Town of Dresden
Special Meeting
Held on November 5, 2026
Beginning at 3:00 p.m.
At the Dresden Town Hall

Present: Sup. Tall, Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Borden, Coun. Shad, Coun. K. Barber, Town Clerk Wilbur
Attendance: EJ Conzola-Sentinel Times, Rick Carter
Sup. Tall called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. to adopt the 2027 Preliminary Budget.
The Special Meeting had been posted. The Local Law to Override the Tax Cap was passed during the October 27, 2026 Special Meeting and it became Local Law #3-2026 for the town and was filed with the Secretary of State.
Sup. Tall reported that the tax levy for 2027 will be $897,408 compared to $946,310 for 2026. The largest change is to the tax base is following a decision by the County's attorneys, made in consultation with others, the CHPE special franchise, about $29.4 million of assessed value, has been removed from the Town's taxable value. With less value to spread the tax over, the same levy would have raised the Town and fire tax on a $200,000 property from $478.49 to about $517, which is more than the $507.44 that property paid in 2026. To keep tax bills where the Preliminary Budget had them, we've reduced our contribution to the capital reserve by $70,168, from $385,000 to $314,832, and that lowers the amount raised by tax by the same amount. The combined town and fire rate stays at $2.39 per $1,000, and a $200,000 property still pays $478.49, about 5.7 percent less than in 2026. The fire rate goes up slightly, because the fire contracts are fixed and now fall on less value, and the town rate comes down enough to offset it.
In Sewer District #1 Huletts Landing, the Operation and Maintenance fee for $800 is in line for the budget. There are five parcels located in the district that are dry and will be part of the Capital Loan for the pipe burial project and will be paying approximately $76.30 every year.
In Sewer District # 2 Fredrick's Point, the Capital Loan payment is being reduced by $1 to $817.70 per unit and the Operation and Maintenance fee will remain $500 using $10,600 fund balance for the total amount raised by tax is $897,408, compared with $973,697 in the Preliminary Budget and $946,310 in 2026. Because we're not counting a CHPE payment in 2026, the levy is still over the State tax cap, so we'll need to adopt the override local law before we adopt the budget.
The Elected Officials Salary is as follows:

Supervisor-	$5000
Councilpersons-	$4,000 (4)
Town Clerk-	$24,000
Highway Supt.-	$65,000
Town Justice-	$6,500 (2)

Sup. Tall called three times for those who wish to be heard during the Public Hearing and closed the Public Hearing at 3:14 p.m.
Resolution #36-2026 titled **"Resolution Adopting the 2027 Annual Budget As Amended"** was put forth by a motion from Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor.
The Public Hearing for Sewer District #1 was opened at 3:16 p.m. and a discussion was had about the Contingent Line. It is being put in place to hold over fund balance to be used for future

projects. Sup. Tall called three times for those who wish to be heard during the Public Hearing and closed it at 3:20.
The Public Hearing for Sewer District #2 was opened at 3:20 p.m. and Sup. Tall stated that the Sewer Operator Expense is not pinned down yet due to further analyses for the contract. Sup. Tall called three times for those who wish to be heard during the Public Hearing and closed it at 3:26 p.m.
Resolution #37-2026 titled **"Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor To Enter A Contract Up To $35,000 For Sewer Operation Maintenance For Sewer District #1 and Sewer District #2"** was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Shad and all were in favor.
There was a final discussion about the repairing of the headstones in the cemetery using some of the CHPE money. We can look into any additional grants to help with that.
There were no further discussions, and the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.