

TOWN BOARD  
GARNERVILLE, NY  
NOVEMBER 5, 2020

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall, One Rosman Road, Garnerville, New York.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call the following members answered to their names:

Supervisor	Howard T. Phillips, Jr.
Councilman	Isidro Cancel
Councilman	Vincent J. Gamboli
Councilman	John J. Gould
Councilman	Johnny Ortiz

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall, One Rosman Road, Garnerville, New York.

On Roll Call the following members answered to their names:

Supervisor	Howard T. Phillips, Jr.
Councilman	Isidro Cancel
Councilman	Vincent J. Gamboli
Councilman	John Gould
Councilman	Johnny Ortiz

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET, TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW 2021**

Supervisor Phillips announced that this Public Hearing is being held to discuss and solicit comments from the public regarding the Preliminary Town Budget for the Town of Haverstraw for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021.

The Deputy Town Clerk read proof of the publication and presented the Affidavit of Publication to the Board.

Director of Finance, Michael Gamboli made a presentation regarding the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Haverstraw for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Several Town of Haverstraw residents had questions regarding the Preliminary Budget and Director of Finance, Michael Gamboli and Supervisor Phillips addressed their questions and concerns.

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**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**369-20** On motion by Councilman Ortiz, and all of the Town Board members unanimously closed the Public Hearing for the 2021 Preliminary Budget.

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**MARISOL CANCEL**  
Deputy Town Clerk

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall, One Rosman Road, Garnerville, New York.

On Roll Call the following members answered to their names:

Supervisor	Howard T. Phillips, Jr.
Councilman	Isidro Cancel
Councilman	Vincent J. Gamboli
Councilman	John Gould
Councilman	Johnny Ortiz

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2020**  
**TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL**  
**LAW 3-c**

Supervisor Phillips announced that this Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of considering overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

The Deputy Town Clerk read proof of publications and presented the Affidavit of Publication to the Board.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Several Town residents asked why the Town is considering overriding The Tax Levy Limit.

Director of Finance, Michael Gamboli stated that due to a number of factors, the Town is going to override the tax levy limit even though the preliminary calculations are under the 2021 tax levy limit calculation. These factors include the following: The Town has received a large increase in the health insurance premiums to be paid for all of its employees. Also, the Town has had an increase in Tax Certiorari cases resulting in Tax Certiorari Refunds. Another substantial problem is the Taylor Law, mandating binding arbitration for Police Officers. The Town has seen an increase in salaries and retirement cost for Town Police Officers. Once again, this results in expenses to the Town that it cannot control and are forced upon it by the State of New York. For all of these reasons, most of which are State mandated costs, the Town has no alternative but to seek to override the tax levy limit due to some estimated numbers for the proposed 2021 levy that may exceed the allowable tax levy limit.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

**370-20** On motion by Councilman Gould, and seconded by the all of the Town Board members, the Public Hearing to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established for the 2021 Town Budget was closed.

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**ADOPT RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was adopted by all of the Town Board Members.

**371-20 RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw, does hereby unanimously adopt **Local Law No. 2-2020 TO OVERRIDE THE 2021 TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c** .

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**MARISOL CANCEL**  
Deputy Town Clerk

**ADOPTION OF TOWN BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2021**

The following resolution was adopted by all of the Town Board members.

**372-20 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY ADOPT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Gould offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Cancel, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

**373-20 RESOLVED, THAT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING FOR 2021 FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADJOURNED.**

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**MARISOL CANCEL**  
**DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**