

NOVEMBER 01, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING - 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024 CANCELED AS PRELIMINARY BUDGET, WITHOUT ANY CHANGES, WAS NOT OVER THE 4% CAP ALLOWED.

The Town Board of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, New York, held a Public Hearing and their Monthly Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, November 01, 2023 at the Town Hall, located on #42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, NY.

The following Board Members were present:

Supervisor.....Carl P. Davis

Council Members.....Brian Sweeney, Christopher Dabritz, Nelson Delameter and Robin Williams

Also present were: Bookkeeper Beth Bush, Hwy Sup't John Biruk, Colleen Martin, Bill Malanga, John Hubbell, Diane Galusha, Glen Faulkner, Annie Pevear, Josef Schoell, Cassie Palen and Hiram Davis.

Supervisor Davis opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. The Town Clerk read the ATTACHED legal notice advertising the Public Hearing. Supervisor Davis opened the floor to the public.

Josef Schoell asked if there were any additional unexpended balance and how much there was. Supervisor Davis stated that usually there is 10% of the budget in the unexpended balance fund. He also asked about the Arkville water and lighting budget. It was explained that only those who live in that district pay for that and it's split to pay off the \$300,000 debt. Diane Galusha asked why the Clovesville Cemetery was receiving \$5,000 and was this going to be an ongoing budget for them. She was told this was a one time payment to keep the cemetery running and it will go back to \$500 each year. She also thanked the Town Board for their ongoing support and the \$2,500 allocated to the historical society. Cassie Palen was asking about the cemeteries and the town's involvement in them. She inquired if the Town would mow once a year to get the cost of maintenance down for the cemetery operators. Patty Kelly read the ATTACHED Memo she prepared. She wanted the Town Board to hear her concerns on the 2024 Budget. She questioned the Town Board raises, even though they never requested a raise, and the decrease in the salary of Deputy Town Clerk from \$22,000 to \$15,000. without Council Member Sweeney ever coming to her office, even though he stated he went to each department to discuss their budget submitted. No one else wished to comment. Supervisor Davis closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

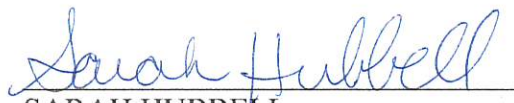
The Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2023 was canceled as the 2024 Preliminary Budget, without any further changes, was not over the 4% cap allowed.

Supervisor Davis called the Town Board Workshop Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

The Town Board reviewed the ATTACHED Agenda prepared by Supervisor Davis and Town Clerk. Council Member Williams stated that we would be needing a letter of intent for an environmental grant to help the Transfer Station and a thriving communities grant.

Motion for adjournment was made by B. Sweeney, seconded by R. Williams. (5) Ayes - Carl P. Davis; Nelson Delameter; Chris Dabritz; Brian Sweeney and Robin Williams - (0) Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

DATED: November 03, 2023


SARAH HUBBELL
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK