

2026 Budget Hearing
October 14th, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmen: John Morgan, Jason Swede, Amos Smith, and Frank Rose Jr.

Absent: None.

Others: Dustin Geiger, Dwight Kanyuck (Town Attorney), Justin Bennett & Sandra Curran (BBS Accounting) Dennis House, Tara Johnson, David Deuel, George Worden, (Highway Supt), Kirk Richenberg and Joe McIlroy.

Supervisor Deming opened the 2026 Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and asked for any questions or comments pertaining to the budget.

Supervisor Deming stated that he asked the York Fire Department to conduct a brief presentation this evening to give the Board and the public overview of the services provided and a breakdown of their budget.

Dustin Geiger began the slide show detailing the breakdown of their budget and the proposed budget funds for the York Fire Department:



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Budget Breakdown

- Equipment
 - Fire Equipment and Supplies
- Capitol
 - Radio
 - Equipment
- Medical Supplies
 - BLS supplies
 - First Aid supplies, A.E.D.s

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Budget Breakdown

- Certifications
 - Physicals
 - Medical Physical, Hearing, Vision, Chest X-Ray, Blood work
 - SCBA
 - Annual pack certification, 5 year bottle certification (20 packs, 38 bottles)
 - Apparatus
 - Annual Pump capacity testing (3 - pumps)
 - Hose
 - Annual Hose service pressure testing (3, 100 feet)
 - Ladder
 - Annual Ladder service testing (3-root, 3 extension, 3-rollo, 1-little giant)

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Budget Breakdown

- General Fund
 - Fire Prevention
 - Food / Refreshments
 - Office Supplies
 - Insurance
 - Commercial
 - Cancer/AD&D
 - Other

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Proposed Budget

• Truck Payment	\$ 24,430.00		
• P-175	Currently making payments (\$2442.97 month; Final 10/26)		
• Capitol Apparatus	\$116,870.00		
Vehicle	Replacement Cost	Life Expectant	Cost per Yr.
• S-171	\$ 65,000	10 Yrs.	\$6,500.00
• P-173	\$450,000	20 Yrs	\$22,500.00
• P-174	\$973,000	20 Yrs.	\$48,650.00
• P-175	\$853,000	20 Yrs.	\$42,650.00
• T-176	\$525,000	25 Yrs.	\$21,000.00
Totals	\$2,856,000.00		\$141,300.00

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Hood \$87	Helmet \$465
Extrication Gloves \$75	SCBA \$11,008
Portable Radio \$5,000	Firefighting Glove \$67
Turnout Coat/Pants \$4,600	Bailout System \$478
	Boots \$394
Total \$26,194	

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Income Sources

Income Description	2025	2026
Proposed Change		15%
Town Contract	\$245,512.00	\$282,340.00
Fund Raiser	\$6,000.00	\$6,900.00
Memorials	\$1,500.00	\$1,725.00
Donations	\$1,500.00	\$1,725.00
FFI	\$10,000.00	\$11,500.00
Total	\$264,512.00	\$304,190.00

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Expense - Income - Shortage		
Category	2025	2026
Proposed Budget	\$440,747.00	\$440,747.00
Proposed Income	\$385,613.00	\$385,613.00
Proposed Shortage	\$55,134.00	\$55,134.00

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Ways to close fund gap
•Town Contract
•Continued Fund raising
•Applying for grants (FEMA proposed 1 Billion in FEMA grant cuts)

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Mr. Deuel asked how we move forward to try and get level so we do not experience large increases (%) yearly.

Mr. Geiger replied, due to the increases in fire equipment and supplies that have driven the prices to what they are. There are three large fire apparatus manufacturers that control and corner the market in this, we would love to be able to close the gap. With the budget we have prepared, we have projected roughly \$55,000 less from 2025 to upcoming 2026. Mr. Geiger added, depending on the decision of the Town Board, if they approve the budget, we may not need to ask for additional funds.

Councilman Morgan commented he was aware that Congress has been questioning the three companies Mr. Geiger referenced and asked if anything new has come forward.

Mr. Geiger replied he has not heard anything as of yet and stated he is unsure if it was a hearing or just questions at this point.

Mr. Deuel stated that FEMA grants are being cut and asked if we received funds previously? Mr. Geiger responded we have applied for a couple of grants per year, there are many categories you can tap into, but many fire companies are doing the same thing we are. Councilman Morgan and Mr. Geiger stated we had received previously a \$300,000 grant to help pay for truck 174, as well as other smaller grants over the years.

