

**PITTSFIELD TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 BUDGET
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

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Call to order: 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Shelby Wing – Supervisor – Present

Jeff Galley – Councilman – Present

AJ Digsby – Deputy Supervisor - Absent

Liam Keys - Councilman – Present

Kelly York – Councilwoman – Absent

Others Present – Sandra Clapperton (Town Clerk), Gary Carson, Carl Tice, Justin Weidman, Kaylee Weidman, Charles Koop, Jim Jackson, Lisa Jackson, Joe Emminger.

Questions and Concerns:

Jim Jackson asked if we were closing the transfer station. No, we are not. The funds for the transfer station come out of the General Fund. Therefore, we are moving the line items from the Transfer Station Fund to the General Fund Budget. The joint venture with Burlington Flats was dissolved. Therefore, a separate budget line is not required.

Carl Tice asked when you pay your property tax, what percentage goes to the town or the state. None of the property tax goes to the state. When you look at your tax bill it will say County, Town, Fire District, and Solid Waste User Fee. That is what gives you the breakdown of where your property tax money goes. Shelby does not have the Fire Department's budget in front of her, but it is increasing to \$117,000. If you do see an increase in your taxes this year it could be because of the fire district or the county. When you pay your taxes, the Town pays the fire department first. The money that is paid in comes to us. Whatever is left goes to the County. If someone doesn't pay their taxes, the county is the one to take the fall.

It was asked what BAN stands for. This is a Bond Anticipation Note. It's a note that the Town takes out with NBT to pay for our FEMA projects. The FEMA project is a reimbursement program. The town has to front the money and then FEMA pays us back.

The hearing adjourned at 6:30 p.m.