



## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board

Thursday, November 7, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall

1. **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING – November 7, 2024 - 6:30 PM**
2. **Agenda Review Session – 5:30 PM Supervisor Conference Room**
3. **Call to Order**

| Attendee Name     | Title         | Status  | Arrived |
|-------------------|---------------|---------|---------|
| Peter G. Crummey  | Supervisor    | Present |         |
| Rick J Field      | Councilman    | Present |         |
| Melissa Jeffers   | Councilwoman  | Present |         |
| Kristen N. Blais  | Councilwoman  | Present |         |
| Mark McCumber     | Councilman    | Present |         |
| Jeffrey W. Madden | Councilman    | Present |         |
| Alvin Gamble      | Councilman    | Present |         |
| E. Guy Roemer     | Town Attorney | Present |         |
| Julie Gansle      | Town Clerk    | Present |         |

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Personnel: Resolution No. 422**

A. Lisa Bottillo-Bessette

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Kristen N. Blais, Councilwoman                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Melissa Jeffers, Councilwoman                            |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Crummey, Field, Jeffers, Blais, McCumber, Madden, Gamble |

B. Emily M. Sleurs

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C. Jacob D. Oathout

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D. Ryan T. Roe

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E. Johnathon C. Rudat

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F. Brendan M. Cooper

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G. Samantha Spagnola

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## 6. **Resolutions**

Resolution No. 423 calling a public hearing in regard to the recommendation for the Open Development Area located at 415A Albany Shaker Road.

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Resolution No. 424 authorizing expenditure of funds from the Insurance Reserve Fund for payment of legal fees, expenses and/or settlement in connection with litigation.

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Resolution No. 425 authorizing the Supervisor to execute a Stipulation of Settlement in connection with 73 Morris Road.

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Resolution No. 426 awarding bids to Joseph R. Wunderlich and RJ Valente Gravel Co. in connection with the purchase of Gravel and Sand for the year 2025 and authorizing the Supervisor to execute agreements and renewal agreements for same.

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Resolution No. 427 awarding the bid in connection with HVAC Preventative Maintenance and Repair for the year 2025 for various Town facilities and authorizing the Supervisor to execute agreements and renewal agreements for same.

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Resolution No. 428 authorizing payment in the amount of \$3,926.28 to Jon Whaley in connection with a claim for certain property damage at 84 Mill Road.

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Resolution No. 429 authorizing settlement or discontinuance, subject to judicial approval of the same, pursuant to §68 of the Town Law, of various tax certiorari proceedings.

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Resolution No. 430 amending Resolution No. 393 for 2024 in connection with the Preliminary Budget.

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## 7. **Public Hearing**

### **Public Hearing in connection with the 2025 annual budget.**

- \* Supervisor Crummey presented remarks and data in connection with the proposed budget process, financial climate and economic projections for 2025; Acting Comptroller Kelsey provided additional information in connection with specific budgetary funding and expenditures; Presentation attached
- \* Comments received from seven residents relating to sales tax growth; salary allocation, leaf and brush collection program, cannabis revenue, waterfront clean up at Mohawk River Park, yard waste, compost efforts, leaf barrels, senior services and resources, comprehensive plan status/progress, parks safety and security;
- \* Updates and clarifications provided by the Board and several departments as to the status, funding, budgetary impacts and future progress;

- \* No additional comments received;
- \* Public Hearing was closed

Resolution No. 431 of 2024

Resolution adopting/not adopting the proposed 2025 annual budget.

