

**A public hearing to present the 2026 Tentative Budget held by the Town Board of Thurston, County of Steuben, and the State of New York at the Town Hall, 7578 County Route 333 on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.**

**Present:** Town Supervisor: Michael Volino  
Town Council: Daniel Gee, Holly Chase, Noel Sylvester, Jennifer Hargrave  
Highway Superintendent: Absent  
Code Enforcement Officer: Nick Nolton  
Assessor: Diana Dixon  
Fire Department Secretary: Desiree Fisk

**Visitors:** Marge Taft, Alan Crooker, Dolores Crooker, Tim Hargrave, Lisa Hargrave, Sheree Gauss, Jeff Sweeney, Samuel Dick

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Town Supervisor, Michael Volino. He said this budget allows for a 1.6% increase in the tax levy which is under the 2% cap, a .5% decrease in General and 1.1% increase in the Highway Account.

Sheree Gauss questioned the \$55,000 salary for the Superintendent of Highways and asked if that was for the outgoing Superintendent or the incoming newly elected Superintendent. Holly Chase noted this is the amount that was proposed for the Superintendent of Highways in the 2026 budget.

Michael noted the Highways Superintendent position will now have to contribute to the Health Insurance premium.

There being not further public comment, motion was made by Jennifer Hargrave and seconded by Holly Chase that the public hearing be adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Put to vote, all those present, aye. Carried.