

Town of St. Armand
2026 Budget Work Session #1
Wednesday, September 3, 2025 – 5:30 pm

These Budget Work Session Minutes were approved by the St. Armand Town Board on September 16, 2025

A Budget Work Session of the Town of St. Armand was held in person at the above date and time at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY, and virtually on-line.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor Davina Thurston, Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer and Councilperson JP O'Neil

A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk Raine DeLancett and Highway Superintendent Doug Snickles

GUESTS: Ray Tempestilli

A Notice was posted regarding the date of this meeting.

Supervisor Davina Thurston called the Budget Work Session to order at 5:33 pm and asked all to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The first budget work session of 2026 started with an overview of General Funds (A), General Funds (B), Highway DA and DB Funds. Also included was a review of salaries and individual requests for pay increases.

Highway Superintendent Doug Snickles requested that his son Devin Snickles be moved from a part time laborer position to a full time position. Doug added that Devin will be taking his CDL test soon.

Supervisor Thurston stated that the 2026 proposed budget shows another person employed full time through the Highway department. Thurston also stated that there is extra in the budget for summer help. Discussion ensued.

The Board agrees to discuss the topic of hiring Devin full time and paying for his CDL at the next meeting on September 15, 2025.

The Board also discussed wanting to update the Towns personnel policy and passing a Resolution that entails any personnel that receives training or licenses that the Town pays for would have to pay the Town back 25% for 4 years if they leave the Town within that 4 years.

Supervisor Thurston stated that there are no new equipment replacement purchases for 2026.

There was a pay increase of 5% asked from Supervisor Davina Thurston and Bookkeeper Nancy Heath. Discussion ensued.

The Board approves.

Discussion and questions ensued amongst Town Board members reviewing the preliminary budget page by page.

The Board ended the discussion on the A, B, DA and DB Funds, and agreed to review the remainder of the budget at the next Budget Work Session scheduled for September 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Supervisor Thurston stated that the 2026 Tax Levy is at 2% and the number is 1,059,326

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS

Supervisor Thurston asked participants of the meeting if there were any questions, comments, or concerns.
There were none.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BUDGET WORK SESSION

Councilperson JP O’Neil made a Motion to end the Budget Work Session. The Motion was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law. The Budget Work Session ended at 7:08 pm.

I, Raine DeLancett, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Budget Work Session minutes held on the above-referenced date.

Raine DeLancett
St. Armand Town Clerk

Dated: September 3, 2025