

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF DUNKIRK  
PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2022  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The Town Board of the Town of Dunkirk held a public hearing on the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Dunkirk for 2022, at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday November 3, 2021 at the Town Hall, 4737 Willow Road, Town of Dunkirk, New York with Deputy Supervisor Robert Penharlow presiding.

**PRESENT:**

Deputy Supervisor Robert Penharlow  
Councilman Pagan  
Councilman Walldorff  
Councilman G. Jay Bishop (via zoom)

**ABSENT:**

Supervisor Richard A. Puroi

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Jeffrey Passafaro, Rebecca Yacklon, Town Clerk, Kyle Coughlin, Deputy Clerk, Anthony Dolce, Dunkirk Observer, Justice Chris Penfold

Legal proof of publication was presented and is herewith attached to these minutes.

Deputy Supervisor Penharlow informed those present that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the proposed Town Budget in the amount of \$1,102,437 including special districts of \$354,383. The amount of tax to be raised for General Fund \$79,785.00. The proposed budget would generate a tax rate of .83 per thousand of assessed value.

Councilman Pagan explained that after listening to both fire districts contracts, he felt that it was crucial to approve their proposals as is. He further stated that he felt the Supervisor and clerk did a great job at preparing the budget. He saw no discrepancies and agreed with the proposed budget.

Councilman Penharlow suggested that on the budget under the court section, specifically the deputy court clerk there should be an adjustment. He stated that she currently made \$13.40 per hour. He stated he felt that was extremely low considering you can go to Aldi's and start at \$15.50. Councilman Penharlow would like the board to consider his proposal to raise her rate to \$16.50 an hour. The second item Councilman Penharlow would like to see changed on the budget line Town clerk under Deputy Town Clerk he stated that he would like her rate to go to \$17.70 per hour, to match the Town Clerk's rate. The third item he said he would like changed on the budget is the percentage of the raise increase. The preliminary budget proposed a 2 % increase and he stated he would rather see a 4 % increase. He noted that this would still be below the inflation rate which is nearly 6%. He explained that he felt this was appropriate because the Town has good people, and they are well deserving of a decent raise. Councilman Penharlow stated would like the Board to think about it and they could discuss more at the next meeting.

Councilman Bishop stated that he felt that the Town has wonderful people and would be happy to consider that but would like to discuss further. He asked the other Board Members if they would like to schedule a workshop before the next meeting to review the budget again before approving it.

Councilman Pagan made a motion to schedule a workshop to review the 2022 budget on Saturday November 13, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall 4737 Willow Road, Dunkirk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walldorff and carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Pagan to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walldorff and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Yacklon  
Town Clerk