

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD

MEETING TO EXCEED THE TAX CAP ON THE 2024 BUDGET

PRESENT: Supervisor Patricia Murray
Councilman Frank Williams
Councilman Shawn Cushman
Highway Superintendent Louis Redenback

ABSENT: Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Garry James

Supervisor Murray announced that with the new budget, the Town would definitely have to go over the tax cap. Therefore, a local law passage would be required. She read the definition of the word levy.

The General Fund would be raised by 35%. The Highway Fund would be raised by 55%. This is not including the anticipated increase in the County taxes. The amount to be raised is \$318.00 per \$50,000.00 assessment.

Mrs. Helen Manwarren asked if the Town had no choice. Ms. Murray said yes, no choice.

Mrs. Bernadette Jackson asked if the public had a choice in raising the tax cap. Ms. Murray said no.

Mrs. Jackson also asked if the Budget was voted on by the public or did the Board pass that as well. Ms. Murray said the Board passed it.

Mr. Jerry Kreiner said that was what a public hearing was for, was to ask questions about the budget.

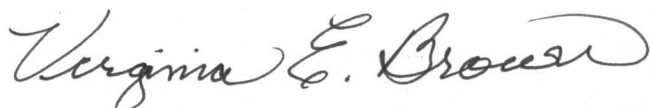
Again, people expressed dissatisfaction with the bookkeeper. People also asked why the discrepancies in the Budget had not been noticed. The Board members said they followed the former Supervisor's recommendations.

Ms. Murray said that the auditors have been going through records and still are.

There was discussion about the expenditures of the American Rescue Money. Mr. Tom Kreiner asked why the auditors have not told Ms. Murray anything yet. Mr. Jerry Kreiner said right now the auditors were just fact finding. Mr. Pete Marshall asked if the Town had ever heard from FEMA about Childs Road. Mr. Redenbacker said they had filed for an extension on that. Mr. Jerry Kreiner asked how much would have to be cut out of the budget to meet the tax cap. Ms. Murray said it would not be possible because they could only do \$28,500.00 and we need \$347,000.00.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with three yeases and no nos. Mr. Meyer and Mr. James were absent. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown".

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
November 2, 2023