tom Maturski – Budget Director

There were 4 residents in attendance, one was a student.

Supervisor Maerten opened the Public Hearing, beginning with Part 1, at 7:05 p.m.

The notice for the Public Hearings was published in the *Lockport Union Sun & Journal* on October 29, 2026 and on the Town's website.

The purpose of this Public Hearings is as indicated below:

Public Hearing Part 1 on the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, as required by Town Law §108 for the purpose of considering the Preliminary Budget, and receiving comments from the public relative thereto. Said Budget was on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Pendleton and available for inspection by any interested person during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Preliminary Budget was also be located on the Town's website at www.pendletonny.gov.

Pursuant to §108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

SUPERVISOR	$	30,619.00
COUNCIL (4 @ $13,100.00 each)	$	52,400.00
TOWN CLERK	$	66,247.00
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS	$	60,533.00

Supervisor Maerten opened the floor for public comments.

A resident addressed the Town Board regarding the proposed 2027 Preliminary Budget and tax levy and submitted documentation outlining her findings for the Board's review.

A resident addressed the Town Board regarding her review of the Town's budget procedures and documentation, expressing concerns about information she believed was missing or incomplete. She submitted paperwork outlining her findings for the Board's review.

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A resident addressed the Town Board requesting that funding be included in the 2027 budget for an independent CPA audit and submitted supporting documentation outlining the request.

Councilman Buechler questioned some of the budget, tax caps, refuse, water district, refuse totes, and commented on the October 26th meeting, and a resolution discrepancy.

Part 2 on amounts to be raised by taxation for Special Districts in the following districts:

PENDLETON WATER DISTRICTS	$	51,795.00
PENDLETON REFUSE DISTRICT	$	677,112.96
PENDLETON FIRE DISTRICT	$	723,093.00

The Special Assessment Rolls have been completed for such districts as required and all tax rates established for benefit districts. All persons interested were heard at the Public Hearing held by the Town Board relative to assessments and amounts to be raised in said districts, and to hear any objections to the Special Assessment Rolls, which were available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Maerten opened the floor for public comments for Part 2.

A resident expressed concerns regarding the Regency development and voiced opposition to the proposed 2027 budget.

Another resident requested that the Town Board review a previous meeting during which the tax rate was discussed, citing a possible discrepancy in an expense amount.

Part 3 to authorize a contract with the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc. at a yearly amount as follows:

WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY, INC	$	514,680.00

FURTHER NOTICE is given that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §495, the Exemption report that shows total assessed value on the Final Assessment Roll that was used in the budgetary process that is exempt from taxation is on file with the Preliminary 2026 Budget.

Supervisor Maerten opened the floor for public comments for Part 3.

No public comments were made specifically for Part 3 of the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Councilman Kantor, seconded by Councilman Buechler, to close Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.

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Noreen E. Lemma, Town Clerk

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