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2026 Town of Torrey Budget Details

The Torrey Town Board approved the town budget for 2026 after a public hearing held on October 29, at 7:00 pm. The budget calls for total appropriations of \$1,670,525.60 with \$860,778.00 to be raised by taxes which is a 4.6% increase from 2025 when Water District 1 charges are excluded. It proved to be a very challenging year to craft a budget to provide necessary services to our property owners while at the same time being fiscally responsible.

Reasons for increase

- Double digit increase in cost of health insurance for town employees
- A near double digit increase in property and equipment insurance
- Purchase and delivery of a new dump/snow plow truck to replace 1999 International truck. Monies for this purchase have been planned for during the last 2 yearly budgets as well as designation of CHIPS funds
- Continued efforts to upgrade infrastructure
 - Planning for WD 2 (tentative federal grant of 2.05 million, balance of approximately 1.4 million to be paid by WD 2 residents)
 - Replacement of two (2) culverts over tributaries to Seneca Lake on Perry Point Road utilizing the BRIDGENY program. Hunt Engineering has been contracted to provide engineering plans for this approximately \$2.5 million project. The tentative timeline for the project is design approval by January 2026, construction awarded in January 2027, and actual construction over the Spring/Summer of 2027.
 - Upgrade Town Complex
 - 2025 Phone system upgrade so that calls are now automatically directed to the desired official
 - 2026 Town Barn blocks repointed and painted
 - Town has contracted with Shana H. Williams, an architect in Naples, NY, to assess and provide the plans for improvements to the Town Building
- Community Outreach
 - 104th Annual Memorial Day Observance
 - Third annual Earth Day Community Cleanup in April
 - Annual household debris cleanup in June
- The Town provides funding for the Village of Dresden Fire Department at 94% of its budget (the Village contributes 6%) for fire protection, accident/rescue, and EMT services.

- Access to beach at the Torrey Town Park with matching grant funds to be applied for to the Yates County Legislature.
- Charles Street bridge improvements to allow access for Friends of the Outlet (FOTO) hiking trail from bridge to Seneca Lake
- Contract with DSD Web Works of Fairport, New York for support for the Town of Torrey official website at <https://townoftorrey.org>. to enhance communication to town taxpayers

In summary, the Town Board believes the entirety of the 2026 Town Budget responsibly meets our obligation to the town taxpayers to provide a fiscally responsible budget to meet the needs which they support. Increased assessments for WD1 residents have been enacted to reimburse the Town for increased costs during construction. The Highway Department continues to contain expenditures by utilizing “shared services” with the Yates County Highway as well as the other towns and villages in the County. Identification and application for grants for all projects remain the highest priority.