

November 6, 2024

Preliminary Budget Meeting

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board held at the Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, on November 6, 2024.

Members Present: Supervisor Joseph Roman, Council Members Daniel Hurley, Daniel Williams, Rich Mathews, Kathleen Szerszen

Others Present: Code Enforcement Officer Peter Rocchi, Town Clerk Carolyn Renko

6:01 PM – PUBLIC HEARING 2025 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 comment.

There was no public in attendance so the public portion of the public hearing was closed.

Supervisor Roman commented the following on the 2025 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.
3. Research pertaining to economic forecasts for 2025.
4. The possibility of a weaker economy potentially impacting revenues and expenses.
5. Adjusting property tax and sales tax revenues.
6. A conservative approach to all revenue streams.
7. Focus on maintaining and supporting service levels from all departments.
8. Disciplined approach to costs increasing necessary budget lines while controlling and/or reducing costs in others.
9. Consideration of debt service payments.
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 Williams made a motion, Council Member Mathews seconded to adjourn to executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Council Member Szerszen made a motion, Council Member Mathews seconded to reconvene the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Szerszen made a motion, Council Member Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk