

Town of Broadalbin

Budget Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2025



The 2026 Budget Meeting of the Town of Broadalbin Town Board was held at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Municipal Complex, 201 Union Mills Rd, Broadalbin, NY

Joseph DiGiacomo, Town Supervisor, presided.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

The Pledge was said in unison.

Roll Call

Supervisor Joseph DiGiacomo - present
Councilman Doug Kissinger-absent
Councilman Dave Bardascini - present
Councilman Dave Bogardus-present
Councilman Mike Rorick -present

The 2026 Budget Session began with a discussion on the recent appointed Dog Control Officer(s) Patricia Ashbey and Bill Robinson Jr. Points of discussion were training and payroll of Bill Robinson Jr. while training under Patricia Ashbey, until the end of 2025 or into 2026.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Rorick A motion to allow Bill Robinson Jr. to be the Town of Broadalbin Deputy Dog Control Officer until December 31, 2025 to be trained in this position under the current appointed Town of Broadalbin Dog Control Officer, Patricia Ashbey, with a salary of \$1,000 then readdress the positions in January of 2026.

Discussion: *This motion was removed then redone with a motion made by Supervisor DiGiacomo and seconded by Councilman Bogardus with a roll call vote of;

Bardascini – no Rorick –no Bogardus – aye DiGiacomo –aye

* motion died with a tie since councilman Kissinger was absent.

Discussion continued with the third motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Supervisor DiGiacomo stating the same as the first motion above.

Roll call vote:

Bardascini –aye Bogardus –aye Rorick –aye DiGiacomo –aye Kissinger – absent

-Supervisor DiGiacomo continued explaining the budget he proposed for 2026 with a 3% cost of living raise across the board.

-Councilman Bardascini and Councilman Rorick stated they believe their Board Member salary should remain the same as in 2025 with no increase for 2026.

Since Councilman Kissinger was absent this evening the Board decided to postpone vote until next budget meeting.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo explained the Town Balances are good with a good amount of sales tax each quarter and provided the Board with a list of current salaries of other Fulton County officials to compare.

The Supervisor's increase will also be discussed at the next budget meeting when Councilman Kissinger will be available to vote.

-Other points of discussion were the Code Enforcer and a Deputy Code Enforcer, the Comprehensive Plan which needs to be updated with a budget line of \$50,000, and the Union Mills Water District.

-Highway Superintendent Sandy Thompson discussed the mechanic position budget which is at \$37,800 for 2026 and will be discussed further for an hourly rate at the Organizational Meeting. Also discussed was possibly a new pickup truck, for 2026 to be determined in the near future, the price of salt up to \$72/ton and paving in 2026 of Honeywell Corners Rd. and possibly Bornt Rd.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated the 2026 Budget should be completed in early November to present to the County.

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Rorick
A motion to advertise all Town Board business in The Leader Herald section of the Gazette, the Town Hall, the Post Office and the Town Fan Page along with the Town Website for transparency.

No further discussion;

Vote Bardascini-aye Bogardus-aye Rorick-aye DiGiacomo-aye Kissinger- absent

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Supervisor DiGiacomo
A motion to set a second budget meeting for Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

No further discussion:

Vote Bardascini -aye Bogardus -aye Rorick -aye DiGiacomo -aye Kissinger –absent

Recessed

The first 2026 Budget Meeting was recessed at 9:17 P.M.

Present

Supervisor DiGiacomo-present
Councilman Bardascini-present
Councilman Bogardus-present
Councilman Kissinger-present
Councilman Rorick-present

The Second Budget Meeting for the Town of Broadalbin Town Budget reconvened at 6:30 P.M. with Supervisor DiGiacomo presiding, who provided the Board with a new copy of the revisions of the first Budget, done in the last meeting.

-A new line item was added for the Town Clerk's card machine A1375.4 \$120

Supervisor DiGiacomo stated he added \$5000 to the A contingency Fund from Interest of \$10,000.

-Added sales tax revenue to the B Fund for the Veterans

-will discuss quotes for new pickup in 2026 for Ford and Chevy models. (350)

-BYC Summer program of \$8,000-Town Board agreed to the \$8,000 for the summer program if held, to be preapproved by the Town Board by voucher.

-The BYC verbally agreed to repay \$25,000 annually for the Town Park Construction BOND to repay tax payers but nothing has been put in writing.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated the recent sales tax came in at @\$358,000 with only \$54,000 needed for the 2026 Budget (B Fund) the rest is extra for A Fund, stating therefore we are in great shape.

-Supervisor DiGiacomo stated the Johnstown Animal Shelter is dropping all contracts in 2026, therefore will need to find a new shelter to place dogs picked up when needed.

-Scott Henze may not be available next year for the Planning Board secretary due to County Planning not getting an additional position at the County level. Discussion continued on investigating for Grants for the Planning Board for the Comprehensive Plan by getting RFP possibly from Attorney Jeffrey Meyer or CT Male.

-The Water district non paying residents may have their water shut off, will discuss further with the Village.

-Town Board Member Salaries

On a motion made by Supervisor DiGiacomo and seconded by Councilman Kissinger
A motion to set the Town Board Member Salaries at \$15,299 for 2026.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bardascini -no Bogardus-aye Kissinger-aye Rorick-no DiGiacomo -aye

-Town Supervisor Salary

On a motion made by Councilman Bogardus and seconded by Councilman Bardascini
A motion to set the Town Supervisor Salary at \$15,000 with \$7,500 for Budget officer.

No further discussion;

VOTE: Bardascini-aye Bogardus-aye Kissinger-aye Rorick-aye DiGiacomo-abstained

An Executive Session took place to discuss personnel at this time, resulting with no action being taken and to be further discussed at the next meeting.

-Moving 2026 Budget to Tentative Budget

On a motion made by Councilman Bardascini and seconded by Councilman Kissinger
A motion to move the 2026 to the Tentative Budget and to set the Public Hearing to adopt the
2026 Budget for Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. with the Town Clerk advertising.
No further discussion;

VOTE: Bardascini –aye Bogardus-aye Kissinger-aye Rorick-aye DiGiacomo-aye

Recessed at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully
Cheryl Briggs