

**TOWN OF HOWARD  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 2024**

The 2025 Preliminary Budget Workshop meeting was called to order by Supervisor Donald Evia at 6:00pm.

**Present:** Councilman Ed Frey, Councilman Ed OBrochta, Councilman Ron Dyer, Councilman Gary Rice, Town Supervisor Donald Evia and Highway Superintendent Lee Pyer.

**Also Present:** Richard Stewart

The Pledge to the flag was led by Town Supervisor Donald Evia.

Town Supervisor opened the meeting stating that this was a Budget Workshop meeting.

Supervisor Evia went line for line on the proposed 2025 budget explaining some figures stayed the same and there were some increases and some decreases. He also mentioned an example of one of the increases was replacing the Clerk, Bookkeeper, Assessor and the Highway Department with new updated computers because the ones the town has now are all unable to be updated and an insurance increase on the buildings as well as the vehicles and there will be an increase on contents next year. Supervisor Evia comments that the current figures on the proposed budget for the Highway Superintendent and the Deputy's salaries needs to be lowered a little, they are not correct. He also commented that the Fire Department District was increased. He added a little extra money to the Hornell per/call total and the Canisteo Ambulance went up a small percent.

Councilman OBrochta mentioned that they need to look at the Howard Historical Society's (Museum) roof making sure it is not leaking, it is missing some shingles.

It was also discussed allocated money to have the shop and office fronts metal sided to match the other town buildings and work on getting estimates before the first of the year to start planning on this project.

Superintendent Pyer mentions needing money up front to cover expenses caused by storms. He also mentioned that the town may not have to buy sand next year (depending on the winter conditions), right now, there is 4,700 ton on hand.

The Board reviewed and discussed the budget officer's preliminary budget officer's figures. They decide that it is a good budget to be put forward to the Public Hearing that is scheduled on November 13, 2024 @ 7:10pm.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman OBrochta and seconded by Councilman Rice to accept this Preliminary budget for the Public Hearing.

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

The Board gave they're thanks to Highway Superintendent Lee Pyer for doing a great job with the highway department. Highway Superintendent Pyer compliments the Board for coming a long way on working towards keeping the buildings, truck and equipment up to date. Town Supervisor Don Evia gave his thanks and appreciation to the Board Members for all they have done keeping things moving forward and not loosing ground.

**A Motion** was made by Councilman OBrochta and seconded by Councilman Rice to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm.

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

  
Frances Sharp  
Howard Town Clerk