

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES-10/16/19

PUBLIC HEARING TAX CAP-6:30PM

BUDGET HEARING-6:40

REGULAR MEETING 7:00PM

6:30pm

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, County of Allegany, State of New York, held at the Friendship Community Room located at 7 Depot Street, Friendship, New York, on October 16, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. there were

PRESENT: Russell Hall, Deputy Supervisor
Jill Hoopes, Councilperson
Linda Mascho, Councilperson
Carolyn Carney, Councilperson

ABSENT:none

ALSO PRESENT: Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

Assemblage: Brett Clouse, Jim Monheim, Steve Ritter, Mike Stump, Oakley Sortore, Dell Baker.

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 2019 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 2020 that exceeds the 2019 real property tax levy by more than 2.00% 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 Jill Hoopes, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Carolyn Carney, 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 2020 that exceeds the 2019 real property tax levy by more than 2.00% within the Town of Friendship; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship desires to provide for a budget for 2020 that exceeds the 2019 real property tax levy by more than 2.00%;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Friendship adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2019 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 Section 3-c, and to allow the Town of Friendship to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2020 that requires a tax levy increase in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 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 Section 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. increase in employee to Public Works Department; and
- f. increased expenses for the repair and replacement of storm drains;

- g. increased costs for ambulance and Town Court due to decrease in ambulance revenue and Town Court fees.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. The Deputy Supervisor asked if there was any further discussion. There being no further discussion the Deputy Supervisor put the matter to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

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| <u>Russell Hall</u> _____ | voting <u>aye</u> |
| <u>Jill Hoopes</u> _____ | voting <u>aye</u> |
| <u>Linda Mascho</u> _____ | voting <u>aye</u> |
| <u>Carolyn Carney</u> _____ | voting <u>aye</u> |

6:40pm

Assemblage: Brett Clouse, Jim Monheim, Steve Ritter, Mike Stump, Oakley Sortore, Dell Baker.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR OPENS UP THE BUDGET HEARING FOR 2020

Present: Deputy Supervisor- Russell Hall

Councilperson-Jill Hoopes

Councilperson- Carolyn Carney

Councilperson- Linda Mascho

Also present Town Clerk-Patricia Schurr

Deputy Supervisor Hall asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Budget and there were known.

He explained they spent 8 hours at Baldwin's working on the Budget, the end result was that they were over the 2.00% tax cap by .92%.

Being no questions or concerns Deputy called for a Motion to approve the 2020 Budget, which was offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Jill Hoopes-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Deputy Supervisor Declared the Budget Hearing closed.

7:00 Regular Board Meeting

Deputy Supervisor calls the Regular Meeting into session.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Deputy Supervisor- Russell Hall-present

Councilperson- Jill Hoopes-present

Councilperson- Carolyn Carney-present

Councilperson- Linda Mascho-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Brett Clouse, Jim Monheim, Steve Ritter, Mike Stump, Oakley Sortore, Dell Baker, Dee Wolf.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on September 18, 2019, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2019 offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for September 2019, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills for the month of September 2019 in the amount of \$73,817.04 by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Russell Hall-aye.

Motion to make the following line transfer: from: DA5730 \$20,000.00
DAUBR \$129,098.00
to: DA5130.2 \$149,098.00

offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Jill Hoopes-aye

Russell Hall-aye

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR CONCERNS-

INCORRECT 911 SIGNS

Deputy Hall who also works for the 911-numbering center is here to talk about the wrong address numbering in Friendship. There are some wrong issued addresses and he wants to know if the Board thinks the Town should order and pay for the corrected posts for the land owners. He explained that Allegany County and Nationwide have a new 911 center. Technology has changed and there is a missing link to the 911 center to convert the roads and address data nationally to GPS. He has been going door to door comparing what people are using to what has been assigned. The incorrect address people are using have to be correct to go into the GPS for the 911 center to have the correct address.

In the Town Budget there is no line area for the cost for the change of address signs, so what line should it come from if the Board decides to pay for the corrected signs. New signs will still be paid for by the owner (1st time signs); this is just for the wrong signs that need to be corrected. It could be a liability for the Town if it is known the address is wrong and we let the owner know and we do not issue and put in the new correct sign. It was decided because there's not designated line that any cost would be taken out of the Contingency line. Russell Hall will put new signs in.

After Board discussion the following motion went for vote:

Motion that any corrected 911 signs would be paid for by the Town of Friendship, offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Russ Hall-aye

PUBLIC CONCERNS-NONE

Motion to approve the Snow and Ice Contract between the County of Allegany and the Town of Friendship(Approved by the Town Hwy Superintendent) for 2020, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

REPORTS RECEIVED

Town Clerk Report for September

Sewer and Water Relevy amounts for 2020

Dog Control Report September 2019

Waste Systems Report

Cuba/Friendship Shared services report for Sept. 2019

Police Dept. Report for Sept. 2019

Motion to adjourn offered by Jill Hoopes, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

8:00pm adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

