

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Public Hearing Preliminary 2014 Budget
October 17, 2013**

Present:	Supervisor Arthur Bassin	Councilman James Miller
	Councilman Chris Thomas	Councilman Hugh Clark
	Councilwoman Madeline Israel	Town Clerk Monica Cleveland

Supervisor Arthur Bassin called the public hearing on the preliminary 2014 budget to order at 7pm.

Mr. Bassin explained the budget process. Mr. Bassin opened the meeting to the floor.

Anne Rader addressed the board and spoke of the NYS tax cap and read a section on this from the NYS website. She asked that the board keep in mind the tax cap.

Donna Hoyt asked the board what the contingent covers. Mr. Bassin stated that this would cover any unexpected costs or to cover any revenues that come in lower than expected. Mrs. Hoyt asked what the \$10,000 in historical contractual covers. Mr. Bassin stated that this is for the historical preservation and the historical district designation. Mr. Bassin stated that the board is hoping to raise the money for this through contributions and grants. Mrs. Hoyt asked what was budgeted for Nan Stolzenburg. Mr. Bassin stated that there is \$12,500 in the ZRC line.

A question was raised about what will happen with the budget if the library passes. Mr. Bassin stated that the Board is exploring ideas on this. They are looking at ways for the town to absorb this expense, and at the possibility that the library might be excluded from the Town tax line and be treated like the Fire District. Mr. Bassin stated that the Fire District and the County taxes are both increasing.

There being no more questions or comments, the public hearing on the preliminary 2014 budget was closed by Mr. Bassin at 7:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica R. Cleveland
Ancram Town Clerk