

November 6, 2024

The public hearing for the 2025 preliminary budget was called to order at 6:01 PM. With no comments from the floor, the hearing was closed at 6:02 PM.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Donnie Smith, Supervisor. Present were Donnie Smith, Dwight Bruno, Heather Ross, Garret Sitts, Teddie Storey, Paul Warner and Jamie Archibald. Also present were Laura Leale, Lori Taggart, Gina Middleton from Coughlin and Gerhart, Krista Pantale, Abi Gregory, Katie Sanford, Riley McNamara, Arthur Hilton, and Abraham George and Hailey George-Jameson.

Donnie asked for a motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Heather Ross made the motion to approve and Garret Sitts seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The minutes were read from the October 1, 2024 meeting. Garret Sitts made the motion to approve minutes as read. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Lori Taggart was present so she reported for KECC. The finances are doing very well. They had an open house in October. They also had a trapping information class. They have painted the trim. Made some small changes to their SOP. Unless something comes up, they are finished until spring.

Jamie Archibald reported that they have finished shoulder project on the roads that were paved. Worked on some ditching. Prepping trucks for winter. All equipment from auction has been paid for and picked up. He counter-offered for the dump truck and got no response, but the Town of Westford has made an offer of \$10,000.00 for it. Teddie Storey made a motion to accept their offer. Dwight Bruno seconded the motion. All present agreed.

There were no updates from rec committee as their meeting was cancelled.

Teddie Storey reported that there are still some issues with the Event Center in Treadwell so that is still on hold.

Donnie introduced our new attorney from Coughlin & Gerhart, Gina Middleton.

Dan Schlafer asked some questions about Jonah Shaw and the Event Center, including liability if the guests go on the KECC fields. It was recommended that a fence be installed on boundary line at the Event Center's expense, of which KECC approves of. Also, there could be an issue with how much water use there is. Will have to talk to Cedarwood Engineering about this.

Lori asked if someone from the Event Center damaged any property of KECC, would they be able to ask for restitution? Gina said it would be hard to really know who had done the damage.

Laura Leale said they were very busy on election day. There were no problems, but privacy is an issue with such a big election. Asked if there was a larger venue.

Vouchers #2024-415-2024-464 were presented for payment.

Teddie made a motion to go into executive session at 6:45 for personnel. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

The board returned at 7:03.

Garret made a motion to approve Jamie to purchase a sander for pickup truck from Binghamton Truck Body in the amount of \$8950.00. Dwight seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Teddie made a motion for Paul to diversify funds by moving some funds from savings accounts to checking accounts. Heather seconded the motion. All present agreed.

With nothing further to come before the board, Garret made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Teddie seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Johns, Town Clerk