Justin Bennett from BBS, read aloud highlights of the proposed 2026 Budget:

General Fund "Unexpended balance" went from \$42,000 to \$94,000
 Personal Services increased by 3%
 Highway and Water/Sewer increased 2% (Per Union Contract)

Mr. Richenberg inquired, with the upcoming change in Town Clerk position, will there be a savings?

Supervisor Deming answered, yes there will be a savings. The Town Clerk salary will remain at \$40,000 but will have a \$4,000 reduction elsewhere.

Mr. Richenberg asked if other line items will be charged the reductions?

Supervisor Deming responded that it will be reduced in other line items in the budget.

In 1620.4- “Buildings, Contractual”: increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000 due to the large increases in utility bills.

A1910.4- “Unallocated Insurance”: increased from \$52,000 to \$58,000.

Mr. Richenberg asked for an explanation on the Solar PILOTS.

Supervisor Deming stated that currently we have three Solar PILOTS, Trathen (Solar Park), Dragani (OYA) and YTC (York Travel Center).

Mr. Richenberg asked when does the payment start for the big project (White Creek/AES)?

Supervisor Deming answered, at the end of 2026 or into 2027. Attorney Kanyuck, added more than likely further into 2027. Supervisor Deming asked, will it be pro-rated, which Attorney Kanyuck replied it will be.

Mr. Richenberg asked if the State makes the decision when it starts?

Attorney Kanyuck responded it is usually the practice of the County IDA (Industrial Development Agency) to determine this, when commercially operational.

Mr. Richenberg discussed with the Board the current solar project in Genesee County.

A8160.4 “Refuse & Garbage Contract”: increased from \$40,000 to \$46,000.

Mr. Deuel commented that the attorney fees have been reduced.

Supervisor Deming replied it has, per contract with Attorney Kanyuck for \$16,000 per year. Supervisor Deming added, with the special projects, such as solar, these claims are paid by the solar company or AKZO.

Mr. Richenberg asked regarding “Parks” (A7110.4) is this money for Kiwanis?

Supervisor Deming answered it is for Kiwanis.

Mr. Richenberg asked if Kiwanis shared any expenditures with the Board to justify the funds?

Supervisor Deming replied they did not submit any budget or expenditures but will reach out to get information.

Mr. Richenberg commented that he saw a letter that they give money to organizations that are not in this township or even this county. Mr. Richenberg stated he thinks it is wrong to send our money to another town if the Town of York is allocating funds to Kiwanis, it should stay in the Town of York.

Supervisor Deming stated once again, he will verify how and where money is utilized. There is \$4,000 proposed in the budget, we can alter it if need be. We can decrease not increase a line item.

Mr. Richenberg asked what the rate of return is on NY CLASS?
Supervisor Deming and Mr. Bennett replied 4.1%.

Mr. Richenberg inquired if the Town has a plan to look at other avenues as well as NY CLASS?

Supervisor Deming commented that NY CLASS has been great for us and we are quite pleased with them. We certainly do not want to put money into CD's as they do not yield enough.

Mr. Bennett added we are very restricted on where we can put money into.

Mr. Richenberg commented don't get stuck in a rut, look at other avenues.

Mr. Richenberg stated he was disappointed in the work session and other meeting, with no real notice for the public to attend.

Supervisor Deming replied he conducted the meetings based on availability of the Board members.

Mr. Bennett continued with review of the proposed 2026 Budget...

In Highway: "DAUB; unexpended balance"- increased from \$85,000 to \$172,000

Highway General Repairs "DA5110.1"- increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000

\$100,000 was put into Highway Reserve.

There is a 15% increase proposed in the Fire Protection line item

In Consolidated Water Fund "SWUB; unexpended balance"- decreased from \$131, 000 to \$106, 000.

In Consolidated Sewer Fund (3) Districts; "SSUB unexpended balance"; increase from \$44,000 to \$117,000.

Joint Youth- No change in Youth, this is now run through YMCA.

Supervisor Deming stated that the upcoming budget will be under the tax cap.

Mr. Deuel asked, with the solar arrays, will there be and increase in fire department revenue associated with solar. What may be the expected revenue?

Attorney Kanyuck stated that an assessed value/formulas is based upon number of KW, electric market, lease payment, age of facility and amount in other taxes. The biggest increase will be in year 1 (\$40M assessed value), but the value decreases over time (\$1M per year)

After no further comment or questions

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 6:43 pm. Voted on and approved, Yes- 5, No- 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine M. Harris
Christine M. Harris, Clerk

York Town Board Meeting
October 14th, 2025
7:00 pm

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Absent: None

Others: Dwight Kanyuck (Town Attorney), Tara Johnson, George Worden. (Highway Supt), Joe McIlroy, Dennis House, David Deuel, Dustin Geiger, Cindy Pond, Justin Bennett & Sandra Curran (BBS) and Andrew Walton.

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board meeting at 7:01 pm and asked Tara Johnson to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the September 9th regular meeting, September 11th work session, September 19th, and October 6th meetings. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

• General Fund Claim	#261- 290	\$ 25,061.73
• Consolidated Water/Sewer	#254 - 289	\$149,482.00
• Highway Fund	#170- 189	\$ 86,324.53

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR:

1)David Deuel:

Mr. Deuel asked to speak with the Board this evening on a few topics: food insecurity discussion, Town R/R crossings and Data Centers.

Mr. Deuel gave a brief update on the September 30th meeting regarding community food needs. Roughly 30 people attended, sharing ideas and contact information. Mr. Deuel stated he felt it was a productive meeting, and the focus now is how to communicate with the residents and educate them on how to tap into the services they may need. A suggestion was made to have the surrounding Towns of York & Leicester and Village of Leicester post documentation on their websites and/or their signboards at the offices. Mr. Deuel added that a follow-up meeting will take place later this month.

Supervisor Deming commented that the meeting was well attended, including our State Senator, Pamela Helming. Senator Helming informed the group that there are many programs available to the people, if they are able be directed to the right avenue.

Mr. Deuel also stated that he attended a meet and greet session on September 25th with Senator Helming, where he shared with her the need for repairs to our local railroad tracks throughout the township. The Town Board has discussed this matter several times over the months, but unfortunately no action has taken place by the railroad and asked Senator Helming for assistance. Senator Helming suggested having the Town send a letter to her office requesting assistance, which Mr. Deuel stated he would pass along to the Board.

Supervisor Deming stated that he did reach out to Senator Helming's office previously, but has since contacted Assemblywoman Andrea Bailey, who is also aware of the situation. As of this morning, there was activity taking place at the railroad tracks in Wadsworth (Rt. 36), so hopefully repairs will be coming next.

Mr. Deuel addressed as well, a recent article he read as it pertains to data centers. Local, State and Federal policies facilitate sales of land to very large investment companies, which at some point may need to utilize electric and our water system, which could put a strain on our district.

Mr. Deuel's written comments and article referenced is below:

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A short update on the Community Food Assistance Program meeting held on Sept 30. About 30 people attended representing state, county and local governments, YCS, Kiwanas, area churches, Foodlink and volunteers from community food assistance programs. Most in attendance shared that they thought it was a productive and informative meeting. Concerns, details about the programs (who they serve and how they work), ideas and contact information were discussed and shared.

One item that generated a fair amount of discussion was how do we communicate with residents facing food insecurity where they can find help, what is available to them in our community or near by, and when it is available. This is an item that we hope the Towns will assist with by agreeing to add such information on town websites and placing a physical listing somewhere in the town halls. Details on that still have to be completed.

A meeting of volunteers of food pantries and other food assistance groups in our communities is being scheduled for later this month. We will continue to update the town board as we move forward on the issue of food insecurity in our area.

I attended the ~~me~~ meet & greet with Senator Helming Sept 25 in Mt. Morris. Among the concerns we discussed were the RR crossings on Rt 20 & 36. Her office staff stated they had not had an official contact with the Town on this matter as of that date. I encourage the board to send another official request by mail and email.

A 3rd item I want to discuss concerns data centers. I will read an editorial by Chris Torres, editor of American Agriculturist, a magazine that has ~~been~~ ^{was} ~~in our neighborhood for as long as I can remember~~ always been in our home for 3 generations. This was the Oct. 2025 issue, ~~and~~ - ~~This~~ ^{not is} ~~is~~ what concerns me, that our federal, state, & local policies ~~for~~ ~~property taxes~~ facilitate the sale of ~~a~~ land to large investment companies with no ties to ~~the~~ local communities.

