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The Town of Forestburgh Town Board held a Budget Workshop on Wednesday**, October 14, 2026,** at the town hall.

Supervisor Hogue called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present – Daniel S. Hogue, Jr., Supervisor
Karen Ellsweig, Councilperson
Robert Sipos, Councilperson
Susan Parks-Landis, Councilperson
Vincent C. Galligan, Jr., Councilperson

Recording Secretary – Teresa Collins, Town Clerk

Highway Diesel Fuel Tank- Supervisor Hogue- we put a bid out for a diesel fuel tank twice and nobody bid on it. We contacted Francis Smith & Sons, and they have a 500 gallon tank that fits our needs for $5,048.31. **MOTION** by Supervisor Hogue, seconded by Councilperson Ellsweig to purchase the tank from Frank Smith & Sons for $5,048.31. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried

Deputy Building Inspector- Supervisor Hogue – Kaitlen requested to appoint David Fein for assistant building inspector code enforcement officer. **MOTION** by Supervisor Hogue, seconded by Councilperson Landis to appoint David Fein assistant code enforcement officer. Vote: 5 ayes – 0 nay. Motion carried

Review of the 2027 Tentative Budget

General Estimated Revenue

Other Tax Items Other Payments in Lieu	decreased from $17,000 to $15,000
Other Tax Items Interest and Penalties	decreased from $6,000 to $5,000
Other Tax Items Franchise	decreased from $6,250 to $6,000
Departmental Income Clerk Fee	increased from $50 to $100
Licenses & Permits Dog Licenses	decreased from $200 to $175
Licenses & permits Bldg. & Alt	increased from $15,000 to $20,000
Permits, Other	increased from $0 to $50
Fines & Forfeitures Bails	decreased from $3,000 to $2,500
State Aid Mortgage Tax	increased from $29,000 to $30,000
State Aid (Other)	increased from $0 to $15,000

General Fund Appropriations

Town Board Personal Services	increased from $30,000 to $30,900
Justice's Personal Services	increased from $12,800 to $13,200
Justice's Court Clerk	increased from 5,500 to $5,700
Supervisor Personal Services	decreased from $24,000 to $23,000

Supervisor Contractual	increased from $100 to $250
Tax Collection Personal Services	increased from $4,700 to $4,800
Budget Officer	decreased from $8,000 to 6,500
	(Councilperson Sipos Oppose)
Assessors Personal Services	increased from $28,000 to $28,840
Assessors clerk/Data Coll	increased from $10,000 to $10,300
Assessors Contractual	decreased from $8,000 to $5,000
Town Clerk Personal Services	increased from $38,700 to $39,800
Personnel Personal Services	increased from $30,000 to $30,900
Building Equipment	decreased from $9,000 to $7,000
Building Contractual	increased from $25,000 to $27,000
Central communications	decreased from $15,000 to $10,000
Central Print/Mailing	decreased from $12,000 to $10,000
Special Items Unallocated Insurance	increased from $22,000 to $25,000
Special Items Office Supplies	decreased from $6,000 to $5,000
Public Safety Traffic Control	increased from $1,200 to $1,500
Control of Dogs Personal Services	decreased from $7,700 to $5,000
Safety Inspection Personal Services	increased from $20,000 to $21,500
Safety Inspection Asst Building Inspector	increased from $4,000 to $5,000
Safety Inspection Equipment	increased from $2,500 to $3,000
Garage	increased from $28,000 to $30,000
Recreational Facilities Contractual	decreased from $7,000 to $5,000
Employee Benefits State Retirement	increased from $32,000 to $37,000
Employee Benefits Social Security	increased from $24,250 to $27,000

Highway Fund Estimated Revenue

State Aid Consolidated Highway	increased from $160,000 to $175,000

Highway Fund Appropriations

General Repairs Personal Services	increased from $111,000 to $125,000
General Repairs Contractual	increased from $80,000 to $85,000
Improvements Capital Outlay	increased from $160,000 to $175,000
Bridges Personal Services	increased from $2,100 to $3,100
Machinery Personal Services	increased from $38,500 to $42,000
Machinery Contractual	increased from $80,000 to $85,000
Machinery Insurance	increased from $24,500 to $26,000
Misc. (Brush & Weeds) Personal services	increased from $9,000 to $12,000
Misc. (Brush & Weeds) Contractual	decreased from $5,000 to $4,000
Snow Removal (Town Hwys) Personal Services	increased from $115,250 to $126,000
Snow Removal (Town Hwys) Contractual	increased from $105,000 to $110,000

Employee Benefits State Retirement	increased from $40,800 to $45,000
Employee Benefits Social Security	increased from $20,400 to $21,000
Employee Benefits Hospital & Medical Insurance	increased from $150,858 to $155,000

Public Hearing – Motion by Councilperson Landis, second by Councilperson Ellsweig to have the Public Hearing for the preliminary budget on November 5, 2026, at 6PM.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Councilperson Ellsweig, second by Councilperson Landis to adjourn budget workshop at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Collins
Town Clerk