

BUDGET WORK SESSION

TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK/WALKER VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

OCTOBER 10, 2024 7:30 P.M.

Walker Valley Community Center/Schoolhouse

Minutes of a Budget Work Session held by the Town of Shawangunk Town Board, County of Ulster, State of New York, at the Walker Valley Community Center/Schoolhouse, 6 Marl Road, Walker Valley, NY on the **10th day of October 2024** at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT were Supervisor Ken Ronk, Councilman Brian Amthor, Councilman Joe LoCicero, Councilman Adrian DeWitt, Councilman Alex Danon. Also present were Highway Superintendent Rich Blazeski, Jim Greer, Sean Dempsey, Art Rose and Cody Carroll.

Walker Valley Chemical Engine Company

Supervisor Ken Ronk discussed the budget request from Chief Greer. The amount of increase from last year is \$12,000.00. Mr. Ronk advised that this amount was added to the Tentative Budget, as the items were all essential and reasonable. The total budget is \$507,785.00. The portion for the LOSAP Program is not available yet. Last year the amount was \$63,799.00. Supervisor Ronk requested that a full budget for 2025 be submitted. Chief Greer will follow up with that request.

Chief Greer advised that the Fire Company has applied for 501C3 status. Once that is received, they will start discussing the process of forming a fire district.

Highway

The 2025 Tentative Highway Budget was reviewed line by line. Various equipment and surplus vehicles were discussed between the Town Board Members and Superintendent Blazeski.

Various scenarios were discussed regarding increases in the budget and the effect on property taxes. It was agreed that remaining Recovery/COVID Funds, after the Route 208 Sewer project, will be used for personnel costs.

AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman LoCicero and seconded by Councilman Danon to adjourn the Work Session.

VOTE: ALL AYE.

The Work Session was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Jane P. Rascoe, Town Clerk