

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Public Hearing on the 2014 Tentative Budget
September 19, 2013**

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

The public hearing on the 2014 Tentative Town Budget was called to order at 6:35 by Supervisor Arthur Bassin.

Mr. Bassin explained that following this meeting, the Tentative Budget will become the Preliminary Budget. Another Public Hearing will follow next month and the budget will become the Final 2014 Budget.

Mr. Bassin asked for comments or questions from the floor. Mr. Bassin went through the changes made to the budget from 2013. Mr. Bassin stated that the 2014 budget is consistent with 2013. At this point there is no fund balance carried over. He stated that he would like to increase the sales tax to \$240,000 as well as the mortgage tax to the 2013 received amount. The tentative budget indicated a \$37,000 increase, but that this depends on whether the \$30,000 414 referendum on the library goes through.

Mr. Jack Seiber asked that if the 414 does not pass, will the town pay out the \$30,000. Mr. Bassin indicated that would be up to the Town Board, and at this point, did not know.

There being no more comments or questions, the meeting was closed at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica R. Cleveland
Ancram Town Clerk