

**TOWN OF HOWARD  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
MONDAY  
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

The 2024 Preliminary budget workshop meeting was called to order by Supervisor Donald Evia at 6:00pm.

Present were Councilman Ed OBrochta, Councilman Ron Dyer, Councilman Gary Rice and Supervisor Donald Evia and Highway Superintendent Lee Pyer.

Absent: Councilman Ed Frey

Also present were Richard Stewart.

Richard Stewart requested that it be known in the minutes that he requested a copy of the Tentative Budget and was denied by Supervisor Evia.

Supervisor Evia explained to Mr. Stewart that the Board was not obligated to give out copies of the Tentative Budget to the public until it has been approved, becomes a Preliminary Budget, and filed with the Town Clerk. It is then that the Clerk makes copies available for public distribution.

Supervisor Evia asked the Board their thoughts on this subject and they all agreed.

The Town Board reviewed and discussed the budget officer's preliminary budget figures for the proposed 2024 budget for the town. There were some increases and some decreases made.

Councilman OBrochta mentioned that he wants to see money allocated for the park.

Supervisor Evia responded that he did not want to change the total in the budget and that there is money in the Special Items Contingent.


Highway Superintendent Lee Pyer discussed cost savings measures with the way they will be purchasing truck tires, sand and gravel in 2024.

A **Resolution (#33-2023)** was made upon a motion by Councilman OBrochta and seconded by Councilman Dyer to approve the preliminary budget figures for 2024.

**Adopted:** Councilman OBrochta, Aye; Councilman Dyer, Aye; Councilman Rice, Aye and Supervisor Evia, Aye.

A **Motion** was made by Councilman Dyer and seconded by Councilman OBrochta to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm.

**Carried:** Councilman OBrochta, Aye; Councilman Dyer, Aye; Councilman Rice, Aye and Supervisor Evia, Aye.

  
Frances Sharp  
Howard Town Clerk