

**Town of Ancram  
Public Hearing 2013 Budget  
Town Board  
October 18, 2012**

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

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The public hearing on the 2013 Town of Ancram Preliminary Budget was called to order at 6:30pm by Supervisor Bassin.

Mr. Bassin opened the floor to public comments and questions. Ms. Valden asked what changes re being considered in the budget.

Mr. Bassin stated that the following changes are under consideration to be made to the proposed budget:

- Add the \$26,000 refund on the highway siding to the tax reduction making the total reduction \$33,826 or a total of 4.03%
- A 3% raise for all appointed officials and clerical staff, approximately \$3,000 in increase to the budget.
- Add \$4,000.00 to the health insurance line.
- Add \$1,000 to the liability insurance line.

Mrs. Sue Bassin questioned the library contribution and if there will be an increase. Mr. Bassin stated that there will be more conversation on the library during the regular meeting. Mr. Bob Wilcox stated that if the town can afford a tax break, they should support the library more.

Mrs. Bassin asked if the board was considering additional payments on the highway bond. Mr. Bassin stated that the Board feels it is best to stay with the one payment a year.

Mr. Bassin stated that the fire department budget will be increased by about 20%. This will be finalized on November 1, 2012. There are no estimated numbers for the current fire house construction project yet. Mr. Thomas asked why the increase in the fire district budget. Mr. Bassin stated he was told that the fire district feels they have operated on too tight a budget for the last few years, and needed to catch up. .

Mr. Bassin stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of sales tax came in at \$65,000.00. This year \$250,000 will be around the number for sales tax. He recommends leaving the number at \$210,000.00 for the 2013 budget given the economic uncertainties we face.

There being no more comments, Mr. Bassin closed the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Monica Cleveland, Town Clerk