

**Town of Ancram  
Town Board  
Preliminary 2018 Budget Hearing  
October 16, 2017**

**Present:** Supervisor Arthur Bassin                      Councilman Hugh Clark  
                 Councilwoman Madeline Israel              Councilman David Boice  
                 Town Clerk Monica Cleveland  
                 Highway Superintendent James Miller

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The preliminary budget hearing was called to order by Supervisor Arthur Bassin at 6:45pm.

Mr. Bassin said that this version of the budget includes 2.5% salary increases which adds \$12,500 to the budget. The budget will include a small tax cut as well as add \$130,000 to the contingent line.

The question was brought up by Councilwoman Israel about giving salary increases for everyone, including the board members, the judges and the building manager. She did not see why there should be exceptions when it came to salary increases. This would cost the town under \$1000.

A question was raised about the County budget and if it would change greatly this year. Mr. Bassin said that they were staying within the tax cap.

There being no more comments on the Preliminary 2018 Budget, a motion was made by Councilwoman Israel and seconded by Councilman Boice to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica Cleveland  
Ancram Town Clerk