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2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING

MONDAY APRIL 13, 2026

6:00 PM

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to open the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion second by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote: Trustee Lockart	EXCUSED
Trustee DePaulo	YES
Trustee Stevens	YES
Deputy Mayor Prevratil	ABSENT
Mayor Rubino	YES

Treasurer Secor read the public notice that was published and posted.

The public notice included the schedule of salaries for the Mayor and Board of Trustees:

Mayor	\$30,300.00
Trustees	\$13,275.75

Treasurer Secor read aloud the proposed 2026-2027 budget, with breakdowns for revenues and expenditures for each fund. Tax to be levied \$1,318,515 and the taxes remained at \$38/1000.

Treasurer Secor noted the tax rate is staying the same for the year 2026-2027.

Resident Ellen Collins advised that she has a couple of questions and was looking for clarification on a couple of things on the proposed budget. Ms. Collins asked about the new EMS line that was added to page 1 of budget. Mayor Rubino advised that expected revenue from the Town of Colonie, as EMS has a rental space at the Colonie Fire Company. Ms. Collins stated that this is the first time she is see this in the Budget. Budget advisor Ed Sim noted it has been in previous years' budgets, however that fluctuation is due to the fact that EMS was going to be moving into the new building but didn't so we are now adding it back into the budget.

Ms. Collin then referred to page two under the Clerks-Village Hall section, which shows budget-project management line. Noting she did see that line in last year's budget but noticed it again this year but was not clear on what that is for. Mayor Rubino noted that intended purpose is used for the Pump station project and any other capital projects. Ed Sim was brought on to help assist and advise guidance for ongoing projects.

Ms. Collins questioned the Annual audit figures. Nothing she noticed the figures in the general fund have gone up tediously in the last couple of years but not in the water, sewer fund. Mr. Sim advised us to get the bill from the auditors, and the village tries to split between all three funds.

Ms. Collins questioned the safety cameras, noting she sees there was \$20,000 budgets last year at that figure was removed. Mayor Rubino advised that money was used for new security cameras that were already purchased to enhance security within the Village of Colonie.

Ms. Collins questioned what the new \$20,000 Attorney line will be used for. Mayor Rubino stated the building department uses legal guidance and services for any building code cases. Example: Property Maintenance issues. Ms. Collins stated she assumed that was the intended purpose but wanted clarification.

Village Mayor Rubino thanked all the department heads, Treasurer Secor along with Ed Sim for their hard work on the proposed budget.

Ms. Collins referred to page six of the budget and questioned the payroll salary and the high level of increase and if we are planning on hiring more employees. Mr. Sim advised that yes, the increase in expenditure is for two full-time employees and additional part-time employees that are used for summer help. Mr. Sim advised that we transition some employees from that line as well as the youth line as we are trying to manage where the employees are. That number has changed in the past, but it was reduced in other area's so it is net zero change. The last line that Ms. Collin's questioned was the new security line that was added under Amphitheater. Mayor Rubino advised that is for paid Colonie Police department officer used for patrol down at Cook Park for Tuesday Nights in the park. Mayor Rubino noted that we previously have so issues and concerns with cannabis and bad behavior. With the increase in police presence things have run smoothly and money is well spent. No complaints and positive feedback from the residents. Ms. Collins, noting, thought that was mentioned in a previous meeting and thanked Mayor for the Clarification.

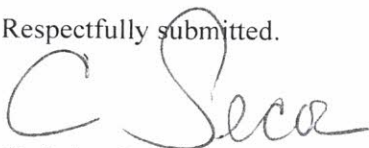
Mayor Rubino mentioned this is 16-page document it is a well-balanced budget and is happy with the result thanking Mr. Sim, Treasurer Secor, Village Clerk Blot and all the department heads on all their hard work.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to adjourn the public hearing.
Motion seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	EXCUSED
	Trustee DePaulo	YES
	Trustee Stevens	YES
	Deputy Mayor Prevratil	ABSENT
	Mayor Rubino	YES

Mayor Rubino adjourned the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Christina Secor
Treasurer