

NOVEMBER 06, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING - 2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 06, 2013 at the Town Hall, located on #42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, NY.

The following Board Members were present:

Supervisor.....Marjorie Miller

Council Members..... Jake Rosa, Brian Sweeney and Mike Finberg

Councilman John Roucek was not in attendance.

Also present were: Hwy Supt John Biruk, Nelson Delameter, Bill Taylor, Terry Johnson, Janet Steiglehner, Ernie Steiglehner and Kurt Holcherr.

Supervisor Miller opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. The Town Clerk read the ATTACHED legal notice advertising the Public Hearing.

The Town Board discussed the Budget with Hwy Supt John Biruk as to what equipment he was considering replacing and sand/gravel purchases. Also, Supervisor Miller stated "That on Page 6, we might be able to increase the mortgage tax by \$5,000".

Janet Steiglehner gave some suggestions as to how to cut the budget by not giving the historian a \$1,000. raise; that no raises should be given until we are in a much more desired area and the transfer station should not be open as many days as it is. Ernie Steiglehner said that he supported Janet's comments; felt that the percentage of wage increases are quite extensive; there is no need for a third assessor; the Bar hasn't received any increase in wage in a long time, the community development program is good but we need to check to see how it is going to benefit the Town and we need to stop taking from the rainy day fund. Nelson Delameter felt that the Board needs to look at the Budget and its appropriations and preserve the fund balance. Terry Johnson discussed using the unexpended balance of Arkville Water toward the user rates/fees. Kurt Holcherr wanted to know if the \$5,000. for the food pantry was a yearly contribution as there is help through Social Services.

There were no other questions or comments from the public, and the Supervisor Miller closed the Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

DATED: November 19, 2013

PATRICIA F. KELLY
TOWN CLERK