Presiding Supervisor Laura Elsbree called the Special Town Board Meeting, County of Wayne, State of New York, held at the Walworth Town Hall, 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth, NY to order at 6:30 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:	Laura Elsbree	Supervisor
	Craig Jeffers	Councilman
	Daniel Botsford	Councilman
	Alex Kelly	Councilman
	Tiffany Paine	Councilwoman
	Nadine Seppeler	Town Clerk

ABSENT: Kevin Switzer - Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Teresa Flye – Confidential Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Motion by Councilman Botsford to enter into executive session to discuss medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person/corp, or matters leading to said dismissal, removal, promotion, appointment, employment, discipline, demotion, or suspension.
Seconded by Councilwoman Paine.
Supervisor Elsbree invited the Confidential Secretary and Town Clerk to join.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Paine	Aye
	Councilman Jeffers	Aye
	Councilman Botsford	Aye
	Councilman Kelly	Aye
	Supervisor Elsbree	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 6:35 PM.

RECONVENE:
Supervisor reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting.

Time: 6:45 PM.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Paine	Aye
	Councilman Jeffers	Aye
	Councilman Botsford	Aye
	Councilman Kelly	Aye
	Supervisor Elsbree	Aye

Motion carried.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 184-26 TO AUTHORIZE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN UNDERBERG & KESSLER LLP EXPANSION OF SCOPE TO SERVE AS ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF WALWORTH PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilman Kelly offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Paine to wit:

WHEREAS, The Town of Walworth wishes to expand Underberg and Kessler LLP to include Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the expansion of scope to serve as Attorney for the Town of Walworth Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals with Underberg and Kessler, LLP for Special Counsel service.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2026 at a meeting of the Town Board.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Paine	Aye
	Councilman Jeffers	Aye
	Councilman Botsford	Aye
	Councilman Kelly	Aye
	Supervisor Elsbree	Aye

Resolution carried.

TENTATIVE BUDGET WORK SESSION:

Discussions

- Supervisor Elsbree passed out a small packet from the Town's Accounting Firm explaining "fund balance and reserve lines" *on file in the Town Clerk's Office.*
- Supervisor Elsbree expressed that as the Tentative budget is written today that the tax levy is currently $14.00 under the tax levy limit set by the NYS Comptroller.
- A small discussion was held regarding whether the board should investigate adopting a local law to override the tax cap.
- Councilman Jeffers expressed that he is interested in using money from the fund balance to off set some of the increase in costs for the special lighting districts. Specifically, the districts that are facing a significant increase of nearly 75%. Lines SM1. SM2, SL1, SL4, SL5, and SL6. Discission was had and Supervisor Elsbree will talk with the Town Accounting Firm to see what money from the fund balance can be distributed and how it will impact those lines.
- Councilman Botsford raised questing regarding employee health insurance and the portions that they pay for the plans- where is that money estimated within the budget? Is it

considered a revenue line? Supervisor Elsbree will inquire on this and get answers back to the board.

GENERAL FUND – Appropriations - CHANGES

- AA.00.1010.101 COUNCILPERSONS – 2% increase
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.
- AA.00.1010.407 BOARD – CONFERENCES AND TRAINING – raise from $2,300 to $5,000
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.
- AA.001110.103 PERS SVC SECURITY – confirm amount
- AA.00.1220.101 PERS SVC SUPERVISOR – 2% increase
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Nay. Carried.
- AA.00.1220.102 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR – discussion on pay amount – TABLED
- AA.00.1220.405 SUPERVISOR POSTAGE – all departments postage is combined now into this one line
- AA.00.1410.401 TOWN CLERK – CONF & TRAINING – raise amount from $2,500 to $3,000
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.
- AA.00.1620.489 BLDG MAINT/REPAIR – FROM RSVS – confirm the amount that is allocated. Is this an additional 40,000 on top of last year's pulled from reserves or is the amount remaining the same?
- AA.00.1990.401 CONTINGENT ACCOUNT – inquire on the amount and ask about the historical contexts of this line. Lower from $200,000 to $150,000.
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.
- AA.00.3510.403 DOG LICENSES – increase from $0 to $500.
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.

Supervisor Elsbree asked for a quick recess:
Motioned by Councilwoman Paine and Seconded by Supervisor Elsbree
Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.
TIME: 7:49 PM

Supervisor Elsbree reconvened the Special Meeting:
Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.
TIME : 7:56 PM

- Building Department Clerk Staff – Overtime Line should be filled and split from the services line (AA.00.3620.104 & AA.00.3620.105 (*change code from pt to ft))* to put money within the AA.00.3620.118 BLDG DEPT OT.
- The Board asked Supervisor Elsbree to inquire on AA.00.7110.40 & AA.00.7110.409 and return explanation to the Board.
- Recreation Staff – Overtime line is needed and split from the services line (historically Overtime line was AA.00.7310.118) no line is currently within tentative budget for OT
- AA.00.7310.407 YOUTH REC SOFTWARE – amount has decreased from 2026 @ $7,000 to 2027 @ $4,195. Supervisor will inquire to see if this is accurate and get back to the Board.
- AA.00.7310.412 YOUTH REC SHIRTS & HATS – historically have gone over budget, does more need to be appropriated? Will investigate.
- AA.00.7989.400 FARM MARKET – should they ask for more? Supervisor will inquire and return answers to the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Kelly to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Paine.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Paine	Aye
	Councilman Jeffers	Aye
	Councilman Botsford	Aye
	Councilman Kelly	Aye
	Supervisor Elsbree	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 9:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadine Seppeler
Town Clerk