

**NOVEMBER 4, 2015
PUBLIC HEARING**

2016 Annual Town Budget

7:15 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Post
Deputy Supervisor Underhill
Councilman Lang
Councilwoman Michalak
Councilman Zambito

Others Present: Town Clerk Morasco
Sharon White, Candidate Elect

Supervisor called the Public Hearing to order at 7:57 P.M. and opened the meeting for public comment on the 2016 Annual Town Budget as published in the Daily News.

Cheryl Kowalik- Ms. Kowalik distributed a list of questions to the Town Board that she prepared regarding various line items in the budget, along with her recommendations to cut or decrease spending. She urges the Town Board to lower the amount of the budget tax levy. Ms. Kowalik stated that with the proposed budget, it is going over the tax levy amount, calling for a 1.5% tax. There are many senior residents on fixed incomes with no cost of living increases for 2016. She asked the Board to consider lowering it to a .5% tax. The tax levy should be the Board's priority, working to keep the budget under this amount.

Bob Zeagler- Thanked the Town Board for the excellent job and information provided but objects to the tax rate. Commenting that there are elderly on fixed incomes with no social security increase for 2016 and asked the Board not to add more taxes to overburdened taxpayers. Once a town tax has been established, it will keep increasing. He asked the Town Board to go back and cut the budget.

Mr. Zeagler also commented that the snowplowing has ruined our roads and the roads have to be repaired.

The Supervisor informed the public that there hasn't been money dedicated to highways in 30 years. The average cost is 1 million dollars a mile.

Mr. Zeagler commended the Supervisor on the job he has done as Supervisor.

Ms. McQuillen commended the Town of Batavia staff. She stated that the staff has always been very courteous and helpful and is pleased with the service.

Supervisor Post declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:44 P.M. on the 2016 Annual Town Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa M. Morasco
Town Clerk