

# Village of Richmondville

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Worked on and completed a preliminary version of 2026-2027 Budget. The trend looks for a higher income, but a lot of it is in PPAC which are really just pass through costs, and not really income. There is also a decrease in Commercial revenue and usage, but Industrial is up. I attribute this to making changes to some of our Commercial customers, by making them Industrial, using the tariff guidelines.

I did another ride out with Ron Greek to look at more poles to change out for the Schoharie Broadband project. We covered Rt 7 West Richmondville, West Richmondville-Dorloo Road, Furnaceville Road, Rigley Road, the upper part of Franzen Road, Smith Road, Palmer Road, and Raven Road. We have already started the project by installing poles on Robert's Street, and Morgan Ave. We are hoping to install poles, leaving transfers for warmer weather to not turn people off in the cold.

I've been on a couple Teams Meetings with NYMPA over the high cost of electric. They are who we purchase our supplemental power through, and with the high cost of power it depleted the account used to pay for it, and pushed the credit limit of the bank they use to help hedge against high prices. This has exceeded anything prior to anything in the past, even more than the 2014 Polar Vortex, which is when we got a bank involved. In order to replenish accounts and get more credit from the banks, we had to widen the window NYMPA is allowed to charge us for power. While the window is wider, the price needed to cover and replenish is temporary, and will go back down as prices on the open market does as well. The market is out of our control, and is influenced by the demand because of the cold weather. It also has had issues with natural gas being in short supply, and a decrease in generation due to closing some of the older plants in favor of green energy. Also I have received word from The Power Authority that they have had issues generating power due to the cold, and a reduction in allotted power has been put into affect, as per our contract. Hopefully the cold lifts soon, and we can get back to normal soon after that.

Starting the EIA-861 report soon. It is an annual report to FERC that covers revenue, Kwh sold, and amount of customers.

We'll be starting inventory in March in order to start on the Schoharie Broadband project as soon as the weather breaks.

Gabe, Aliha, and I are set to attend the March Engineering and Accounting workshop in Syracuse

With permission, I'd like to start the process of ordering a new Material Handler Bucket truck. Our current one is a 2009, and I am trying to get back on a replacement schedule of what it always used to be of replacing the Bucket trucks every 10 years, making this one 7 years overdue. Since we are already replacing a 24 year old Digger Truck this year, I am suggesting that we pay for this using a NYPA loan, which can be repaid through our PPAC. The Bucket truck has an estimated delivery date of 24-30 months after ordering according to the quote I received several months ago and shared. I'd also like to do the same for a replacement for my pickup truck, as I mentioned several months ago as well. If I get a hybrid, we can also pay for it through PPAC. I will have to get new quotes for that though. As far as the Bucket Truck, I may have to re quote that at this point as well, but I will check.

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