

TOWN OF FORESTPORT

PUBLIC HEARING: REGARDING THE PROPOSAL OF OVERRIDING THE NYS TAX CAP FOR THE 2021 BUDGET

October 5, 2020 @ 6:15PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott
Councilwoman Abrial
Councilman Scouten
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, Dawn Campbell
Town Clerk, Tracy Terry

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Entwistle at 6:18 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLIENGENCE:

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

LEGAL NOTICE:

Supervisor Entwistle read the legal notice.

COMMENTS:

- Supervisor Entwistle stated at last month's meeting, the Town Board passed a Resolution, to create a tax line item to fund STaR Ambulance and Old Forge Ambulance. This goes over the 2% cap. In order to override the 2% tax cap, the Town Board had to have a Public Hearing and pass a Local Law.
- Supervisor Entwistle stated there will be a slight increase to the Fire and Highway Budget as well. This will be discussed at the Budget Meeting held after this meeting.
- If the Budget passes in November, the taxes will go from \$1.70/ 1,000 to \$2.21/1,000. The Ambulance is currently slated to have a .28 cents/ 1,000 increase, the Fire a .09 cent- .82 cent/ 1,000 increase and Highway a .10 cent/1,000 increase.
- Previous Years' Town Tax rates:
 - 1992: \$3.54/1,000 - 1998: \$2.09/1,000 -2000: \$1.99/1,000
 - 2006: \$2.91/1,000 - 2007: \$2.96/1,000 - 2008: \$2.66/1,000
 - 2009:\$1.62/1,000 -2012:\$1.67 /1,000 - 2014-present \$1.54-\$1.70/1,000
- Mr. Ekren, from the gallery asked if the economy goes back to normal, what happens to the .51 cents. Supervisor Entwistle stated if they are able to control

spending, you may see a couple years of flat rates.

- MaryBeth, from the gallery stated she appreciates the Public Hearings.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilwoman Abrial to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned by Supervisor Entwistle at 6:42 PM. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilwoman Abrial-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Terry
Forestport Town Clerk