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1. Proposed 2025 Budget Presentation

**8. Public Comment**

- \* Comments received from resident in connection with roadside debris and request for DPW response;
- \* No additional comments received

# Town of Colonie 2025 Budget Presentation



Town of Colonie

November 7, 2024



## Budget Process

- ▶ **May 2024** - Budget worksheets issued to all departments
- ▶ Departments advised to submit budgets that are cost effective while maintaining high quality of services
- ▶ **June-October 2024** - Budget Review Committee worked with department heads to review budget requests. Committee consisted of representatives from Comptrollers, Information Systems, Town Clerk and Supervisor's office
- ▶ **September 26, 2024** - Tentative Budget filed with the Town Clerk
- ▶ **November 7, 2024** - Preliminary Budget Public Hearing
- ▶ **November 20, 2024** - Deadline for adoption of Budget
- ▶ **Year Round** - Budget Committee monitors actual activity versus budget and makes recommended budget modifications

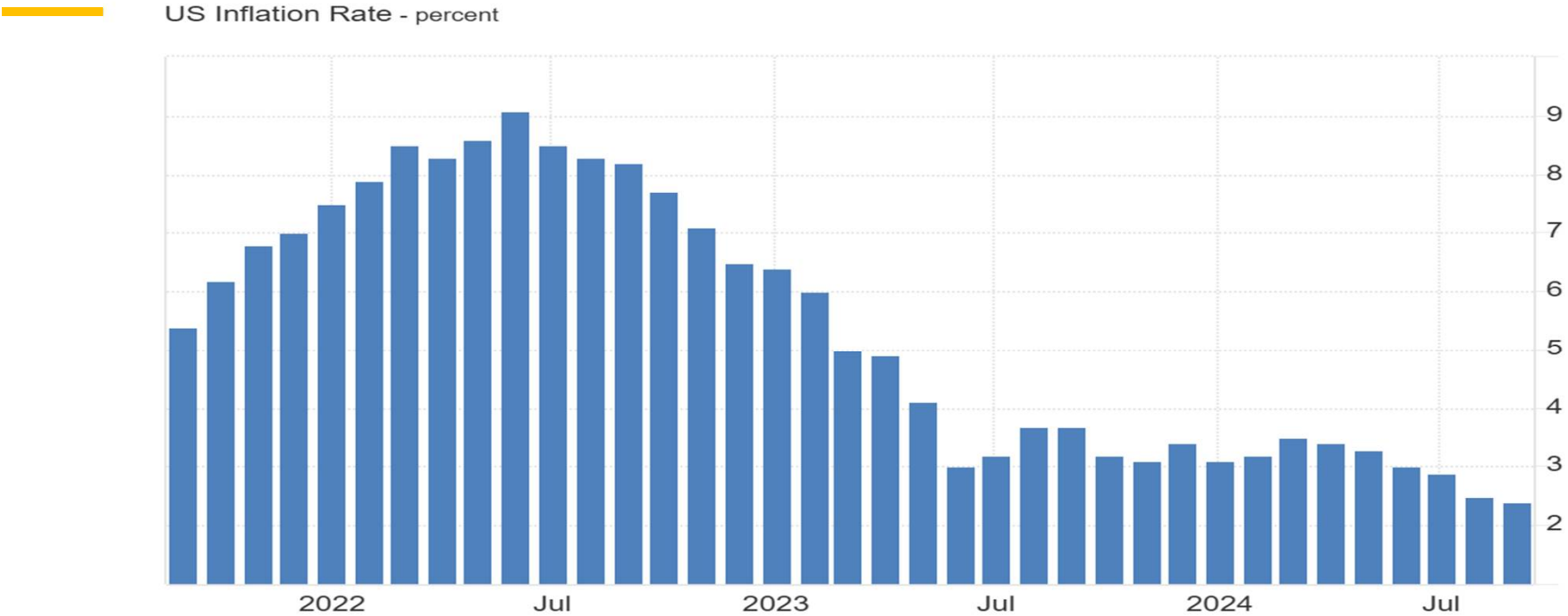


This 2025 budget represents our best efforts to:

- 1** Maintain excellent quality of services for our residents and businesses
- 2** Govern cost effectively, efficiently, and conservatively
- 3** Continue to strengthen financial position, and thereby our bond rating
- 4** Develop a fiscally responsible budget not relying on one time revenue or fund balance



