

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Public Hearing Preliminary 2024 Budget
October 19, 2023**

Present:	Supervisor Arthur Bassin	Councilman Hugh Clark
	Councilman David Boice	Councilwoman Bonnie Hundt
	Councilwoman Amy Gold	Town Clerk Monica Cleveland

The public hearing for the Preliminary 2024 Budget was called to order at 6:45pm by Supervisor Bassin.

Mr. Bassin said that there were a few unknowns that will be more clear by the Final Budget. Health insurance is thought to be going up by 15%, retirement up by \$12,000. Salaries are anticipated to increase 3- 3/12 %.

Mr. Bassin noted that between 2010 and 2023 the town tax levy had decreased by over \$200,000.

Mr. Bassin also noted that in the next year the town is planning to purchase heavy equipment for the highway department - a \$300,000 plow truck and a \$150,000 for 2 truck bodies.

There were no more comments or questions. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Hundt and seconded by Councilwoman Gold. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica R. Cleveland, RMC
Ancram Town Clerk