

Town of Andes
Public Hearing: 2024 Budgets
November 9th, 2023 at 7:00PM
Andes Town Hall

Present:

Councilman Thomas Hall (on Zoom)
Councilman Ritchie Gabriel
Supervisor Wayland 'Bud' Gladstone
Highway Superintendent John Bouton

Councilman Dale Cole
Town Clerk Carol Ames

Others and Via Zoom:

Peter Calvert-Andes Gazette
Peter Ames

Call to Order:

The public hearing was called to order by Supervisor Gladstone at 7:04PM.

Public Comment/Questions:

Peter Calvert: Compared to other towns Andes has not gone over the Tax Cap. Others go over by 10% sometimes.

Supervisor Gladstone: This year was a challenging budget, but we still managed to stay in the tax cap at 1.38%. We do use the balance sometimes, but in the past few years we have not had to. We still have reserve if we need it.

Adjourn:

The meeting closed at 7:08PM.

Town of Andes
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 9th, 2023 at 7:00PM
Andes Town Hall

Others at Town Hall:

"Eric" via Zoom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:09PM

Pledge:

The pledge of allegiance was led and recited by Councilman Cole.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the October 2023 Meeting Minutes and October 2020 Budget Workshop Minutes, made by Councilman Hall, Seconded by Councilman Cole. All in favor, Motion carried.

Privilege of the Floor:

Joe Damone proposed a concert series to be held in Andes. He is getting a grant from Roxbury Arts Group. There would be 3 concerts that would be held in Ballantine Park. Councilman Gabriel suggested that holding the concerts at the Railroad Depot would be better because the acoustics are better and it would be convenient in case of rain. Supervisor Gladstone asked if there was a way to raise funds as well. Mr. Damone suggested people make a donation. He will also be getting insurance for the events.

 Motion to approve concerts in park or at Andes Railroad Depot when all stipulations are met, made by Councilman Cole, Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, Motion carried. 

Reports:

Highway Report
(attached)

Supervisor Report

- * Still working to get all the benches in town repainted and installed.
 - * Reached out to a pool company to have the needed repairs done by the summer season. Rachel has been notified and is working on getting price quotes.
 - * New County office building will be ready to be occupied in 1 month
 - * Version Tower will not give enough coverage, so we are meeting with T-Mobile to talk about a cell tower. They may come and address the board at some point in the future.
 - * Welcome to Jason Mondore, our new Councilman who will be joining us in January.
 - * Winter hours for board meetings are December-March at 6PM
- Respectfully Submitted,
Bud Gladstone, Supervisor

Motions:

Motion to approve the October Supervisor's Financial Report, and Justice's Financial Report, made by Councilman Gabriel Seconded by Councilman Hall. All in favor, Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution 5 of 2023- A local law providing real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to section 466-A of the Real Property Law
(see attached)

Budget:

Resolution 6 of 2023 Town of Andes Budget, Water District Budget and Sewer District Budget

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Districts' Board have presented the 2024 Town Budget and 2024 Special Districts Budgets at a Public Hearing held on November 9th, 2023 at the Andes Town Hall and via Zoom at 7:00PM; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing and meeting were advertised;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Town Budget, 2024 Water District Budget, and the 2021 Sewer District Budget are hereby adopted as presented.

Proposed by: Councilman Moshier

Seconded by: Councilman Gabriel

Roll Call:

Councilman Cole-----Aye

Councilman Hall-----Aye

Councilman Gabriel-----Aye

Supervisor Gladstone-----Aye

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve General Warrants #241-258 totaling \$14122.87 (Voucher 243 Pending)

Highway Warrants #266-286 totaling \$47835.93

Water Warrants #110-112 totaling \$2753.76

WWTP Warrants #121-133 totaling \$37009.23, made by Councilman Hall,

Seconded by Councilman Gabriel. All in favor, Motion carried.

Districts-

Water-

Attached

Sewer-

Attached

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Cole, Seconded by Councilman Gabriel. All in favor, Motion carried. 7:48PM.

Tabled Resolution from October 10th Public Hearing

Resolution 5 of 2023

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

WHEREAS, the state Real Property Tax Law was amended by Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 to add a New Article Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-a of the NY Real Property Tax Law.

WHEREAS the following Local Law was introduced as Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023, by Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of Andes on October 10th 2023 and

WHEREAS, a properly noticed Public Hearing was held on October 10th 2023 at 7PM regarding Local Law No. 3 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined the enactment of this Local Law will have no adverse environmental impacts and issued a Negative Declaration pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of Andes as follows: Section 1. Legislative intent: The New York State Legislature recently amended the Real Property Tax Law to create a new Section 466-a to provide an exemption of up to 10% of the assessed value {00390877 1} 2 of real property owned by volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. In order for the exemption to be available it is necessary for the local government body to adopt a local law providing for such an exemption and establishing the minimum service requirement and certification of service requirement. The Town Board has determined that volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers provide essential services to the Town residents and providing such a real property tax exemption will help with recruiting new members and retaining existing members of the volunteer fire and ambulance services. Therefore, the Town of Andes has determined it is in the best interest of the Town to enact a local law providing for such real property tax exemption.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Andes Supervisor, may hereby sign any and all documents as may be necessary for the accomplishment of this local law:

Proposed by: Councilman Hall
Seconded by: Councilman Cole

Roll Call:

Councilman	Hall	-	Aye
Councilman	Cole	-	Aye
Councilman	Gabriel (Abstain)		
Supervisor	Gladstone	-	Aye

November Highway Report

Oct 11th HERR RD. Finished. Driveway pipe in on Gladstone Hollow. Mowing on Davis Hollow. Work and haul materials to Wedick rd. driveway pipe in on Close Hollow. Luzon was here to fix Fuel Master. KGBL was here to program Radios.

