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
	Alex Kelly	Councilman
	Nadine Seppeler	Town Clerk

ABSENT: Kevin Switzer - Highway Superintendent, Tiffany Paine – Councilwoman, Daniel Botsford - Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: None

TENTATIVE BUDGET WORK SESSION:

Light Districts

- Supervisor Elsbree explained the Light District fund balance and was following up on Councilman Jeffers request to use some of the fund balance to offset the tax levy for these special districts. Supervisor met with the Highway Superintendent who explained the need to have the money within the fund balance to replace any infrastructure needed.

Councilwoman Paine entered the meeting at 6:36 PM

- An extensive conversation was had regarding sidewalk districts. It was stated that the Gananda Sidewalk District has areas in serious need of repair and replacement. The money left within the district line of unappropriated funds is intended to go towards projects such as these. Discussion continued regarding the process to dissolve existing districts which historically previous boards have done extensive research into. Before any action can be taken regarding the potential merge of existing districts or dissolving of any of the existing districts the fund balance within these district lines must be spent. The Town Board was all in agreeance that the Highway Superintendent and the Parks Superintendent should collaborate in heading the repair projects for the Gananda Sidewalk district. They should also coordinate with a contractor to get scope and plan for the existing sidewalks.

Park Special Revenue Funds

- Discission was had on the developing 2027 Fee Schedule and that fee for the "Dwelling – 1 Lot Development (SFH) and the Town Board wishes to raise the fee from $750.00 to $850.00 starting in 2027. Therefor since they plan to make this change within the 2027 Fee Schedule, they want to change line CM.01.2089.000 from $0 to $6,800.
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.
- CM.01.7110.201 CAPTIAL EXPENDITURES – noting that the line has continuously gone over budget since 2024. Conversation ensued if more money should be appropriated for this fund. Supervisor Elsbree will investigate the reasoning for the requested amount as well as why the line has gone over budget in the past.

Councilman Botsford entered the meeting at 6:53 PM

Time was taken to update Councilman Botsford and Councilwoman Paine on the items they missed prior to their arrival to the nights Special Meeting.

- CM.01.7110.402 LODGE CLEANING – this line is used for cleaning supplies and for the overtime the staff clocks while cleaning the lodge following weekend rentals. Decrease amount from $3,600 to $3,200.
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.

Highway Fund

- It was noted that the costs of salt have gone up by 27%
- It was also noted that the highway staff is the largest compared to the other various departments within the Town.
- It was noted that the Highway Department's budget request is offset by the state and county contracts they receive to plow the roads during the winter.

Walworth Consolidated Drainage & Crystal Creek Drainage District

- It was noted that the appropriated fund balance has been carried over resulting in no taxes being raised for this line.

West Walworth Fire Protection District

- 10% increase from the 2026 contract amount due to fuel, utilities, building repair costs, and insurance.

Lincoln Fire Protection District

- 4% increase from the 2026 contract amount due to fuel, utilities, building repair costs, and insurance.
- An extensive conversation was had concerning fire district boundary lines and where they fall.

Deputy Supervisor – AA.00.1220.102

- Conversation ensued regarding the pay rate and comparable neighboring towns pay rate for their Deputy Supervisors. Councilman Botsford motioned to increase the amount from $3,000 to $4,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Paine.
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.

The Schedule of Salaries of Elected Officials

- Change the titles listed to match what is listed on the election ballot. "Town Board (4) each" to "Councilperson (4) each". "Highway Supervisor" to "Highway Superintendent"
  Councilwoman Paine – Aye, Councilman Jeffers – Aye, Councilman Botsford – Aye, Councilman Kelly – Aye, Supervisor Elsbree – Aye. Carried.

New Sound System for Meeting Recordings

- Supervisor Elsbree reported that her office obtained vendor quotes for a new meeting room sound and recording system. Because the received estimates exceeded initial projections and available appropriations - while remaining committed to compliance with the New York State Comptroller's property tax levy limit - sufficient funding is currently unavailable for this purchase.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Motion carried.

Time: 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nadine Seppeler
Town Clerk