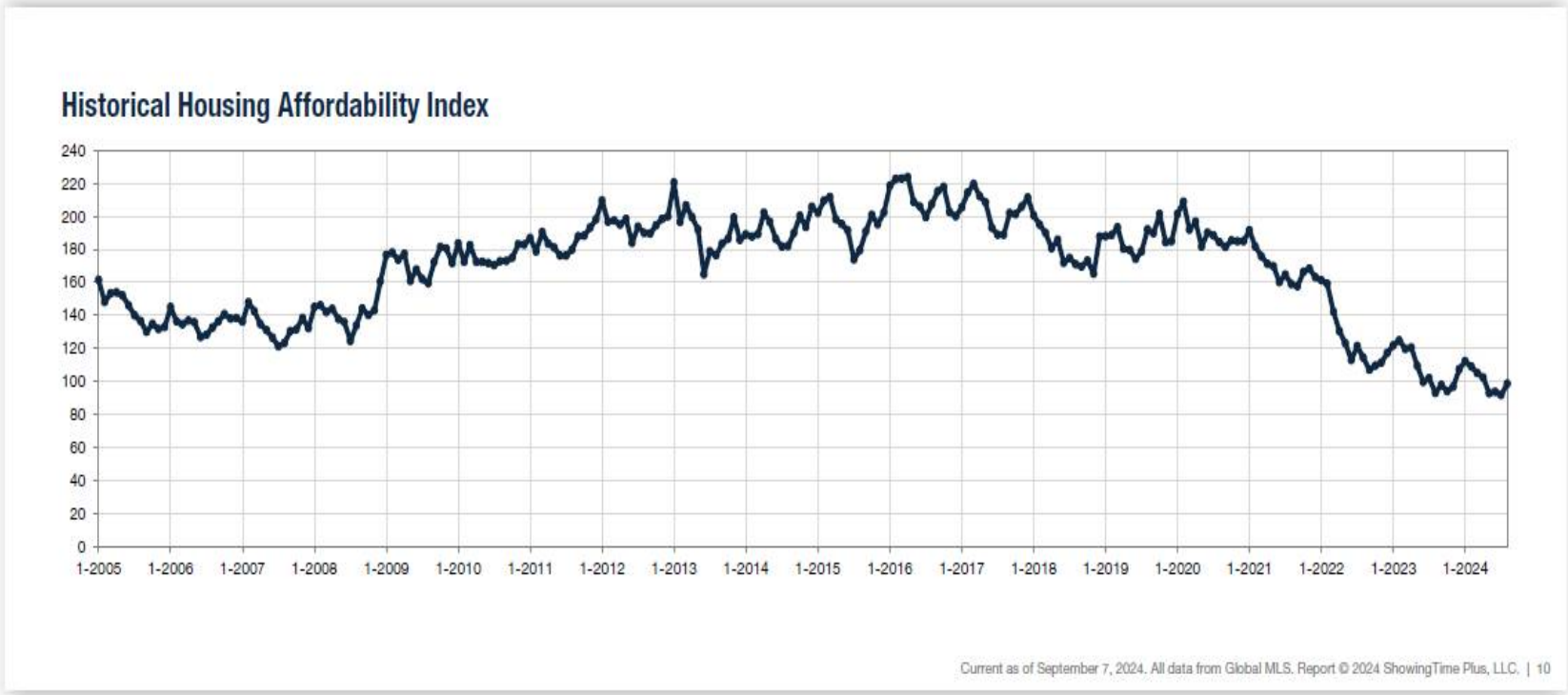
# Rolling Annual Inflation Rates



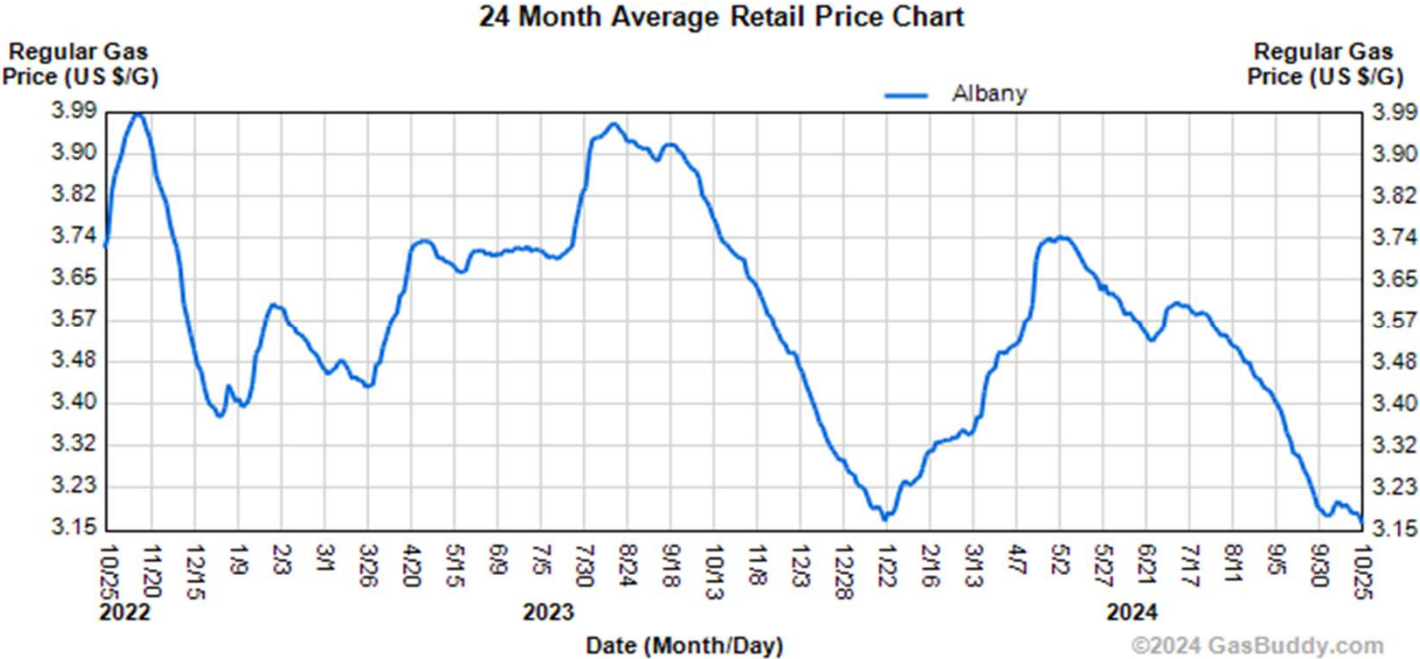
Source: tradingeconomics.com | U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



# Housing Affordability



# Albany County Historical Gasoline Prices



# Tax Implications for 2025

|                            | Town Tax<br>2024 | Town Proposed<br>Tax 2025 | Amt. Diff |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Median assessed value home | \$ 666.64        | \$ 679.19                 | \$ 12.55  |



*Property tax rate increase of 9.03 cents per thousand of assessed value*

**Approximately**  
**\$1.05 per month**



**Note:**

Assessed value growth during 2024 of \$20.8 million translated to over a 14% rate savings



