

November 1, 2023
Preliminary Budget Hearing

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board held at the Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, on November 1, 2023.

Members Present: Supervisor Joseph Roman, Council Members Glenn Gunderman, Daniel Hurley, Timothy Steed, Daniel Williams

Others Present: Deputy Supervisor, Kathleen Szerszen, Town Clerk Carolyn Renko

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Roman at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Moment of Silence – Joseph Roman

6:04 PM – PUBLIC HEARING 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Town Clerk Carolyn Renko read the legal notice that appeared in the Star Gazette and posted on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town Website and opened the public hearing for public comment.

Linda Palmer from 915 Laurel Street spoke regarding property tax increases over the past two years and feels the Town should have notified the residents why this occurred.

No one else wished to speak, therefore the public portion of the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m.

Supervisor Roman commented the following on the 2024 budget:

1. Comparisons to previous years of Town budgets and review of Monthly Reports of the Supervisor.
2. Review of income and expense, balance sheet, and detail reports from Williamson Law Book Company.
2. Research pertaining to economic forecasts for 2024.
3. The possibility of a weaker economy potentially impacting revenues and expenses.
4. Adjusting property tax and sales tax revenues.
5. A conservative approach to all revenue streams.
6. Focus on maintaining and supporting service levels from all departments.
7. Disciplined approach to costs increasing necessary budget lines while controlling and/or reducing costs in others.
8. Consideration of debt service payments.
9. Cautious and diligent use of American Rescue Plan Funding.
10. Maintenance and upgrades of the Town's assets including buildings, infrastructure, and equipment.
11. Creating a balanced budget with the goal of increasing fund balances.

Council Member Gunderman made a motion, Council Member Steed seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk