

PUBLIC HEARING
2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
21 MILTON TURNPIKE, MILTON NY
OCTOBER 10, 2023 7:00 PM
MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Supervisor Corcoran
Councilman Zambito
Councilwoman Sessa
Councilman Cauchi

Colleen Corcoran, Town Clerk
Christina Pulliam, Budget Officer
Mici Simonsofsky, Resident

Absent: Councilman Molinelli

Supervisor Corcoran stated that he will be presenting to the Board the recommended changes in the budget that will get the Town under the 2% cap. He thanked Chris Pulliam for all of her patience and hard work. There are a lot of recreation items in the budget. The Town will also be receiving grants for the parks. The plan is to make improvements to the Cluett Schantz Park, Milton Train Station Park and Sands Avenue Park. The improvements include lighting, fencing, sheds and pickleball courts. He will recommend to the Board to take out a bond to renovate the Highway/Water Department building next year.

Councilman Cauchi asked if there was a growth index from year to year.

Chris Pulliam explained that the tax base growth factor is 1.0160%.

Supervisor Corcoran stated that there will be more growth in the near future; such as resorts, wedding venues and condos/townhouses. With that growth they will need to consider items such as traffic, road maintenance and policing for future budgets.

Mici Simonsofsky asked what percentage (raise) would the town employees get this year and if any positions will be available in the near future.

Supervisor Corcoran stated that the preliminary budget states 3% but the final budget will be a higher percentage. An assistant for the Building Department was added to budget last year but wasn't filled; it remains in the budget. There are a few main people retiring in about two years so budgets will include funds for trainees because a lot of the positions will take many months for training; so the Town will be in good hands.

Councilman Cauchi made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilman Zambito.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Carried

*Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Cherubini
Deputy Town Clerk*