

Minutes of October 1, 2025, Germantown Town Board 2026 Budget workshop, held in the Kellner Activity Building, Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY, commencing at 7:02pm.

Present: Supervisor Helsley  
Councilman Sullivan  
Councilman Kukon  
Councilmember Suarez  
Councilman Christian

Highway Superintendent, Anthony Cidras

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the Budget workshop to discuss the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

General Fund.

Supervisor Helsley said a 1% tax increase for 2026. Applied \$5,802.00 increase applied to the Highway budget.

Highway.

Kept sales tax & interest flat.

Increases.

5110.4- \$5,000 increase- fuel prices going up. Cut back on diesel fuel.

5112.2- Truck replace. 2012 F250 and Ambulance.

Income line.

Sale of equipment \$6,000. Garage up \$500. Utilities stayed the same.

General Fund.

Lowered franchise. Gtel cost was about \$10,000 a year. Councilman Christian suggested looking into something else.

Councilman Sullivan commented roof for Town Hall up to \$170,000

No raises for Supervisor and Town Board.

1620.2- New computers

Accounting increase- Supervisor Helsley just budgeted for increase, he didn't ask for it.

Tax Collector increase. Assessor, Cheryl staying the same.

Anthony mentioned National Grid increase on utilities 1620.41

1620.1- Housekeeping

7520.4- Parsonage- can be dropped down.

3510.1- Increase- has had a lot more calls.

3620.1- CEO- stays the same. Brandon will be buying some books.

Highway.

5010.1- \$68,000- Highway Superintendent

5010.1- \$2,500- Deputy Highway Superintendent- Responsible for "call before you dig", clean up at sewer plant, cutting trails behind the Parsonage. Councilman Sullivan mentioned break out the sewer cost from Highway, that money should come out of sewer- General fund.

7310.1- Camp salaries went up. May have to increase camp fees. Some suggestions were that Clermont should pay towards camp, reduce the number of counselors.

7550.4- Celebrations went up \$2,000

8010.4- \$2,500

Lighting.

Increase. Over budget this year. \$6,000 to \$8,000

Sewer down to \$6,800, actual \$6,600

Budget amendment RBC's

Anthony will come up with a number for sewer maintenance to amend the budget.

Supervisor Helsley will move a few items around on the budget.

1620.2 Buildings equipment. New owl version

Discussion on fuel for school and fire department.

Discussion on expanding sewer district.

Workshop adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,