

**SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK
HELD AT TOWN HALL, 8635 CLINTON STREET, NEW HARTFORD, NY
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Messa called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Prior to commencing business, the Supervisor then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Town Officials and Department Heads present:

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilman Vincent Pristera

Councilman John Latini

Councilman David M. Reynolds

Deputy Supervisor/Councilman David Tehan

Supervisor James Messa

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Personnel Director/Finance, Christina Lacy

Highway Superintendent, Richard Sherman

Town Clerk, Michele Moran

Library Director, Anne DuRoss

Lee Ann Wells, Bonadio Group

Bethany Allen, Bonadio Group

Members of the Media:

Alexis Manore, Rome Daily Sentinel

Supervisor Messa, together with representatives of The Bonadio Group, distributed updated copies of the tentative 2027 budget to the Town Board members. The revised budget reflected two changes from the version previously distributed at the September 23, 2026 Town Board meeting: (1) an adjustment to the 2027 preliminary budget figure for Line Item A-1110.0-10, Municipal Court Personal Services, and (2) the addition of Line Item DB-5110.0-400, which had been inadvertently omitted from the prior version. Updated “yellow” copies, marked with the Town Clerk’s date stamp (10/5/26) were provided to each Board member for inclusion in their 2027 budget binder.

The Board conducted a detailed review of the tentative budget, reviewing each page and line item. Upon conclusion of the review, consensus was reached on the suggested changes, and The Bonadio Group was directed to prepare the Preliminary 2027 Budget for presentation at the October 7, 2026 Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Messa thanked those in attendance for their participation and contributions throughout the budget review process. Representatives of The Bonadio Group expressed their

appreciation to Supervisor Messa and the Town Board for the opportunity to assist with development of the 2027 budget and commented on the collaborative and efficient nature of the process.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Reynolds and seconded by Councilman Latini. Upon Roll Call: Supervisor Messa - AYE, Councilman Tehan - AYE, Councilman Reynolds - AYE, Councilman Latini - AYE, Councilman Pristera - AYE. The Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Moran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele Moran
Town Clerk
10/6/26
Approved 10/7/26