

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK TOWN BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
BUDGET 2018  
NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Hearing with regard to the 2018 Preliminary Budget was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Supervisor Chris Mathews.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members**

Supervisor Chris Mathews	PRESENT
Councilman Keith Zanetti	PRESENT
Councilman Michael Brooks	PRESENT
Councilman Scott Grey	PRESENT
Councilman Richard Coombe Jr.	PRESENT

**Other Officials**

Budget Officer Teri Lockhart	PRESENT
Highway Superintendent Preston Kelly	PRESENT
Town Attorney Walter Garigliano	PRESENT
Code Enforcement Officer Keith Stryker	PRESENT

**GUESTS**

Richard Coombe	John Story	Brent Gotsch
Diana Weiner	Cher Woehl	Dave Moore
Walt Zeitschel	Matt Shortall	Mark McCarthy

**The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published and posted.**

- **Budget Officer Teri Lockhart** reviewed the \$69,345.00 increase in proposed Budget from 2017 to 2018, which is a 1.8% increase. It results in a \$3.00 per thousand of assessed value increase. Of the \$69,345.00, \$61,000.00 is due to the rising cost of health insurance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mark McCarthy** – Mr. McCarthy takes issue with such a significant percentage increase and can't imagine there's any justification for an elected official to give themselves a double-digit raise. Mr. McCarthy left the Public Hearing immediately after his comment.

Councilman Richard Coombe Jr. reviewed with those remaining the factors that the Board used to justify the raises that were included in the 2018 proposed Budget.

**Richard Coombe** – Mr. Coombe inquired when the last raise was given. When answered, it was in 2012. A comparison with similar sized Towns in the County was made before deciding on the salary amounts for Councilman and Supervisor for the 2018 Budget.

On motion by Councilman Richard Coombe Jr., seconded by Councilman Scott Grey, put to a vote and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED the Public Hearing was closed at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk