

**PUBLIC HEARING 2024 BUDGET**  
**October 5, 2023**

A Public Hearing of the 2024 Budget was held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 in the Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park, New York at 7 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Danielle Freer**  
**Councilperson Evelyn Clarke**  
**Councilperson Kathie Quick**  
**Councilperson Laura Robinson - Absent**  
**Councilperson Jared Geuss**

**Also in attendance: Deb Kain, Bookkeeper**  
**Brian Pickard, CPA**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC**

**4 ways to give public comment:**

In person at meeting

Phone – 845 331 0676 and leave a voicemail

Email – [ireynolds@esopus.com](mailto:ireynolds@esopus.com) with subject line “Public Comment” and meeting date

Mail – Town of Esopus PO BOX 700 Port Ewen, NY 12466

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**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FREER TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 BUDGET AT 7:03 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Freer said two public workshops were held on the 2024 budget: 9/07/2 and 9/21/22. The Budget was available in the Town Clerk’s office as well as on the Town website, [www.esopus.com](http://www.esopus.com). The Public Hearing was noticed on the Website as well as the Daily Freeman. The budget includes a 2% increase which is the tax cap allowed. The budget includes a 3% increase for personnel.

**Public Comment:**

**Stephen Cerini, Mountainview Ave.** Questioned the Dog Control Line, he was unaware Jill Shufeldt and Kevin Hindman were our Dog Control officers. Their services are shared by multiple municipalities.

There was no other public comment, everyone wishing to be heard was heard.

**SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION AT 7:12 PM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Respectively submitted,*  
*Holly A. Netter*  
*Town Clerk, RMC*