October 7, 2026

The Special Tyre Town Board Meeting -Budget Workshop was held Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyre Municipal Building, 1082 Gravel Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148, in the Town of Tyre.

Supervisor Partee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilman Jeffrey Bennett – here; Councilman Henry Bickel – here; Councilwoman Nicole Bishop- here; Councilman Kenneth Sutterby – here; Supervisor Beth Partee – here

In Attendance: Mike Gross, Eric Bush

Open Privilege of the Floor: None

Review/Discussion of matters relating to the 2027 Town of Tyre Budgets

- **Justice Department Budget Adjustments:**
    - Justice 1 full-time clerk: increase by $460 to $53,500 total. Wage schedule: current rate for the first six months; 4% increase effective July 1.
    - Justice 2 part-time clerk: increase by $5,691 to $28,400 total to reflect added hours.
- **Tax Collector:**
    - Office hours will be available at Town Hall during collection periods.
    - A lockbox will be installed in the lobby for payments.
    - The position will be combined with Town Clerk in 2028.
- **Town Clerk Budget Adjustment:**
    - Increase the contractual line by $1,000 (from $2,000 to $3,000). Purpose: cover the $900 cost for a new software login for the deputy clerk.
- **Website Upgrade:**
    - Significant increase planned to develop a new ADA-compliant website by April 2028.
    - New requirements mandate all documents from the last two years be ADA compliant.
- **Central Data Processing (CST):**
    - Decrease by $8,000 to $12,000. Reason: New York courts now provide their own IT help desk and security, saving approximately $570 per month.
- **Dog Control:**
    - Recommendation to continue the contract with Finger Lakes SPCA for at least another year.
- **Highway Superintendent Salary:**
    - Discussed the proposed 4.39% increase versus a standard 4% and compared wages with neighboring towns (e.g., Romulus). Board agreed to retain the proposed salary of $70,000.
- **Zoning Officer Salary:**

    - Decrease by $780 to $11,700 total.
- **Refuse & Garbage Contract**
    - The three-year Casella refuse and garbage contract is in its final year (2027).
    - An RFP must be issued next year for the 2028 contract.
    - A resident asked about bulk item drop-offs; the town does not offer this service.
- **Employee Benefits**
    - Retirement contributions (A9010.8) must increase by $8,000 to a new total of $43,000. This increase follows a state law change signed by Governor Hochul raising the employer contribution.
    - Health insurance costs are rising by 17.5%; the budget line will increase by $2,000 to a new total of $30,000. This health insurance line covers two people: the highway superintendent and the bookkeeper.
- **Revenue: Federal Aid, Other**
    - Question raised about increasing federal aid in light of a new federal headquarters being built on Route 5 and 20. The new building will be a visitor center and house offices.

DA Fund and Highway Department Budget

- **Salaries:** A 4% increase is planned for budgeting; final salaries will be set at the organizational meeting.
- **Road Shoulders:** Significant discussion on raising shoulders on town roads.

Highway Machinery and Equipment

- **Truck Replacement:** Desire to retire the rusting 2017 red pickup due to costly repairs. A one-ton dump truck was suggested as a more useful and safer replacement.
- **Viking Truck:** Payment still due for a Viking truck not delivered after 15 months; outstanding amount ~$114,000. Contract and final price remain uncertain.

Budget Adjustments and Balancing

- Adjustments made to balance the budget:
    - Reduced machinery contractual (DA5130.4) by $5,000.
    - Reduced personnel services lines (DA5110.1 and 5142.1) by $3,000 each.
    - Reduced capital outlay (DA5130.2) by $500.
- The budget is now balanced; changes can still be made before final adoption.

Fire Protection and Water Districts

- **Fire Protection:** Clyde Fire Department contract remains $88,000; response from Tyre pending. Revenue from Del Lago Resort and Casino community mitigation plan will cover the fire tax.

Other Business and Resolutions

Resolution #92 of 2026 scheduling a public hearing on the initial draft of the updated Town of Tyre Comprehensive Plan

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilwoman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Bennett, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Bennett	X			
Councilman Bickel	X			
Councilwoman Bishop	X			

Councilman Sutterby	X
Supervisor Partee	X

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution #93 of 2026 accepting the estimate from CST Group, Inc. for Network Equipment and Configuration

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by Councilwoman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Sutterby, and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Bennett	X			
Councilman Bickel	X			
Councilwoman Bishop	X			
Councilman Sutterby	X			
Supervisor Partee	X			

The Resolution was duly adopted.

Adjournment:

Councilman Bennett moved, seconded by Councilman Sutterby that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m. VOTE: Aye – 5; Nay – 0; Abstain – 0; Absent – 0

Submitted by,

Carolyn Sosnowski
Tyre Town Clerk