

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN BOARD
MINUTES
October 4, 2021**

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held a special meeting on October 4, 2021, at the Town Hall, 10 Reservoir Dr., Millbrook, NY. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Gary Ciferri with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Robert Audia, Michael Murphy and Joseph Rochfort and Town Clerk Mary Alex. The purpose of the meeting was for the Town Clerk to present the Preliminary 2022 Budget and any other business that might come before the Town Board.

Supervisor Ciferri opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the recommendation of Justices Shequine and Feigelson, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Rochfort, the Board appointed Kristen DiFiore to serve as substitute Justice Court Clerk, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes AYE
Councilman Audia AYE
Councilman Murphy AYE
Councilman Rochfort AYE

Ms. Di Fiore will become the Court Clerk when Mrs. Briggs becomes the Deputy Town Clerk in November.

Town Clerk Alex provided the Town Board with the 2022 Preliminary Budget, which is attached. The following summary of information breaks down the appropriations, revenue, proposed fund balance and tax levy for each fund.

FUND	APPROPRIATIONS	REVENUE	FUND BALANCE	TAX LEVY
General A	\$1,559,407.00	\$445,170.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,064,237.00
Library A	\$184,000.00			\$184,000.00
General B	\$431,446.00	\$316,170.00	\$80,000.00	\$35,276.00
Highway DB	\$1,591,891.00	\$316,100.00	\$175,000.00	\$1,100,791.00
Fire District SF	\$577,833.00			\$577,833.00
TOTALS	\$4,344,577.00	\$1,077,440.00	\$305,000.00	\$2,962,137.00

The appropriations are \$55,167.00 less than the 2021 budget. The revenues are projected to be \$60,126.00 less than 2021. The fund balance is \$29,763.00 less than 2021. The tax levy is \$159,196.00 higher than 2021, which is an increase of 0.0568%.

The assessed values are as follows:

Assessments	2021	2022
Village	214,726,908	216,830,294
Town Outside	960,206,247	968,828,802
Town Wide	1,174,933,155	1,185,659,096
Fire	1,174,174,000	1,179,326,506

The proposed tax rates, per thousand of assessed value are as follows:

Village Tax Rate:	\$0.90
Town Outside the Village:	\$2.07
Fire (Town Outside Village):	\$0.49
Library:	\$0.16

The Board was advised that this Budget is higher than the 2% allowable tax cap levy amount of \$2,867,005.00. The actual tax levy is \$2,962,137.00.

On a motion made by Councilman Audia and seconded by Councilman Turletes, the Board moved to prepare Local Law 4 of 2021, a Local Law to Override the Tax Cap Levy. The Local Law will be introduced at the October 14, 2021 Town Board meeting, with a Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30 PM.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
 Councilman Turletes AYE
 Councilman Audia AYE
 Councilman Murphy AYE
 Councilman Rochfort AYE

The Board was advised that some of the changes in the budget include the addition of two full time positions with benefits, the Bond for the park addition (3772 Route 44) has been paid off, the amount previously paid for the Bond has been included towards a reserve fund for a Re-evaluation (REVAL) of property values, an addition of funds for sick leave liability and funds for Killlearn Road professional services.

October 18th is the next budget workshop. The focus of the meeting will be the highway department and personnel matters. October 2th's meeting will focus on the recreation department, Gen Fund A and Gen Fund B.

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Rochfort and seconded by Councilman Murphy the meeting was closed at 8:35 PM. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE
Councilman Turletes AYE
Councilman Audia AYE
Councilman Murphy AYE
Councilman Rochfort AYE

Mary Alex, Town Clerk