



## TOWN OF WILLSBORO

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TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

WILLSBORO TOWN HALL

OCTOBER 26, 2022

**Attendees:** Andrea Robare, Terry Pulsifer, Lucas Strong, Justin Drinkwine, Mikey Phinney, Travis Crowningshield

**Board Attendance:** Steve Benway, Lane Sayward, Scott Christian, Shawn Gilliland

**Called to order at 6:30pm**

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Discussion on the Revised proposed 2023 tentative budget. Gilliland stated he went through the budget very carefully and there were more inputs to add to it. The final retirement cost came in and we get a discount if we pay before Thursday December 15, 2022. We actually pay a year in advance for retirement. We had budgeted \$90,000.00 and it actually came in at \$73,000.00. The health insurance went up 7% instead of the budgeted 12%. A big structural change has happened with Health Insurance between 2021-2022 in the general fund with the Town Hall employees and that was a significant decrease in the budget. Also, there was a reduction in the water bond, by using the remaining money in the old water meters grant that was still remaining when life ended. The overall budget Gilliland is proposing to the board has a 3.15% increase overall and the tax cap is 2%. He noted that the school Budget was above 3.15% and that was still in their tax cap. He presented to the public data from Real Property, based on the 2022 budget, the effects of the re-evaluation. Explaining that we went up sixty million dollars in our total assessed value in the Town of Willsboro, from thirty-one million dollars to ninety-one million dollars. The effect on the taxpayers is the cost per thousand goes down. The value that we made for our tax cap is based on General and Highway funds and the ambulance districts. The Fire District is separate and gave the town their budget of \$279,000. He had gone with a 5% increase and based on the CPI and inflation is still raging. With trying to keep good employees within the union, instead of giving a percentage increase, he added \$2.10 per hour to the union employees. This would take the base salary of a Heavy equipment operator from \$20.64 to \$22.74. This increase in pay based on the County Heavy equipment operator brings the Town up to the middle of the average wage. The Willsboro Essex EMS budget request is \$45,066.67. In this budget the Fund balance will not be used for the EMS budget. Changes were also made to the Supervisor, Tax Collector and Supervisors Clerk.

**Public Comment-** None

**A motion was made to adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary Budget for 2023 was made by Christian. Seconded by Benway. Roll Call-Benway, Christian, Sayward, Gilliland**

**4-Ayes**

**A motion was made to schedule a Public Hearing on November 10th at 6:30 at the Visitors Center by Benway. Seconded by Christian. All In Favor**

**A motion to reschedule the Town Board monthly meeting to November 17th at 6:30 at the Visitors Center was made by Benway. Seconded by Christian. All In Favor.**

**Public comment- None**

**Meeting Adjourned @ 6:42pm.**