Town of Starkey
Workshop Meeting
October 2, 2024

Council Members Present:	George Lawson, Supervisor Jeremy Hall, Councilperson Julie Dunkelberger, Councilperson	John Socha, Councilperson Caryl Sutterby, Councilperson
Council Members Absent:	None	
In-Person Attendees:	Christine Sutherland, Village Clerk Ralph Warren, Highway Superintendent	Samantha Clark, Bookkeeper
Recording Secretary:	Candace Iszard, Town Clerk	

The Town of Starkey Board held a workshop on October 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM to discuss the 2025 Town Budget.

George Lawson, Supervisor, presented the first draft of the 2025 Preliminary Budget. He explained that the Cost-of-Living Adjustment is forecasted for 2025 to be an increase of 2.5%. He states that he feels that the Cost-of-Living Adjustment plus 1% would be a fair increase in wages for Town of Starkey. Julie Dunkelberger, councilperson, states that she feels that the wage increase should be the same for all Town employees. John Socha, councilperson, suggests that a wage committee is formed for next year to provide consistence and streamline the budget process.

The Board agreed that raising the taxes $0.75 per thousand dollars of assessed value would be within a fair range for the 2025 year.

George Lawson also reports that the Salt Barn project is well underway. He and Ralph discuss that they are having a hard time achieving the 95% compaction rate with the back fill. Ralph has reached out to Matt Donohue at Eagle Associates, and the engineering firm to express concerns, as consistently the compaction rate is between 90-93%. George Lawson feels that this is adequate, however, Candace Iszard asks if the 95% is not reached will we be in violation of the contract requirement of the grant and would that make the Town responsible for the total cost, verses the 50/50 cost share? George Lawson states that he will look into this further, before the October 10th meeting.

Resolution No: 51-2024 **Appointment of Court Clerk**

On a motion by, George Lawson, Supervisor seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does hereby appoint Andrea Perry as Court Clerk and HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that this Town Board does hereby fix her hourly wage.

Court Clerk A1111.1 $20.00/hr., not to exceed budget.

Resolution No: 52-2024 **ARPA- Peggy Mousaw**

On a motion by, George Lawson, Supervisor seconded by Jeremy Hall, councilperson the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 George Lawson, John Socha, Caryl Sutterby, Jeremy Hall, Julie Dunkelberger
Nays 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Starkey does authorize George Lawson, Supervisor, to sign the contract and letter with Peggy Mousaw, DBA Consult, Inc, authorizing her to acting on behalf of the Town of Starkey to assist with ARPA Records and filings both past and future.

The minutes of this workshop will be offered for approval at the next regular Town Board meeting, October 10, 2024, at 7:00 PM. The workshop was adjourned at 7:34 PM by George Lawson.

Candace Iszard

Candace J. Iszard, Starkey Town Clerk

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