10-23-2026 – 2027 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Present:
Councilman Matthew Krist
Councilman Leonard R. Hochadel
Councilman Krissy Kittleson
Supervisor Beverly A. Gambino

Absent:
Councilman Kathleen Becker (arrived late)

Also Present:
Highway Superintendent Christopher Dabolt
Town Clerk Jennifer Bray
Approx. no guests

Supervisor Gambino called the 2027 Budget work session to order at 11:01 AM. Supervisor Gambino stated that there was one house keeping item to take care of before reviewing the budget. She stated that due to conflicts of being a Judge in another Town that Taylor Erhardt is unable to accept the Town Prosecutor position at this time and that David DiMatteo has offered to take the position until the first of the year. There was a brief discussion. **On a motion by Krist, seconded by Hochadel, the following resolution to be known as Resolution #21 of 2026 was moved for adoption.**

Resolution #21

Appointment of Town Prosecutor

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Sardinia hereby approves the appointment of David DiMatteo as Town Prosecutor at the rate of $1, 000.00 per month.

DULY ADOPTED, this 8th day of October, 2026 by the following vote: Becker, absent, Hochadel, aye, Krist, aye, Kittleson, aye, Gambino, aye. So resolved, 4 ayes, 0 noes, 1 absent.

Supervisor Gambino began a review of the 2027 Budget highlighting lines with increases. She noted that A 1620.220 Town Hall Improvements was increased to $1,000,000.00 in anticipation of upgrades to the gym, the building doors and for building security. There was a brief discussion. The next line discussed was under Playgrounds and it was noted that the increase was for new dugouts for the baseball field at the Town Hall. The next line increase that was discussed was the personal services lines for the park and highway to cover hiring additional employees. Supervisor Gambino stated that the Public Safety line has been very low for the personal services therefore she has increased that to match the responsibility of the position. Under the Highway Garage lines it was noted that there was an increase to the Capital Equipment line for possible roof repairs and the Salt Shed line stayed the same in hopes of trying for the construction grant again. Supervisor Gambino stated that under the pool lines there was an increase to cover the cost of having the pool resurfaced. Next Supervisor Gambino stated that a line has been added to both the Planning Board and Zoning Board that will allow for a per occurrence stipend to the Town Clerk for doing the secretary work needed by both boards. There was brief discussion. Lastly the Supervisor stated that the increases in the Fire Protection lines were based on the contract and Street Lighting Lines are based on usage.

Discussion then began on the Highway lines. Superintendent Dabolt noted that the cost for road salt has gone up and was concerned that the amount in the tentative budget would not be enough. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the line would be increased to $175,000.00. Next the Fuel and Lube line was discussed and it was agreed that based on current fuel prices it would be best to increase that line to $70,000.00.

Supervisor Gambino asked if there were any questions or comments on the 2027 Budget. There were none. **Therefore on a motion by Krist, seconded by Kittleson, the 2027 Budget Work Session was adjourned at 11:40 am. Carried, 5 ayes, 0 noes, 0 absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Bray, RMC
Town Clerk