

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MINUTES-OCTOBER 17, 2018**  
**PUBLIC HEARING-TAX CAP 6:30**  
**BUDGET HEARING 6:45**  
**REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM**  
**DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM**

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll Call: Deputy Supervisor Carolyn Carney-present  
Councilperson- Russell Hall-present  
Councilperson-Jill Hoopes-present  
Councilperson-Linda Mascho-present

Also Present: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk  
Assemblage: Jim Monheim, Sam Speta, Oakley Sortore

6:30

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law #3 to Override the Real Property Tax Cap Levy

A public hearing was held before the Town Board at 6:30 P.M. to hear all persons interested in the matter of the adoption of the Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Real Property Tax Cap Levy Established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c" for the purpose of enabling the Town Board to adopt a budget for 2019 that exceeds the 2018 real property tax levy by more than 2.25% within the Town of Friendship. The Deputy Supervisor explained how the proposed local law would operate and the reasons why the Town Board is considering adopting it. The Board members answered questions from those present for the public hearing. The Deputy Supervisor declared the public hearing to be closed.

Following the close of the public hearing the Town Board considered the adoption of the proposed local law for which the public hearing had earlier been held. The Deputy Supervisor asked for a resolution that the proposed local law be adopted. The following resolution was made by Russell Hall, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Jill Hoopes, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, State of New York, has determined that the adoption of this local law is necessary for the purpose of enabling the Town Board to adopt a budget for 2019 that exceeds the 2018 real property tax levy by more than 2.25% within the Town of Friendship; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship desires to provide for a budget for 2019 that exceeds the 2018 real property tax levy by more than 2.25%;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Friendship adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2018 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Real Property Tax Cap Levy Established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c," which local law shall provide as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Friendship, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Friendship to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2019 that requires a tax levy increase in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.**

The Town Board of the Town of Friendship, County of Allegany, State of New York, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law §3-c. This override is necessary to deal with the following increased costs:

- a. increased health insurance costs pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the Town is obligated to pay pursuant to the State Taylor Law;
- b. increased wages for Town employees pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the Town is obligated to pay pursuant to the State Taylor Law;
- c. increased fuel and other operating costs that impact critical and necessary operations of the Town Highway Department;
- d. increased operational costs for refuse collection services;
- e. increased expenses to upgrade Fuel Farm; and
- f. increased expenses for the repair and replacement of storm drains.

The Supervisor Asks if there was any further discussion or questions. There being no further discussion the Deputy Supervisor put the matter to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Carolyn Carney-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Jill Hoopes-aye

Linda Mascho-aye.

**6:45**

**BUDGET HEARING**

**The Deputy Supervisor opens up the Budget Hearing for the presentation of the 2019- Preliminary Budget.**

Questions or concerns from the public-none

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, THAT THE Town Board of Friendship does hereby by accept the 2019 Preliminary Budget and adopts it as the Final Budget for 2019, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Russell Hall.

**Roll call vote:** Carolyn Carney-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Jill Hoopes-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Public Hearings Declared Closed.

**7:00pm**

Deputy Supervisor Carolyn Carney opens up regular meeting.

Addition to assemblage: Mark Voorheis, Mike Stump, BJ Howe, Keving Margerum, Kevin Synder.

**Town Attorney David Pullen**, Phillip Stockin.

Motion to approve the Minutes from September 19, 2018, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting September 27, 2018, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report from September 2018 offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills for September 2018, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Jill Hoopes-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

**Deputy Supervisor concerns**

Carolyn Carney advised just in case anyone did not know that James Blouvet resigned as Supervisor as of 10/1/18. He took on a position in Georgia, leaving her as Deputy Supervisor.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS-**

NONE

**GAR Rental Deposit**

There was a question as whether to return the GAR Hall deposit from the 10/6/18 rental . The complaint was that it had not been cleaned. It was determined that the deposit should be returned.

**FYI- water sewer amounts to be re-levied onto Town and County Taxes for 2019**

unpaid Water \$16,222.64

unpaid Sewer \$16,041.58

**Board Discussion regarding training for Michelle Clark under Assessor Toni Witter**

It was discussed that from the last meeting that an application was sent to NYS Real Property in request to send Michelle Clark to school for assessor. Her application was denied because they advised she needs in office training with the assessor prior. She is in need of 30 hours and Toni has agreed to train her. It was reminded that Toni is done next year and to have the County or the State take over would be very expensive for the Town.

After Board discussion the following motion was brought forth:

**Motion** to have Town Assessor Toni Witter train Michelle Clark for the 30 hours need at minimum wage, offered by Russel I Hall, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

**Motion** to give credit on bill #1912 due to a water leak share half of overage on water o/m and credit sewer o/m. offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Highway Dept.

Town Justice Report

Town Clerk Report for Sept. 2018

Police Report

Public Works Dept.

Water Systems Report

Waste Water Report

Cuba/Friendship Refuse Report

Fuel Farm Report Sept. 2018

Dog Control Report for Sept. 2018

Code Enforcement Report 2018- Carolyn Carney questioned about the new work/demo on Co. Rte 275 house out front of horse barns. Kevin Margerum advised he would put a stop order if needed, no bldg. permit obtained. Burned house on Maple Ave. was questioned as it was suppose to be demo'd but is just sitting there. Castle Garden apts. have had tenants that moved out but premises not inspected and it seems others have moved in. Kevin advised he will look into this.

Phil Stockin questioned whether the Board has decided whether or not they are going to join the Code Consortium. He stated that come Jan. 1, 2019 that Our Code Enforcement officer will not be able to work for the Town of Friendship without being in the Consortium, it is in Kevin's contract that he cannot work for the Town.

Carolyn Carney advised that this is something that the Board will be talk about and decided at another time.

**8:30PM**

**Motion to go out of the Regular Meeting into Executive Session for Atty/Client session and a personnel matter, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Jill Hoopes.**

**8:50PM**

**Motion to go out of Executive Session back into regular session offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Linda Mascho.**

**Carolyn Carney advises that she is resigning as DEPUTY SUPERVISOR BUT REMAINS AS COUNCIL PERSON. Motion to accept by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho.**

**Motion to appoint Russell Hall as Deputy Supervisor until next general election, (position good until 12/31/2019) offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney.**

**Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye**

**Russell Hall- abstain**

**Jill Hoopes-aye**

**Linda Mascho-aye**

**Motion to approve the Police Department to purchase a (SJS) computer approx. \$800.00, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes.**

**Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye**

**Russell Hall-aye**

**Jill Hoopes-aye**

**Linda Mascho-aye**

**Motion to make Frank Shostick as " IT person " for the Police Dept. @ pay rate \$16.25/hr starting the first of the year offered by Russell Hall, Jill Hoopes. Approved by all.**

**Motion to increase the Police Officer's pay rate to \$15.35/hr. the first of the year, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes. Approved by all.**

**9:10pm Motion to adjourn offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Jill Hoopes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk



