

**Village of Ilion
Public Hearing
March 9, 2016**

Mayor Leonard called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Ilion Municipal Building Auditorium.

Present: Mayor Terry Leonard, Trustee Fred Hartmann, Trustee Bridget McKinley, Trustee Kalman Socolof

Excused: Deputy Mayor Joanne Moore

Also Present: Village Treasurer MariJo Thompson, Village Clerk Cindy Kennedy

Public: 7

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

The Public Hearing notice was published in the Times Telegram on March 02, 2016.

Purpose/ Mayor's Welcome: Mayor Leonard thanked everyone for coming and explained that the Village of Ilion's proposed recommended tax cap levy for the 2016-2017 budget was set at 0.125% . The Village Board has been working on the budget and feel certain that the tax cap cannot be achieved, and they would need to create a local law to override the tax cap levy.

Discussion/Comments:

- Potentially, how much of an increase can taxpayers expect to see? It is unknown as of the date of the Public Hearing due to the proposed budget process being incomplete at this time.
- A question came up about the water rate increase. The Village Board is unwilling to discuss other issues at this time. The water rate increase is directly related to consumption and separate from the Village's operational budget. The focus of this Public Hearing is on the tax cap levy.
- The State of New York is held to a 2% tax cap levy in their budget process. It was stated that Municipalities should be held to the same standard.
- It is understood that a 0.125% tax cap is not feasible, but it is hoped that the Village Board can keep the override at a minimal, responsible increase.
- Continuation of Budget Hearings are scheduled before the tentative Budget is presented.

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy A. Kennedy
Village Clerk