



The Town of East Greenbush

225 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, New York 12144

TOWN BOARD AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING

Call to Order **6:00 PM**
Pledge to the Flag
Town Board Meeting:

Members of Town Board

Present Absent

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor Langley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilperson Malone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilperson DiMartino
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilperson Matters

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Public Hearing: **Schedule a Public Hearing to for the 2016 Budget Presentation**

TOWN CLERK READS NOTICE

TOWN OF EAST GREENBUSH - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Board of the Town of East Greenbush will be holding a Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget on Thursday, November 5th, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 225 Columbia Turnpike. The 2016 Budget can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office or online [2016 Tentative Budget](#) .

The following are the 2016 salaries for elected officials:

Elected Official	Salary	Total
Town Board (4)	\$10,000	\$40,000
Town Supervisor	\$70,000	\$70,000
Town Justice (2)	\$30,259	\$60,518
Town Clerk	\$45,499	\$45,499
(Town Clerk-Registrar of Vital Statistics)	\$6,908	\$6,908
Town Clerk Total	\$52,407	\$52,407
Receiver of Taxes	\$56,800	\$56,800
(ARTICLE 8 OF THE TOWN LAW)		
Pursuant to Section of 108 of the Town Law.		

Meeting time set via Resolution 171-2015

Dave Gruenberg suggested that a motion be made to appoint a chair to start the meetings. Councilperson Matters made a motion to appoint Councilperson Malone to preside over meeting seconded by Councilperson DiMartino which resulted in a vote as follows:

Councilperson Matters	yes
Councilperson DiMartino	yes
Councilperson Malone	yes.

Councilperson Malone asked George Phillips to come forward for the presentation.

George handed out literature for the presentation for the residents to follow. He stated the budget complies with the tax cap. 2016 Budget Overview

- 1/ Responsible budgeting to maintain services
- 2/ Continued reduction in negative fund balances
- 3/ comply with NYS tax cap
- 4/ Zero based framework to not increase tax levy

General Fund Breakout appropriations (\$ in millions)

6.2 is for salaries
3.6 is for benefits
5.8 contractual
1.7 debt

Budget Revenue appropriations

8.9 levy
1.9 sales tax
3 water/sewer
3.5 other

George mentioned that 2 union contracts have not yet been negotiated and the Assessors and Receivers offices for part time help are over budget. George stated that this morning he received a call stating that \$140,000 interest payment is due. His budget has been a challenge.

Councilperson Matters inquired about how he paid down some of the debt. George stated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars revenue was delinquent and he pursued and has retrieved \$100,000 of the monies due. George stated the biggest help in this budget for keeping the figures down was in the Police Department they worked together to help keep cost down.

Eileen Grant asked if there were any monies listed for an audit and comptroller software. Answer yes line item 1320.4.

Councilperson Matters asked if COLA was factored into this budget. No.

George stated that the biggest challenge is the ambulance service, they don't want to pay back the town for outside work. Councilperson Malone feels we should keep Bruen even if there shows a loss to the town it is a great service.

Questions were asked about salaries. They were trying to figure out by looking at line items, Meaghan explained that some position salaries come from different line item numbers due to that they are working for more than one department within their scope of duties.

Jack Conway asked where the three employees were going George stated DPW. Dave Van Wormer inquired when the meeting for the WWTP was held they stated that there needs to be more help there, being 6 people, there are already 4 there does that mean there only needs to be two more. George stated that they want one overseeing the whole plant .

Tom Grant asked about raising sewer taxes George stated that four years ago they was a plan in place which was never followed through on. He also asked if CFAC saw the budget George stated no there hasn't been any meetings since Maura left.

Councilperson Malone made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilperson DiMaratino resulting in a vote as follows:

Councilperson Malone	yes
Councilperson DiMartino	yes
Councilperson Matters	yes

Respectfully submitted

Linda Kennedy
Town Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm