

Special Public Hearing on the 2025 Town of Leicester Budget

Meeting minutes

Here are the detailed meeting minutes for the Special Public Hearing on the 2025 Town of Leicester Budget:

The Meeting of the Town of Leicester Town Board took place on the 7th of November 2024 at 7 pm at the Leicester Town Hall, located at 132 Main Street, Leicester, New York 14481.

Present: Supervisor, Richard White; Councilmembers, Gerald Hull, Karen Roffe, Matthew Durbin; Highway Superintendent, Russell Page; Town Clerk, Amy Neumann.

Others: Lisa Semmel, Rich Neumann, James Kane, Josh Dickens.

Open Meeting: Pledge to the Flag

Karen Roffe led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Open Public Hearing on 2025 Budget

Richard White acknowledged that a mistake had been made regarding the date for the budget in the previous meeting. He proposed opening the discussion, adjourning, and leaving it open for 5 days to close on Tuesday during the regular meeting. This would allow anyone who missed the notice to come in and discuss it.

Richard White read the official notice for the special public hearing on the preliminary budget, which was posted by Amy in the legal newspaper of record. The notice included details about the date, time, and location of the hearing, as well as information about the proposed salaries for Leicester town officials.

Richard White called for a motion to open the public hearing on the budget for 2025. Town Councilmember Matthew Durbin made the motion, and Karen Roffe seconded it. The motion was carried with all in favor.

Richard White mentioned that Dwight Kaynuk would be coming in on Tuesday to provide an update on the White Creek Solar project. He also informed the attendees about a joint public hearing for ORES in York the following Wednesday at 6 o'clock.

Old Business: Discuss Budget

ARPA Funds / Boyd Parker Park

This agenda item was not specifically discussed during the meeting.

Approve spending with new quotes

Richard White brought up several points for discussion regarding the budget:

Lisa Semmel raised a question about the name of the fire district in the budget document. She pointed out that the current name is "Leicester Cuylerville Volunteer Joint Fire District" and asked if it needed to be changed before filing. Richard White clarified that they had voted to change the name but later discovered they did not have the authority to do so. It was agreed that Lisa would update the name on the budget document by Tuesday to ensure consistency.

New Business

There was no specific discussion under this agenda item.

Adjournment

Richard White called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Roffe made the motion, and Matthew Durbin seconded it. The motion was carried with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM, with the public hearing on the 2025 budget remaining open until Tuesday, November 12th.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Neumann, Town Clerk