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A SPECIAL MEETING of the Town Board of the Town of Day, County of Saratoga State of New York, was held in Day Town Hall, 1650 North Shore Rd Hadley, NY 12835 on October 21, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Harry Brennan at 11:00am with the following answering roll call: Councilman George Lembo, Councilwoman Cheryl Allen, Councilman Danny Allen Jr., Councilman Joseph Flacke and Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Gilbert.

Supervisor Harry Brennan stated the board is meeting today to go over the tentative budget for 2026.

A1010.4 Town Board Contractual Exp- Councilwoman Cheryl Allen asked if the \$2,000.00 was for training, Supervisor Harry Brennan confirmed that it was.

A1110.4 Justice Contractual- Councilwoman Cheryl Allen asked why it increased from \$8,500.00 to \$11,000.00 if the Judge is done with the training. Supervisor Harry Brennan stated he will find out.

A3310.4 Traffic Control- Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Gilbert asked the board if \$4,500.00 would be enough for road signs. Councilman George Lembo stated he would like highway to use \$50,000.00 towards signs from CHIPS money. Councilman Lembo stated it would be good to have a supply on hand in case we need them. Councilman Danny Allen Jr. said a lot of signs need to be replaced, some are faded and peeling and could possibly have some refurbished and would cost less. Councilman Allen suggested replacing signs on the roads that get paved and start there. Deputy Mark stated he can contact the County and see if that's an option and what the cost would be. The board agreed to increase traffic control from \$4,500.00 to \$50,000.00 Councilman Lembo stated that money can be reimbursed back from CHIPS, Supervisor Harry Brennan stated he doesn't feel that it will be reimbursed to General since it's highway money. Councilman George Lembo stated just because the reimbursement for CHIP goes to highway doesn't mean it's not town money and stated they should work together. Councilman Danny Allen Jr. suggested for general to use some money from the general fund balance to pay for the signs, Supervisor Harry Brennan agreed for now take it from fund balance until they know for sure.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Gilbert explained that it's going to cost \$300,000.00 to pave Snow Road and Lawrence Road next year and was hoping to roll over the leftover

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CHIPS money. Mark explained there's \$56,351.46 left that could be rolled over. Councilman George Lembo said he would like to use \$50,000.00 of that to pay for the signs.

Town Clerk Tracy Ladd suggested to the board that maybe they could transfer some of the money in the general budget that didn't get spent this year and use that towards some signs. She explained \$1,000.00 for band concerts didn't get used, the \$5,000.00 in Veterans for flags and the \$10,000.00 for cemetery fencing wasn't used.

A4020.1 Registrar Vital Statistics increased 3% from \$1,034.00 to \$1,065.02 for the yearly raise.

A7450.4 Museum increased from \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00

A8810.2 Cemetery Fencing Councilman George Lembo asked Councilman Danny Allen Jr if \$20,000.00 would be enough accomplish their objectives, Councilman Allen stated he would have to discuss that with Councilwoman Cheryl Allen and get some figures and get back to him on that.

Supervisor Harry Brennan stated he is setting up the insurance reps to come and discuss any changes that may be happening with the health insurance. He stated the board put a 10% increase as a buffer for now.

Town Clerk Tracy Ladd asked Supervisor Harry Brennan if he had a list of the general and highway employees and retirees for the insurance being last year a general employee was listed under highway and a budget transfer needed to take place during the year. If that list can be checked prior to adopting the budget it could save on a budget transfer throughout the year again. Supervisor Harry Brennan stated he will get her a copy to check on that.

A9950.9.1 Capital Projects Councilman George Lembo asked what the \$240,000.00 was for, Accountant Tammy Priest stated its money set aside for any major capital improvements.

Town Clerk Tracy Ladd asked about adding a line to the general revenue being that we take tires in at the recycling center. Accountant Tammy Priest stated money does come in for tires and then gets paid back out so it should be added into the budget as revenue. Councilman Joseph Flacke suggested to use A2770 Misc. Rev for the tires. Barbara Pieniasek agreed with Councilman Flacke and stated its very minimal and asked if it even needs to be tracked, the board agreed.

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Councilwoman Cheryl Allen stated she wanted to mention that a letter came from Saratoga County about lowering budgets.

