TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH
2027 TENATIVE BUDGET
PUBLIC MEETING
October 17, 2026 8:00AM

Introduction – Supervisor Kostyk

I want to thank Jennifer Whitney (Budget Officer/Finance Manager) for her first solo budget. We appreciate her effort during a challenging year. Thanks also to each department head who committed to the zero-based budget approach. There's more accountability in that approach than just adding a percentage increase to last year's budget.

This year, we have again stayed under the NYS tax cap. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to do so and will be nearly impossible to stay under 2% in the future. According to statewide statistics, 30% of towns, 45% of cities, 25% of villages, and 25% of counties are projected to exceed the cap this year. In our town, for example, we face double digit increases in insurance premiums, higher fuel and utility costs, and mandatory personnel benefit increases, just to name a few.

For the Town of Plattsburgh, we were only able to add $96,000 to this year's budget to stay under the tax cap. The Town Board recognizes that our residents are facing significant financial burdens with the increased price of goods and services right now. So, we have worked hard to keep increases to a minimum and have used some reserve funds to make up the difference. However, this will not be sustainable going forward.

Highway Department: 8:00-8:20am

Water and Wastewater Department: 8:20-8:40am

Parks and Recreation Department: 8:40-9:00am

Facilities Department/Street Lighting: 9:00-9:15am

Codes and Zoning Department: 9:15-9:30am

Planning and Community Development Department: 9:30-9:45am

Town Clerk/Dog Control: 9:45-10:00am

Business Office: 10:00am
(Included review of Justice Court, Historian, Assessing, and Tax Receiver Budgets)

Budget Officer gave overview of general revenue and liability projections for 2027.

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