

**Town of Ancram  
Public Hearing  
Final 2022 Budget  
November 18, 2021**

**Present:** Supervisor Arthur Bassin                      Councilman Hugh Clark  
                 Councilman David Boice                      Councilwoman Bonnie Hundt  
                 Councilwoman Madeline Israel (Via Zoom)  
                 Town Clerk Monica Cleveland  
                 Highway Superintendent James Miller

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The Public Hearing of the Ancram Town Board on the Final 2022 Budget was called to order at 6:50pm by Supervisor Arthur Bassin.

Mr. Bassin opened the meeting to the floor for comments.

Mr. Bassin reported that the budget includes a tax reduction of 5%. The library 414 was passed and will no longer be in the budget but will be on the 2022 tax bill as its own line item.

Mr. Bassin noted that Councilwoman Israel had brought to the floor a proposal to raise the Elected Officials pay by 6%, in the same direction as other employees raises. This will increase the budget by \$5,000. At this point, in order to make this change, the town will have to pass a local law subject to a permissive referendum. This is because the change will be made after the passing of the preliminary budget.

Mr. Bassin reported that at the end of 2022 the fund balance will be about 1.2 million.

Mr. Fred Gold questioned the library tax and asked if it was deductible on personal tax returns. Mr. Bassin said that this was something he will have to find out.

There being no more comments, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hundt and seconded by Councilman Boice to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica R. Cleveland  
Ancram Town Clerk