TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
September 21, 2026

The Burke Town Board met for a budget work session on September 21, 2026 at the Burke Town Court House. Town Supervisor Bill Wood opened the workshop at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call:	
Supervisor:	Bill Wood
Councilman:	Tim Crippen
	Jim Otis
	Paddy Wheeler
	Eric Ashlaw
Town Clerk:	Judy Tavernier
Director of Finance:	Debbie Kemp
Highway Superintendent:	Jerry Malark

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said.

Jim Otis made a motion to dispense with the minutes of the last meeting until our next regular meeting. Eric Ashlaw seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye

Eric Ashlaw made the motion to allow the Tax Collector to purchase a printer. Tim Crippen seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye

Discussed utilizing CHPS funds to pay for the new truck. Paddy Wheeler made the motion to spend these funds for this purpose. Tim Crippen seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye

Eric Ashlaw made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss ~~salaries.~~ an employee Tim Crippen seconded this motion. Executive Session began at 7:32 p.m.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye
Executive Session ended at 7:55 p.m. on a motion made by Paddy Wheeler and seconded by Eric Ashlaw.
Roll Call: Tim - Aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - Aye, Eric - Aye, Bill - Aye
Backup plan decided if Code Officer is unable to do her work due to illness: We will contact Malone Code Officer to cover our area.

The proposed budget was distributed for review.
The proposed budget was reviewed and changes made. It was determined that a local law to exceed the tax cap for 2027 would be required.

A special Town Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to vote on the tentative budget and local law to exceed the tax cap.

Our regular Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

A public hearing and our regular Town Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to vote on preliminary budget and address regular Town business. If no changes are made the Town Board may vote to accept the preliminary budget as the final budget for 2027.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. was made by Paddy Wheeler and seconded by Eric Ashlaw. Roll Call: Tim - aye, Jim - Aye, Paddy - aye, Eric – aye, Bill - aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tavernier

Judy Tavernier, Town Clerk