

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**10/26/2023**

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Parish Town Board held October 26, 2023 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. The Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Bernys at 6:30 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Gary Wood, Councilor  
Robin Eaton-Novak, Councilor  
Doug Houghton, Councilor  
G. Richard Horning, Councilor  
Jim Bernys, Supervisor  
Kelly Reader-Petit, Town Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tanya Allen, Steve Isabell, Mary Ann Phillips, George Korthas, John Horning, Sue Horning, Paul Ruffos, Kevin Dwyer, Paul Gage, Karen Gage, L.J. Harvery, Fire Chief; John Dunham, Lynn Wood, and Craig Petit

Supervisor Bernys commented that the meeting policy available for the public. The policy was adopted by the Board.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear all comments regarding the 2024 Preliminary Budget. Supervisor Bernys stated that anyone that wished to speak would have 3 minutes.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPEN FOR COMMENTS:**

Tanya Allen spoke in regards to the Vital Statistic position as she thought it was double dipping. She also asked if the Deputy Town Clerk position was salaried or hourly?

Supervisor Bernys responded that the comments are for the Preliminary Budget not to answer questions on individuals and go back and forth.

Steve Isabell asked if Carl Dayger was receiving health insurance? Also, if the Town Attorney was receiving health insurance?

Mary Ann Phillips commented that she didn't feel that 3 minutes was enough time for comments. Mary Ann Phillips pointed out that there were typos in the Preliminary Budget. Mary Ann expressed concerns regarding raises, audit training, petty cash, and fund balance. Mary Ann also commented that that there was not enough time given for the Public Hearing Notice.

Paul Ruffos asked when were they going to get answers to the questions?

Supervisor Bernys responded that the Preliminary Budget copies were available prior to the Public Hearing and anyone could have picked one up. The Public Hearing was to hear your comments.

Supervisor Bernys commented that this was not a time for questions and going back and forth. He also met with some of the residents in the past to answer questions. This time is to hear comments.

Karen Gage commented that the questions should be noted in the Minutes that they were not responded to.

Steve Isabell commented that he wanted the questions answered in an e-mail for all of their questions. Supervisor Bernys responded that he would be more than happy to do that.

George Korthas commented that that he did not see the raise he requested for the Court Clerk in the Preliminary Budget.

Supervisor Bernys responded that the Preliminary Budget had all ready been adopted by the Board and once the Public Hearing is closed, they can revisit the request prior to the adoption of 2024 Final Budget.

Supervisor Bernys commented that the Board worked hard to keep the budget increase to 0% for the Town and a negative -0.19% decrease for the Village without using any fund balance. Supervisor Bernys appreciated all that worked on the budget and thought everyone did a great job.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilor Wood, seconded by Councilor Houghton to adjourn at 6:44 PM. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader-Petit  
Parish Town Clerk