

MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor John Haughton
Councilman Frederick Doerr
Councilman Jaikin
Councilman Kevin Snell
Councilwoman Marie Gressler

OTHERS PRESENT

Lloyd Hall
Raymond Smith

Supervisor Haughton called the Public Hearing to order at 6:35pm, roll call was taken and the pledge of allegiance recited.

Notice of the Public Hearing was in the Times Telegram on September 23, 2022. Notice was also placed on the Town of Manheim Website and on the Town of Manheim front door on September 20, 2022.

Supervisor Haughton opened the Public Hearing @ 6:36 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Raymond Smith: Wants to start by saying that his objection to the budget is nothing against the current Town of Manheim Superintendent of Highway, Llyod Hall. He feels that the raise that the Town Board is giving Lloyd Hall is something that the tooth fairy gives you. It is one of the highest paid in the County. The Town is losing 4 properties on North Main Street and that is a combined loss of \$700,000.00 in assessed value. That means that the Town of Manheim is going to lose about \$31,000.00 in taxes. That money needs to be made up. He feels that an appropriate raise would be \$5,000.00 over 4 years. This kind of a raise is going to cause problems in other towns. The Head of Herkimer County Highway makes \$90,000.00 a year. With the lose of the properties on North Main Street, the Town is not going to have that money to give out. He feels that it is bad business and that the workers should get extra money. People in this area are having to choose between their medicine and buying groceries. They do not have the extra money for a tax increase. There are other properties that the village is losing as tax, Scanlon's was torn down by Comstock and made into a parking lot. They are also going to take down the apartment house next to their business. 39% of people that live in Dolgeville are under the poverty level. Mr. Smith said that the Town may not be affected by it this year but they will in the future. Also, is very glad to see that the Town opens every meeting with the Pledge.

Supervisor Haughton: Thank you for your comments and concerns. When Carl Stallman was the Highway Superintendent, he was getting his salary of \$38,800.00 and on top of that he was receiving his health insurance for him and his wife fully paid for. His health insurance when he left was \$22,769.00. The tax increase to the Town of Manheim resident is \$0.03 per \$1,000.00

Superintendent of Highway Lloyd Hall: All I asked for was help to offset the cost of my health insurance.

A **Motion** was made by Councilman Doerr and was seconded by Councilman Jaikin to close the Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget at 7:09pm. Ayes All

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Rockwell
Town Clerk