

Pittsfield NY

Preliminary Budget 2023

To stay under 2% tax cap total tax levy could not exceed \$557,556
Total Estimated tax Levy on Preliminary budget = \$589,4462.40

Public Hearing to override the tax cap was held on October 10th, The board voted unanimously to create local law 2 of 2022 to override the 2% tax cap.

Public hearing to review Preliminary Budget to be Held on November 14th 2022

General Fund

Revenue-

Grants for JCAP, Comprehensive Plan, and Country ARPA funds have been applied for and are budgeted for in 2023 income lines, with expenditures for grants reflected in the expenditure lines. If grants do not come through the expense lines will be adjusted, projects will be adjusted to prevent those expenditures being paid for by taxes levied.

Income lines that have been increased as revenue in these areas have improved in 2022. Sales tax from county, Clerk Fees- we are now able to grant hunting and fishing licenses.

Appropriated fund balance- These are funds that have been held in savings to cover costs of one time projects, such as town re-val and implementation of comprehensive plan.

\$138,844- estimated fund balance for general fund at the end of 2022= \$138,844

Expenditures-

Increased expenditures for lines-

- Line for Reval added- \$50,000 out of \$60,000 of this cost will be funded by the grant from the county.
- Planning board and board of assessment review increased to reflect a full board and adding a stipend to those serving on the planning board.
- Court expenditures increased which will be covered by JCAP grant.
- Line for comprehensive plan added, which will be 90% covered by grant.
- Operation of Plant- increased due to increased fuel prices to heat building.
- Insurance- with newer equipment this may affect price.
- Animal control increased due to over budget in 2022, increase in unclaimed dogs
- Salaries- Supervisor and town clerk(Bookkeeper position was eliminated and workload was absorbed by these 2 positions, resulting in an overall cost savings) Highway Superintendent.

Reduced expenditure lines-

Supervisor expenditure line, records management line, deputy clerk, association dues, contingency line, Ambulance contract, Transfer station. State retirement- board paid off an ongoing fee which reduced interest and over all cost.

Highway Fund

Revenue-

Fund balance will be utilized to cover many projects in 2023

-Purchase of digging piece of Equipment-Will not come out of tax levy. Will be paid for by ARPA funds, reserve planned for last year and fund balance due to highway department under budget in 2022.

-Funds from BAN that was obtained in 2022 will be fund balance that will be utilized for the remaining 3 Large FEMA projects.

Estimated Fund balance remaining at the close of 2022= \$1,969,048 (majority for large FEMA projects)

FEMA projects- Federal to pay 75%, State to pay 12.5%, Town to pay 12.5%

Expenses-

Increased

- Payroll for the highway department
- Large FEMA projects increased due to rising cost of material and labor.
- Capital Expenditures- for purchase of a digging piece of equipment
- Health insurance
- BAN payment added- this cost is for the large FEMA projects

Decreased-

- State retirement- Reduced due to deficiency being paid off last year which reduced this payment.
- Leases- Board was able to pre pay some debt in 2022, deducing cost for 2023

Transfer Station

Revenue-

Fund balance-

At least \$5000 in the Transfer station bank account to be used for transfer station next year, repairs in 2022 were minimal which created left over funds.

Expenditures-

- repair line was reduced to help control tax increase.