

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Thursday evening, November 8, 2012 at the Town Hall on 323 Charlton Road, Ballston Spa.

PRESENT:	Patricia Southworth	-----	Supervisor
	Mary Beth Hynes	-----	Councilwoman
	Timothy Szczepaniak	-----	Councilman
	William Goslin	-----	Councilman
	Carol Shemo	-----	Clerk
	Murry Brower	-----	Counsel

Supervisor Southworth opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

The Town Clerk read the legal ad for the public hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider the 2013 Preliminary Budget including general Town funds, Highway/ public works funds, fire protection district funds and lighting district funds. The Preliminary Budget will show the changes, alterations and revisions that have been made by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston.

Mr. Miller said the Preliminary Budget does not show these figures, but year after year it comes up that the Town will meet its difficult financial situation by cutting or maintaining the Council salaries. He feels that it is not appropriate. The Town Board has a difficult job, a lot of work and receives less than 1% of the budget in salaries. If we want people to step forward to do a public service job, we can not balance the budget on the backs of the Council.

Mr. Miller noted the Preliminary Budget does not have an open space and farmland fund. He questioned whether it could be added before the Town Board approves the budget.

There were no other comments from the floor. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk