

October 23, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING
2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
TOWN BOARD TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
21 MILTON TURNPIKE, MILTON, NEW YORK
OCTOBER 23, 2017 7:00 PM
MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Supervisor Lanzetta
Councilman Corcoran
Councilman Baker
Councilman Koenig

Also Present: Danielle Cherubini, Deputy Town Clerk
Christina Wilklow, Budget Officer

Absent: Councilman Molinelli

Supervisor Lanzetta opened the public hearing for comments.

Mark Reynolds asked for a summary of everything; the tax rate and what the taxpayer would pay on a \$200,000.00 house.

Chris Wilklow explained that the town wide tax rate is 3.56% on the preliminary budget and the plan is to get it under 2% for the final budget. With a tax rate of under 2% a homeowner with a \$200,000.00 assessment would incur an increase of about \$32.00. Supervisor Lanzetta added that they will only use about \$75,000.00 of the fund balance to keep taxes low. Ms. Wilklow stated that the fund balance would be about \$600,000.00 if all revenues come in and expenses go out before using the \$75,000.00. Supervisor Lanzetta also explained what cuts are going to be made and what some of the increases will be.

There was a brief discussion regarding the 11.6% increase to health insurance. Councilman Corcoran stated that the town has a high deductible plan and the town pays for the deductible. The town budgets for the full amount as if each employee were to use the full deductible that way there is a cushion. There are about 48 covered employees including retirees.

Councilman Corcoran explained that the town is using less and less of the fund balance each year and he thanked all the department heads for helping to get that done.

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Ralph Walters asked how many employees contribute to health insurance and how much.

Chris Wilklow said that there are about 15 employees that contribute and the regular employees pay 10% and the police pay a percent of their salary.

Mr. Walters asked what the pay increase is for elected officials.

Councilman Corcoran stated that the only elected official getting an increase are the Highway Superintendant and the Town Clerk at 2%.

There was a brief discussion regarding the police contract and pay increases.

Mr. Walters asked if the Annual Update Documents (AUD) have been filed with the state comptroller for 2015 and 2016.

Ms. Wilklow stated that the 2015 AUD was filed and she is working closely with an auditor to finish 2016; there were changes and issues with water billing.

There was a brief discussion about the new water billing software; it's a good program (BAS) but the switch over has been difficult.

Ralph Walters commented that the town has no say in the fire district tax; the fire districts have their own public hearings on their budget.

Councilman Koenig made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker.

*Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Cherubini
Deputy Town Clerk*