

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD
TAX CAP OVERRIDE PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 24, 2024
6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Patricia Murray
Councilperson Kathryn Clemens
Councilperson Robert Oehme
One Councilperson's Seat was Vacant

ABSENT: Councilperson Ray Elsworth was absent.

Supervisor Murray led in the Pledge to the Flag.

She advised everyone where the Public Hearing to Override the Tax Cap and the Public Hearing to approve the 2025 Budget and pass Local Law #1 for 2024 could have been found (Town website, newspaper, and on the Town Hall bulletin board located outside the Town Clerk's Office.) She also said that the publication for the Local Law #1 was posted on the Town website. She advised anyone who had any questions about using the website should call herself and or the Town Clerk.

Ms. Murray explained how the decision by the Town Board was made to exceed the Tax Cap. She said that the Board had three workshops to formulate the new Budget. There was a question and answer session. One question that was asked was what the reason was for overriding the tax cap. Ms. Murray said it was raised per the New York State

guidelines. She said the Town portion of the tax bills would go down this year because of the Town's ability to use the Tax Cap money that was held in escrow from last year due to a clerical error in advertising the Public Hearing on Overriding the Tax Cap.

Mrs. Jackson asked to see how the last year's Tax Cap money will be used this year. Mrs. Clemens shared a worksheet that Mrs. Shelly Gage had created to help the Board understand the situation.

Mr. Tim Manwarren asked what the Tax Cap was exceeded by last year. Ms. Murray didn't know. Mr. Manwarren asked what the Tax Cap was this year. She said it was 2%.

Mr. Ed Pierno asked what money was being used against the loan and if the \$300,000.00 loan had been paid back yet? Ms. Murray said that \$199,000.00 had been paid back with CHIPS money. She said that would save a substantial amount of money in interest and when more CHIPS money came in, the balance would be paid back.

Mrs. Linda Winton said she would have liked to have seen the taxes raised little by little instead of such a big jump.

Mr. Floyd Winton asked how much next year's taxes were expected to go up. Ms. Murray said that depended on a lot of factors.

Mrs. Clemens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Oehme seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was approved with three yeses and no nos. Councilperson Ray Elsworth was absent and one Councilperson's seat was vacant. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

November 7, 2024