

# Village of Coxsackie

## Public Hearing Minutes

### Local Law #1 of 2024-Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C

April 18, 2024

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Mark Evans at 5:35 p.m. Present were Trustee Donald Daoust, Trustee Rodney Levine, and Trustee Deidre Meier. Trustee Katlyn Irwin was absent.

Mayor Evans stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow for public comment on Local Law #1 of 2024. This local law is to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law section 3-C.

Doreen Beachler asked if she understood correctly that there will be no tax increase this year.

Mayor Evans stated that that is correct. The Village Board just passes this Local Law as a standard procedure every year, regardless of whether or not they plan to exceed the tax cap.

Dan Beachler stated that he has done some research, and in other municipalities, they receive occupancy tax revenue for Short-Term Rentals. He said that this is something that the Village should look into as well.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village is currently looking into this. The Village has reached out to both Senator Hinchey's office and Assemblyman Chris Tague's office. The Village Attorney has done some research on this, and found that the Village can fashion the occupancy tax information after Catskill's already existing 4% occupancy tax. However, this may not be done until the fall legislative session. It cannot be adopted locally. It must first go through the State Legislature.

Doreen Beachler asked why the Police Department budget increased.

Mayor Evans stated that the increases are mostly contractual in nature, due to their Collective Bargaining Agreement, such as personnel raises etc.

Doreen Beachler asked why a Village Police Department is needed at all. The Village has local coverage by the Greene County Sheriff's and NYS Police.

Mayor Evans stated that that is a policy issue, and is not pertinent to this Local Law that the Public Hearing is for. He will entertain such questions at another time.

No further public comments were offered.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Daoust and seconded by Trustee Meier. Trustee Daoust voted yes. Trustee Levine voted yes. Trustee Meier voted yes. The

motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nikki Berezna  
Clerk