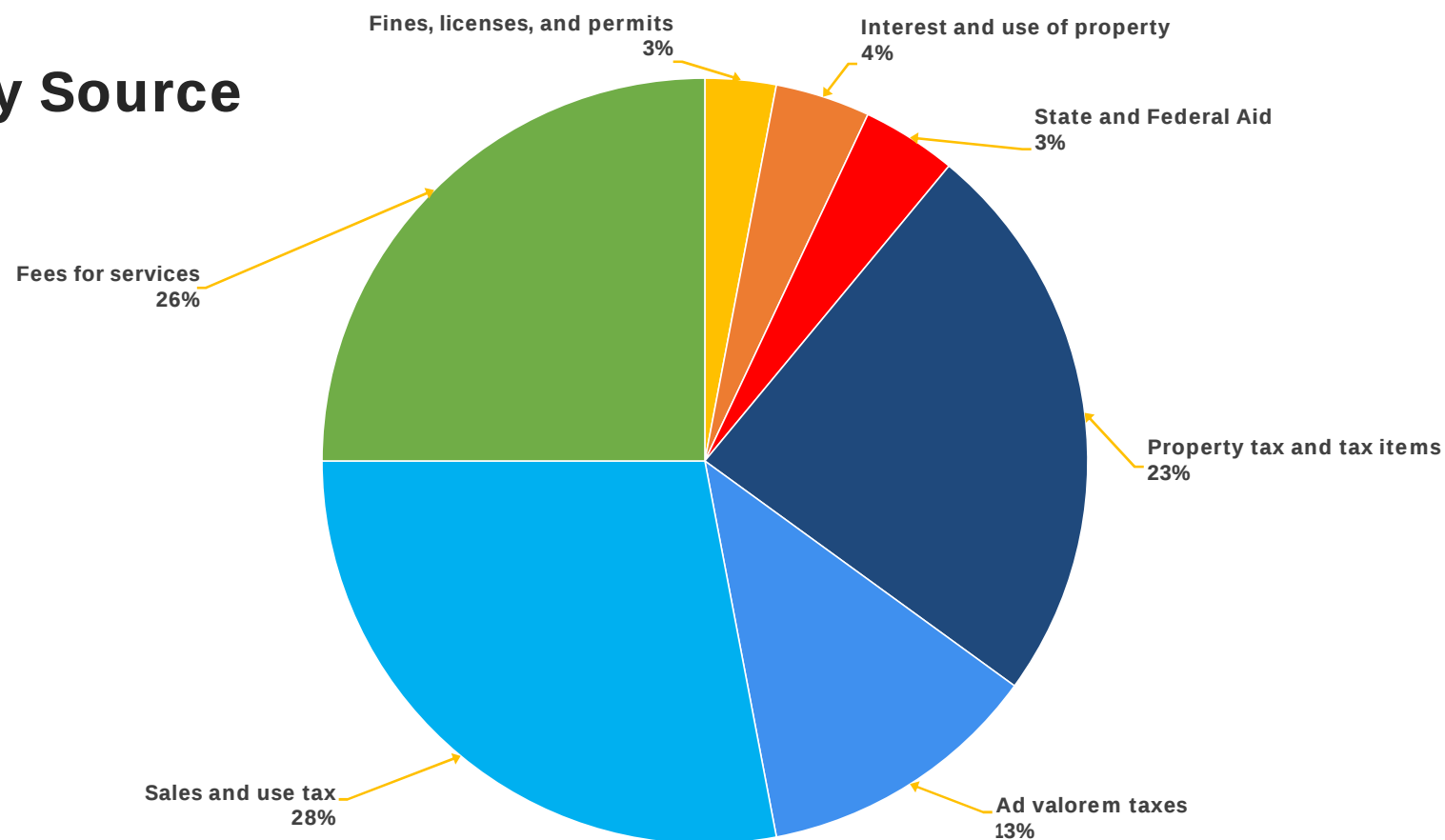
## William K. Sanford Library

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- ▶ Preliminary 2025 budget of **\$3,084,150**
- ▶ Primarily funded by Town Property Tax Rate
- ▶ This budget represents **.465 cents per thousand**, or 10.3%, of the Town's tax rate
- ▶ For 2025 approximately **\$66 of the property taxes** on a median taxable value home is dedicated to the operation of the Library



## Revenue by Source



## Proposed Expenditure Increases

| Category         | 2025                  | 2024                  | Change in Dollars   | Percentage Change |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 49,137,177         | \$ 47,092,386         | \$ 2,044,791        | 4.34%             |
| Equipment        | 1,368,327             | 914,480               | 453,847             | 49.63%            |
| Contractual      | 25,584,638            | 24,426,908            | 1,157,730           | 4.74%             |
| Benefits         | 30,374,483            | 29,809,660            | 564,823             | 1.89%             |
| Debt Service     | 17,955,450            | 16,813,314            | 1,142,136           | 6.79%             |
| Reserves         | 300,000               | 300,000               | -                   | 0.00%             |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$ 124,720,075</b> | <b>\$ 119,356,748</b> | <b>\$ 5,363,327</b> | <b>4.49%</b>      |



# Your Local Annual Tax Percentages

