

Preliminary Budget Meeting

November 6, 2019

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board held at the Town Hall, 1139 Pennsylvania Avenue, on November 6, 2019.

Members Present: Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen, Council Members Joseph Roman, Glenn Gunderman

Members Absent: Council Members Daniel Hurley, Timothy Steed

Others Present: Town Clerk Carolyn Renko

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

Moment of Silence – Kathleen Szerszen

6:03 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Kathleen Szerszen read the legal notice that appeared in the Star Gazette and posted on the Town Bulletin Board and Town Website and opened the public hearing for public comment.

No one wished to speak, therefore the Public Hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

Supervisor Szerszen stated that the proposed 2020 budget was reviewed in detail at the Tentative Budget Meeting, held on September 17, 2019. The proposed budget will include a tax increase of .42 cents per thousand, raising the tax rate from \$1.07 per thousand to \$1.49 per thousand of assessed valuation in the Highway Fund.

The rationale for the tax increase includes several factors:

1. A recommendation by the Town auditor during his review of the 2018 Audit Report.
2. Reduction of the County sales tax distribution in conjunction with reductions to the Town tax levy.
3. Outstanding State and Federal aid reimbursement for flooding that occurred in August of 2018.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Renko, Town Clerk