One more thing, briefly, concerning a controversial and complicated issue on the county level. ~~That~~ A few counties have entered into an agreement with ICE in which the county sheriff's department cooperates and coordinates with ICE in the detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants. I am requesting that before Liv Co ~~enters~~ makes a decision on such a proposal, if it should present itself, that public forums/meetings throughout the county be held to ~~explain~~ the program and allow public comment. I am asking for transparency and engagement with the public ~~before a decision~~.

We can't let data centers devour acres of farmland

It's stunning to see the growth of artificial intelligence and the massive data centers that power it.

What's concerning, though, is the number of headlines I'm seeing around data centers proposed on vast acres of farmland. One that sticks out to me is a recent deal for 50,000 acres of farmland in Michigan.

According to Crain's Grand Rapids Business, a New York-based investment firm, WisdomTree Inc., is shelling out \$500 million to buy out Indiana-based Ceres Partners, an investment manager focused on food, ag and water resources. According to the article, Ceres owns 174,000 acres of farmland in 12 states.

Why did WisdomTree buy out Ceres? According to the article, it wants to capitalize on interest in solar and data centers on farmland. And of the 187 parcels totaling 49,964 acres it has in Michigan, nearly 41,000 are tillable acres in the Lower Peninsula.

Listen, I'm not naïve. AI and data centers are here to stay. This is the future of computing. But we can't afford to sacrifice farms just because we must compute faster or need an AI assistant



CHRIS TORRES

to show us the best recipe for a 90-degree day in the middle of summer.

We need a comprehensive plan that I think should address two big issues: farmland preservation and giving more opportunities for younger generations to farm.

States and local communities should act now to preserve as much tillable farmland as possible to ensure there is something there for future generations of growers. Along with that, young producers need more resources to make it easier for them to buy land, equipment and other things to grow their businesses.

We shouldn't have to sacrifice the rural backbone of our nation in the name of AI. That's too much to bear, and we shouldn't stand for it.



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HIGHWAY REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- Fiber Optics is being proposed on Dow Road, they want to place on existing poles, which first need to be fixed/replaced before approving this.

Councilman Smith inquired if they could bury the wire, which Supervisor Deming replied they will not take the extra step or expense to bury it unless we had a Local Law on the books requiring them to do so.

- Tree came down on Batzing Road, which needed clean up attention
- We will be wedging on Simpson Road within 2 weeks
- We should have the new 10-wheeler within 30 days
- Paving upper Cowan Road on each end and parts of Flats Road and Simpson Road

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Water/Sewer Department:

- We have not heard from JP Schepp (MRB) yet regarding the pump house
- Sewer: Continuing with routine maintenance

Supervisor Deming reported that the design for the River Road Water project is complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Retsof Sewer Project Budget Modification
Resolution offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede:

TOWN OF YORK

**RETSEF SEWER DISTRICT
PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Town of York has received funding from Rural Development for their Retsof Sewer District Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to adjust project budget items to more accurately reflect actual costs and;

WHEREAS, Rural Development requires the Town Board to authorize all changes to the Administrative Budget as shown on the Form E; NOW, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of York authorizes the following Budget modifications for the Project:

Net Interest	Increase of	\$814.14
Bond Counsel	Decrease of	\$2,689.10

I, Christine Harris, Town Clerk of the Town of York, do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of York on October 14, 2025, by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY
Gerald Deming, Supervisor	Yes	
Frank Rose Jr., Deputy Supervisor	Yes	
Amos Smith, Councilman	Yes	
John Morgan, Councilman	Yes	
Jason Swede, Councilman	Yes	

Christine M. Harris
Christine Harris
Town Clerk – Town of York

Dated: October 14, 2025

FORM E

RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD) PROJECT BUDGET / COST CERTIFICATION

TOWN OF YORK

Project Name: Retail Sewer District
Collection System Improvements

Date: 10/01/25 Report No.: 11 DRAFT

Funding Source:

RD Loan: \$1,028,000.00 Applicant Contribution: \$0.00
 WIA Grant: \$341,000.00

SUBTOTAL: \$1,829,000.00 SUBTOTAL: \$341,000.00
 TOTAL: \$1,372,000.00

ITEM	ORIGINAL BUDGET	MODIFIED BUDGET	PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES THIS PERIOD	EXPENDITURES TO DATE	BALANCE REMAINING
A. ADMINISTRATIVE						
1. Legal - Kirk & Campbell	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Breed Counsel - Harris Beach	14,751.00	11,181.26	8,981.50		8,981.50	2,199.50
3. Not Interest	45,000.00	49,514.14	0.00		11,502.44	11,332.44
4. Fiscal Advisor - Municipal Solutions, Inc.	34,500.00	34,500.00	29,077.38		34,500.00	0.00
5. RD Application (RD Incentive)	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00		5,500.00	0.00
6. Single Audit - EFPR Group	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
7. Miscellaneous (postage, legal adv, permits, etc...)	158.82	158.82	158.82		158.82	0.00
Total A. Administrative	\$95,149.82	\$95,374.86	\$37,918.82	\$30,955.14	\$58,873.14	\$24,401.70
B. TECHNICAL SVCS.						
1. Engineering - Clark Patterson Lee						
a. Study & Design Phase	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00		\$6,500.00	\$0.00
b. Preliminary & Final Design	\$1,000.00	125,870.00	\$1,000.00	30,870.00	125,870.00	0.00
c. Bidding	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	0.00
d. Construction Administration	32,000.00	32,000.00	31,999.00		31,999.00	0.00
e. Construction Observation	91,200.00	91,200.00	91,200.00		91,200.00	0.00
Total B. Technical Svcs.	\$29,700.00	\$263,570.00	\$232,699.00	\$31,870.00	\$263,570.00	\$0.00
C. CONSTRUCTION						
1. Construction Contracts						
a. Ganacoe Valley Construction	\$938,305.00	\$938,305.00	\$938,305.00		\$938,305.00	\$0.00
Total C. Construction	\$938,305.00	\$938,305.00	\$938,305.00	\$0.00	\$938,305.00	\$0.00
D. DIRECT EXPENDITURES						
1. Direct Equipment						
a. Gas Line (RD&E)	\$2,823.60	\$2,823.60	\$2,823.60		\$2,823.60	\$0.00
Total D. Expenditures	\$2,823.60	\$2,823.60	\$2,823.60	\$0.00	\$2,823.60	\$0.00
E. CONTINGENCY						
1. Contingency	\$100,821.58	\$74,826.54	\$0.00		\$74,826.54	\$26,000.00
Total E. Contingency	\$100,821.58	\$74,826.54	\$0.00		\$74,826.54	\$26,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$1,372,000.00	\$1,372,000.00	\$1,231,106.62	\$52,405.14	\$1,263,571.76	\$108,428.24

I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the billed costs or disbursements are in accordance with the terms of the project and that the reimbursement represents the Federal share due, which has not been previously requested and that an inspection has been performed and all work is in accordance with the terms of the award.

Gerald Deming
 Town of York Supervisor

Clark Patterson Lee

Reviewed by: _____
 Rural Development

RD Review Date: _____

Voted on and approved, Yes - 5, No - 0.

2) Livingston County Habitat Taps

a) Water Tap

Resolution offered by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve the Water Tap Application submitted by Livingston County Habitat for Humanity for 3784 Piffard Circle West and to waive the tap fee of \$1,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

b) Sewer Tap

Resolution offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the Sewer Tap Application submitted by Livingston County Habitat for Humanity for 3784 Piffard Circle West and to waive the tap fee of \$1,500.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

3) Livingston County Traffic Safety Board

a) Appointments

Resolution offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to re-appoint Highway Superintendent, George Worden and to appoint Councilman John Morgan to the Livingston County Traffic Safety Board as the representatives for the Town of York, effective January 1, 2026, for a 3year term. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

*Livingston County Board of Supervisors will officially approve such appointments at their January meeting.

4) Budget discussion

Supervisor Deming reported that he and Councilman Smith spoke with Y/L Kiwanis member, Marta Burroughs after the budget hearing adjourned this evening, to verify questions posed earlier regarding how monies are utilized by Kiwanis. Ms. Burroughs assured us that the monies given to the organization by the Town of York stay in the township, and the same is for budget money issued by Leicester as well. Ms. Burroughs stated the “Quiet Money” that was referenced at the budget hearing, goes to the children at YCS and if the Board wishes to view an actual breakdown of funds, she would be happy to provide that.

a) Budget Approval

Resolution offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve the 2026 Town of York Budget as presented. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

The Town Board meeting closed at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine M. Harris
Christine M. Harris, Clerk