



Town Board Meeting
PH-2024 Preliminary Budget, PH-Tax Cap Override Law
November 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
59 N. Putt Corners & Via Videoconference

Present: Supervisor Neil Bettez, Councilwoman Esi Lewis, Councilwoman Alex Baer, Councilwoman Julie Seyfert.

At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing on the 2024 Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to open the public hearing on the Tax Cap Override Law with the pledge. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Highway Supt. Chris Marx requested another position to the B&G Department.

Agenda: A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve and/or authorize the following as part of the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

- a. Approval of Minutes: October 19, 2023

Budget Discussion:

The Preliminary Budget is currently at a 9.4% increase, down from 13.4%. The Comptroller can make further cuts to bring it down to an 8.17% increase.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to increase the Rescue Squad Budget by \$100,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to auction equipment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the Highway Department auctioning off a 2013 Ford Pickup body and miscellaneous plows, sanders, and a three-phase generator transfer switch from old highway equipment. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to change previously approved funding of deductible:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize changing the previously approved funding of the deductibles (\$7,050/14,100) for the CDPHP health insurance to be equivalent to MVP funding as follows:

Individual	from \$4,690 to \$3,090
Employee/Spouse	from \$9,400 to \$6,180
Employee/Child(ren)	from \$9,400 to \$6,180
Family	from \$9,400 to \$6,180

Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Authorization to sell equipment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Highway Department to sell 2 old sanders (no longer in use) to the Town of Shandaken for \$300 each. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approve appointment:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the appointment of Matthew Sutton to the rank of Lieutenant effective January 1, 2024. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Approval to purchase LP tank:

A motion as made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the Highway Department to purchase/have installed and fill 1,000-gallon LP tank for emergency backup generator for the highway garage from Paraco on OGS pricing. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Budget Modifications

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the modification of the adopted 2023 budget for cost overruns as follows. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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Request authorization to modify the adopted 2023 budget for cost overruns as follows:							
TO:				FROM:			
A	1620.400	B&G, CE	8,000.00	A	1620.100	B&G, PS	5,000.00
				A	1620.410	B&G, TownHall	3,000.00
							8,000.00
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TO:				FROM:			
DB	5110.200	General Repairs, Equip	11,000.00	DB	5110.400	General Repairs, CE	36,000.00
DB	5130.400	Machinery, CE	20,000.00				
DB	5132.400	Garage, CE	5,000.00				
			36,000.00				
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Request authorization to increase the adopted 2023 budget for the Parkland funding of the purchase of a playground							
INCREASE:							
A	510	Estimated Revenues		21,000.00			
A	2089	Other Culture & Recreation	21,000.00				
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INCREASE:							
A	960	Appropriations	21,000.00				
A	7150.26	NP Sports Park, Equipment		21,000.00			

Authorization to approve engagement letter:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to authorize the approval of the Cooper Arias, LLP Engagement Letter 2023-2025. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Discussion on proposed dispensary:

The Board had no comment for the proposed Retail dispensary at 87 N. Chestnut Street, in the Village.

Water & Sewer Bill Request:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to approve the request for a payment plan for Ruby Restaurant & Bar, which must be paid by 10/31/24. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Tax Cap Override Law-LL#5/2023:

A motion was made by Supervisor Bettez to close the public hearing on the Tax Cap Override Law and adopt it as Local Law #5 of 2023. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 7:29 p.m. a motion was made Supervisor Bettez by to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Baer, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanna Rosenkranse
Town Clerk