

**TOWN OF HOWARD
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2025**

The 2026 Preliminary Budget Workshop meeting was called to order by Supervisor Donald Evia at 6:00pm.

Present: Supervisor Donald Evia, Councilman Gary Rice, Councilman Ron Dyer and Highway Superintendent Lee Pyer

Absent: Councilman Ed Frey, Councilman Ed OBrochta

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 2026 budget explaining why some figures stayed the same and why there were some increases and decreases.

Councilman Rice commented on re-looking at the Canisteo Ambulance Contract due to Canisteo answering only 50% of the Town of Howard calls.

Highway Superintendent Lee Pyer requests putting a line item in the budget for clothing expense. He also comments that the departments big expense for next year will be tires. Town Clerk, Fran Sharp asked about where paper products etc. was suppose to be taken from and it was explained that it should be taken from Garage line item #A5132.4. Supervisor Evia suggests asking Jeanette, Bookkeeper her thoughts on these 2-line items.

After reviewing and discussion, Supervisor Evia announced that the ending result is a rise in the property taxes by \$.03 per thousand.

The Board agrees that it is a good budget and move it forward to a Public Hearing.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Dyer to approve this proposed budget and move to a Preliminary Budget.


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

A Motion was made by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Dyer to hold a Public Hearing for the 2026 Preliminary Budget on November 12, 2025 @ 7:10pm.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Dyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm.

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



Frances Sharp
Howard Town Clerk