Minutes of October 1, 2026, Germantown Town Board Budget Workshop, held in the Germantown Town Hall, 50 Palatine Park Road, Germantown, NY and via Zoom, commencing at 7:01pm.

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

Recorded by: Town Clerk, Joyce Vale

Supervisor Helsley opened the workshop saying the sidewalk bond was paid off last year. In the General Fund move tax revenue over to Highway no fund balance.
Decreased Athletic fields. Councilmember Dufresne would like the money added back in to the budget for the Athletic fields.
Request by the chairs to increase the fees for the Planning and Zoning board members.
Transportation for buses for camp, make it a .4
Small budget for the Recreation committee- will take it out of parks other line.
7140.4 Playground & Rec Contr. Exp – keep at $1,000
New line added- 7140.41- Recreation committee budget of $1,000
Councilman Christian feels A2001- Camp Charges- should be raised. Discussion on whether to raise the price of camp. Councilmember Dufresne commented camp gets some donations from local businesses. Town Board decided to leave camp prices the way they are.
No federal money came from FEMA maybe money from NYS.
Highway-
Councilman Christian asked if CHIPS could be used for highway repairs? Supervisor Helsley said the CHIPS money is already accounted for.
Councilman Sullivan asked for the Highway fund balance? Supervisor Helsley said he didn't get the fund balance.
Councilman Kukon asked is Old Sawmill Road was getting fixed this year. Supervisor Helsley thinks Anthony put it in the budget.
Street improvement and equipment numbers will change a portion reimbursed by CHIPS.
Snow removal is up. Utilities up.
Councilmember Dufresne suggested getting a lighting audit by National Grid.
Supervisor Helsley is thinking maybe raising sewer rates, maybe next year.
Motion to approve tentative 2027 budget as presented made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Kukon, with all in favor and none opposed.

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Tentative budget has to be in by November 6, 2026 not beyond November 15, 2026. The date for the workshop and public hearing will be set at the October meeting. Motion to close the workshop at 7:55pm made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Dufresne, with all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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