DA5110.1 Personal Services Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Gilbert stated the \$138,490.10 should be \$174,575.56 Accountant Tammy Priest stated Mike Tennant was taken from the highway side and put over on general, being he is a general employee. Mark explained that was the total with the 3% pay increase without Mike. Councilman Joseph Flacke stated those numbers were discussed already with the Highway Superintendent Leonard Allen twice, so he doesn't understand why there is a \$40,000.00 increase and said something isn't right. Barbara Pieniazek asked if that included overtime and stated they had a conversation about overtime prior to this meeting. Councilman Joseph Flacke stated Leonard approved the \$138,490.10 Barbara stated they would have to look into it and felt it was all set. Councilman Flacke stated they talked about managing overtime and some other things. Tammy Priest stated instead of taking some money out of different categories for Mike, they took it all from the one budget line, if it needs to be adjusted it can be moved around.

DA5130.2 Machinery Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Gilbert said \$80,000.00 is for the box and sander for truck 509.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Gilbert stated that the tandem plow truck is going to cost about \$320,000.00 they already have \$300,000.00 sitting in a highway reserve account and was wondering if they can use \$20,000.00 out of the money left from purchasing the bucket truck DA. Tammy Priest explained that you can't use 2025 money from the budget to pay for the tandem in 2026. Councilman George Lembo asked Mark if the tandem could be paid off this year even though it's not expected to come in until April of 2026, Mark stated he doesn't like doing that when they don't have the tandem.

Tammy Priest suggested to take \$20,000.00 out of the 2025 budget and add it to the highway reserve for the tandem, which already has \$300,000.00 in there that will pay for the truck. Councilman Joseph Flacke stated to make a resolution at the next board meeting for that. Tammy stated it would be taken from 2025 budget DA5197.2.1 capital project equipment (bucket truck) and add it into the reserve for the tandem, in 2026 that money will come out of reserves and put into the budget to be spent. DA9950.9 will be \$320,000.00 total.

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Deputy Highway Superintendent Mark Gilbert asked the board to add \$100,000.00 back in the 2026 budget towards a dozer, Supervisor Harry Brennan stated the Highway Superintendent Leonard Allen took the dozer out.

Councilman George Lembo wanted to thank everyone as well as Barbara Pieniazek and Councilman Joseph Flacke for working so hard.

Councilman Joseph Flacke thanked Barbara Pieniazek, Accountant Tammy Priest and Supervisor Harry Brennan for helping with the budget, a lot of hours have been put in. Councilman Flacke stated they started the budget in June and stated taxes will not be raised.

A1989.1 Other Gov't Support)Personal Svc-General Clerk) Supervisor Harry Brennan stated the \$10,027.05 needs to be increase to \$15,039.65 to cover up to 15 hours a week instead of up to 10 hours a week, so she can help the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer.

Barbara Pieniazek wanted to thank Councilman Joseph Flacke for all the hard work he has put in.

Motion, made by Councilwoman Cheryl Allen to accept the changes to the 2026 Tentative Budget and to move them to the 2026 Preliminary Budget, 2nd by Councilman Danny Allen Jr.

Ayes: Councilman George Lembo, Councilwoman Cheryl Allen, Councilman Danny Allen Jr., Councilman Joseph Flacke and Supervisor Harry Brennan.

Carried: 5-0

Resolution #2025-58 to set the Preliminary Budget Public Hearing.

Motion, made by Councilman Danny Allen Jr. to move forward and adopt **Resolution #2025-58** and set the 2026 Preliminary Budget public hearing for November 5, 2025 at 6:00pm, 2nd by Councilman Joseph Flacke.

Ayes: Councilman George Lembo, Councilwoman Cheryl Allen, Councilman Danny Allen Jr., Councilman Joseph Flacke and Supervisor Harry Brennan.

Carried: 5-0

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Motion, made by Councilman George Lembo to adjourn the special tentative budget meeting, 2nd by Councilman Danny Allen Jr. at 12:25pm.

Ayes: Councilman George Lembo, Councilwoman Cheryl Allen, Councilman Danny Allen Jr., Councilman Joseph Flacke and Supervisor Harry Brennan.

Carried: 5-0

Tracy Ladd
Town Clerk