12th Sent men to pick up Freightliner at Oralls. Worked on Wedick rd. Called Luzon for gas repair not registering.

16th Edward Marasco started with the town. Thomas and Ed replaced the transmission lines in f550 at the bus garage with the help of Rick and his lift. Rainy day check roads and work in shop.

17th Finished up Wedick and Davis Hollow with grader and roller going to Weaver Hollow Volvo grader broke down breaks set up and had to back them off and tow back to shop. Jason to Gulf Brook Brian hauled roller and materials to him. Ernie had a flat front tire on JD mower he and Ed took it to Grandgorge tire for repair. Called Oralls for on site repair to 2015 international its up and going again. Dans truck 328 bad turbo and exhaust tube it's at orals waiting for parts.

18th pick up tire for JD and mow on Davis. Change oil and filters on sweeper work and roll on Rich rd and Murphy hill. Haul materials.

19th Ordered shifter for Volvo grader. Removed sander chain on 327 single axle 4x4 ordered new steel for floor of box.

23rd check roads trees down

24th Jason to weaver Hollow to work wash out. Ed learns to operate loader. Mike and Dan ditch by John Liddle's on Fallclove. Brian haul roller to Weaver hollow roll and haul material. Ernie mowed on Davis. Thomas worked on replacing shifter in Volvo grader.

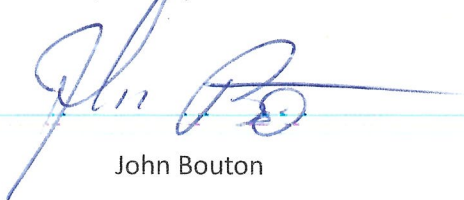
25th work on Weaver haul materials roll and move equipment to Forest Lane haul materials to Forest Lane. Ernie mowed on Davis. Change oil in 2012 Freightliner cut and chip brush on Davis hollow.

27th cut brush and chip on Davis Hollow.

30th snow tires on 2500 chevy. Change fluids in western star. Work on floor of 327.

November 1st 2nd 3rd 6th 7th 8th put sanders in test repair and put plows on. Also, the 7th sent the crew to Skunk Hollow to clear brush for turn around. Sent men to Fire Hall for Election Day lunch.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Bouton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Bouton

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TOWN OF ANDES, NY TOWN BOARD MEETING REPORT BY CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES November 3, 2023

1. WWTP Plant

Plant effluent flow averaged 29,000 gallons per day (GPD) for the month of October 2023.

2. SPDES Compliance/NYSDEC, NYCDEP

The plant discharges treated effluent to the Tremper Kill Brook. The WWTP was in compliance for all parameters for October 2023.

3. Collection System.

Still have inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues.

4. Plant Purchases.

Permeate pump motor from KJ Electric at a cost of \$576.51.

5. Plant O&M

All running well.

6. Plant Equipment

7. Gladstone Hollow Septic System

Did yearly inspection of septic tanks on Gladstone Hollow in October 2023.

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**TOWN OF ANDES, NY
TOWN BOARD MEETING
REPORT BY CEDARWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
November 3, 2023**

1. Water System

Daily usage of treated water from the water system averaged 14,200 gallons per day for the month of October 2023.

2. Plant Purchases

3. O&M

Changed some filters in October 2023.

4. Equipment

5. Distribution System

6. Library Well

.Ran the well on October 31, 2023.

Town of Andes Sewer District
Balance Sheet
As of November 7, 2023

	<u>Nov 7, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Sewer Project Checking	2,811.32
Sewer District Savings	<u>173,917.91</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>176,729.23</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>176,729.23</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>176,729.23</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Due to other funds	288,595.18
S600 Accounts Payable	<u>12,169.52</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>300,764.70</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>300,764.70</u>
Total Liabilities	300,764.70
Equity	
Fund Balance	-14,532.16
Net Income	<u>-109,503.31</u>
Total Equity	<u>-124,035.47</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>176,729.23</u>

Town of Andes Highway Fund
Balance Sheet
As of November 7, 2023

	Nov 7, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
DA200 Accounts Payable	5,318.33
DA201 Savings	68,672.72
DA230 Highway CD	800,000.00
Total Checking/Savings	873,991.05
Other Current Assets	
Due From Sewer Fund	288,595.18
D231.1 Coulter Rd Retrofit	155,406.09
D231.2 High Street Retrofit	31,356.90
Total Other Current Assets	475,358.17
Total Current Assets	1,349,349.22
TOTAL ASSETS	1,349,349.22
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
DA602 Due to FEMA	138,779.25
DA601 Due to Other Funds	150,000.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	288,779.25
Total Current Liabilities	288,779.25
Total Liabilities	288,779.25
Equity	
D914.1 Coulter Rd Retrofit	155,436.09
D914.2 High Street Retrofit	31,391.90
DA911 Fund Balance	1,170,241.23
Net Income	-296,499.25
Total Equity	1,060,569.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,349,349.22

Town of Andes Water District
Balance Sheet
As of November 7, 2023

	Nov 7, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
F200 Water District Cash	1,868.28
Total Checking/Savings	1,868.28
Total Current Assets	1,868.28
TOTAL ASSETS	1,868.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Due To Other Funds	142,882.77
F600 Accounts Payable	847.22
Total Other Current Liabilities	143,729.99
Total Current Liabilities	143,729.99
Total Liabilities	143,729.99
Equity	
F911 Fund Balance	-66,076.18
Net Income	-75,785.53
Total Equity	-141,861.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,868.28

Town of Andes General Fund
Balance Sheet
As of November 7, 2023

	<u>Nov 7, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
A200 Accounts Payable	29,123.07
A201 Savings	184,187.52
A203 Health Reimbursement Acct	18,610.56
A230 General CD	300,000.00
SL200 - Street Lighting Cash	676.21
A202 Pool Upgrade	31,976.24
Total Checking/Savings	564,573.60
Other Current Assets	
A231.3 Revaluation	4,145.50
A231.2 Shavertown	37,543.60
A231.1 Dunraven	23,326.49
A231 Good Neighbor	218,338.35
A231.4 Rural Cemetery	1,436.67
Due from Water Fund	139,716.57
A380 Amounts Due from H Fund	150,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	574,507.18
Total Current Assets	1,139,080.78
TOTAL ASSETS	1,139,080.78
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
ARPA Covid Relief Liability	122,508.61
A690 Justice Clearing Account	8,718.82
Total Other Current Liabilities	131,227.43
Total Current Liabilities	131,227.43
Total Liabilities	131,227.43
Equity	
A914.3 Revaluation	4,143.94
A914.2 Shavertown	37,543.60
A914.1 Dunraven	23,322.00
A914 Good Neighbor	218,264.39
A910 Pool Upgrade	31,976.24
A909 - Reserved Fund Equity	36,000.00
SL911 Street Lights Fund Bal.	676.21
A911 Fund Balance	501,577.08
Net Income	154,349.89
Total Equity	1,007,853.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,139,080.78

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT
Town of Andes

COURT RECEIPTS

Justice	Report Month/Seq	Amount
Nicholas R Burton	September 2023/01	\$797.00
Thomas Joyce	September 2023/01	\$799.00
Total Court Receipts		\$1,596.00

DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY¹

Code	Trans	State	County	Town	Other	Amount
AB	6	0.00	0.00	475.00	0.00	475.00
AC	6	110.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	200.00
AH	1	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
AL	1	60.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	75.00
CB		460.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.00
DA	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DG	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EN	1	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
ES		15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
FF		35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
FL		35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
FS		45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00
MS		196.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	196.00
TOTALS:		956.00	0.00	640.00	0.00	1,596.00

¹ For an explanation of distribution codes, see the Comptroller's Handbook For Town and Village Justices

ACH Transfer of State/County share of Court Fines and Penalties

The following instructions should be used to transfer your funds electronically:

Key Bank
ABA #021300077
Justice Court Fund Account
Acct #710003193

In addition, please reference the name of the Town or Village followed by the Invoice number on your monthly billing statement. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-866-321-8503 or by fax at (518)486-9899.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

OCT 23 mileage

Date	Purpose of trip/ destination	Starting mileage	Ending mileage	Total Miles
12/1	Final Inspection 11111 Main St.	30,000	30,010	10
10/17	391 Lower Dingle Septic / Jones Hallway Framing / crete Hill / crete Barn			47 mi
10/19	Levy Road / Corey Heat System / Sloth Swimming Pool / Becht Hill MT Lake Deck / Schauer Footings			44 mi
10/24	Sanders Pond Casing Hill / Sutton Garage / Shown on Fall clove			19 mi
10/28	Shaver Hill Hill, John Stuart Framing / Mince stool Storage / Meic Mucio site check Framing RD / Becht Hill			
	Kovar Dingle Footings 391 LLC / Final on mince MT Lake Deck			54 mi
10/31	Becht Hill Rock House / MT Lake miller C/O on new house			
	Final on Fole Barn / Blackberry Lane / Framing on Forest Lake			58 mi
		Oct	Total	223

Oct 23 Building Insp. Report

54 cell calls

16 Text mess

25 office calls

3 in office conference

5 on site conference review

10 permits issued

3 renewals

1 - STR not inspected yet or finalized

4 - municipal searches

2 - violations

1 - complaint

31 - inspections - 222 miles

2 - c/c issued

1 - c/o