Town of Prattsville
Budget Workshop
October 15th, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Prattsville, NY, and County of Greene, NY, held a Budget Workshop at the Prattsville Town Hall on Thursday, October 15th, 2026, at 6 pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Eli Martin	Councilman
	Theresa Whitworth	Town Clerk
Absent:	Heidi Ruehlmann	Councilperson
	Mason Chase	Councilman

Others present: Connie Briggs

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting at 6 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board reviewed the budget line by line. Key points of discussion included –

General Budget -

Tax Collector – Equipment line raised from $600 to $1,800. It was explained that this is for the tax collector's software program.

Assessor – It was asked about the assessor clerk, it was noted that personal was not needed right now.

Buildings – The contractual expense went up to $25,000 due to heating fuel and things needed for the office going up.

Police & Constable- It was noted that the equipment line went to $0 and the contractual expense went to $900. This is because it is just their internet and phone, it is still slightly more than what they need.

Safety Inspector – It was noted that there was no pay raise here.

Youth Program – A $1,200 increase was included in the personal services budget line. Supervisor Cross noted that the head swim staff member and second-in-command had requested raises during the past year. The Board will determine whether to approve those raises at the organizational meeting in early 2027. The Board was asked whether Friday swimming hours had been discussed, as a resident had offered to personally cover the cost. Swim staff reported that Friday attendance has historically been low. Board members noted that similar donations have been offered in the past but have not continued in subsequent years. The Board agreed to retain the $1,200 budget increase and revisit both the raises and the addition of Friday swimming hours at the organizational meeting.

Museum – The Board questioned why $7,500 remained budgeted for the Museum, noting that the funding increase approved several years ago was intended as temporary support to help the Museum become financially self-sufficient. At that time, the Museum was expected to submit monthly narrative and financial reports; however, the Town has not received these reports in some time. With the change in Museum leadership, the Board discussed requesting that monthly reporting resume. Councilman Martin suggested reducing the allocation to $5,000, while Councilmember Peckham proposed a smaller reduction to $6,500. Supervisor Cross suggested a compromise of $6,000, with a written agreement requiring monthly narrative and financial reports.

Highway Budget-

General Repairs Personal Services & Snow Removal Personal Services – Went up due to Union contract increases.

Snow removal Contractual expenses – went up due to increases in material costs.

Contingency Account – Superintendent Dewitt suggested putting the account in the budget at $5,000 and Supervisor Cross put it at $3,000. The Board agreed to this.

Water Budget –

No changes.

Cemetery Budget-

No changes.

Lighting Budget –

The budget has increased significantly this year in 2026 it was $9,500 and this year $11,500. Powering the Main St lighting has gone up drastically due to electrical costs. The lights have been changed in the past to LED to lower the cost, it might've helped to have fewer pole lights that still provide a good amount of light. The light poles still need work done to them, but it has been difficult trying to find a company to provide quotes.

Ambulance Budget –

No new figures were added to the budget, as they had not yet been received. Supervisor Cross stated that he had spoken with the Town of Ashland and expected to receive the figures on Monday, in time for the next meeting. He expressed hope that Prattsville's percentage of the cost would decrease, given the anticipated lower call volume for Prattsville in 2025 and higher call volume for the Town of Lexington.

Supervisor Cross stated that the ambulance and fire district figures are expected to be available for next week's budget workshop, allowing the Board to complete the budget. Two public hearings will also be held at that meeting, with the goal of adopting the 2027 budget at the regular Town Board meeting in November.

With no further business, Councilman Martin made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Ayes 3	Cross, Peckham, Martin
Nays 0	
Absent 2	Ruehlmann, Chase

Respectfully Submitted
Theresa Whitworth/Town Clerk