

Town of Galen
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
Monday – September 24, 2025 – at 5:00 pm
Galen Municipal Office

Present: Supervisor Lester Carr
Council; Mike Record, Nicole Malbone
Absent; Jeff Montemorano, Sarah Salerno
Town Clerk; Norma Lancaster, Budget Officer; Ashley Fratus, HW Supt.; Andy Porter

Attending: No public attendance

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

The budget officer has presented a tentative 2026 Budget at this meeting.

Discussion Items;

- PILOTS Ending for AAT & DNT
- Tentative tax rate – no increase
- 2.02% increase to the Levy
- A fund balance is decreasing – revenues are about the same – expenses are up across the board
- B & DB fund balances are great – sales tax revenue
- Salaries
- Equipment needs;
 - Equipment request – 2026 - \$54,000 – estimate on new pick up
 - 10 wheeler (already ordered) - 2027
 - Mower Tractor – 2028

Animal Control – possible semiannual stipend - \$3000 per year was discussed

Grievance Board is asking for double current pay - \$300 each. Tentatively discussed \$250 ea.

Planning/Zoning Board members to increase to \$250 ea.

Discussion on having annual Spring clean up day a little earlier next year, possibly end of April for 2 days.

Motion by; Record 2nd by; Malbone to surplus the 2005 International truck and send to Auctions International as new truck has arrived.
Ayes; Carr, Malbone, Record

Motion by; Record 2nd by; Carr to place the 2016 F250Ford Pickup truck with plow on Andy Porter's personal Marketplace with minimal bid of 10,500. Bids must be received by November 10th and opened at 6pm at regular meeting.
Ayes; Carr, Malbone, Record

The list of delinquent invoices from Medex has been received, \$35,000 still owed to the town. The list will be scrutinized further to either be collected by collections agency or to write some of them off as a loss. It is believed that some of the delinquencies are very old.

It was discussed to have the next budget session after the October 14th meeting has ended, possible executive session to discuss pay increases.

With no further business before the board a Motion made by Record / 2nd by Malbone to adjourn the budget workshop meeting at 7:40 pm.

Ayes; Carr, Malbone, Record

Respectfully Submitted,
Norma Lancaster
Galen Town Clerk