

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst
PUBLIC HEARING
February 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Jones at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Councilmember Michele Jeffers	P	Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke	P
Councilmember Robb Koscho	P	Records Clerk Laurie Beran	P
Councilmember Mark Leshinski	P	Utility Admin. David Valentine	P
Councilmember Jeanne Maschari	P	Assist. F. O. Wendy Kolmorgen	P
Councilmember Anthony Savage	P		
Councilmember David Troike	P		

NRT – New Russia Township

PURPOSE

2026 Permanent Appropriations

The fiscal officer explained the revisions to the 2026 permanent appropriations, driven primarily by a significant increase in workers' compensation costs. Fire department payroll rose from approximately \$30,000 to over \$90,000, which resulted in additional premium owed after the BWC true-up, requiring updated appropriations. Several adjustments were made to the 2026 budget, including the addition of a Community and Economic Development category, increased allocations for natural gas and salt due to rising costs, and the removal of funds for a vehicle purchase and audit work already completed. Funding was increased for a potential police vehicle, and \$80,000 was added to the General Fund for possible capital projects. Carryover balances for 2026 were noted as strong, with \$1.2 million in the General Fund, \$156,000 in Special Revenue, \$6,800 in Capital Projects, and \$800,000 in Enterprise Funds. Special Revenue funds include street, state highway, cemetery, law enforcement trust, fire levy, and court-related computer funds. The fire levy carryover of \$95,000 equates to two years of fire engine payments should the renewal levy fail. Discussion also covered fire department payroll and seat-time compensation, which contributed to higher payroll costs and will be addressed in a future compensation ordinance. Training costs were clarified as class fees only, separate from payroll.

ADJOURNMENT 6:53 p.m.