

November 7th, 2019 Town Board Minutes

At 7:00 PM a public hearing was called to order to consider proposed Local Law 3-2019, Tax Cap Override. The Town Clerk presents proof of publication. In attendance were Supervisor Daniel Pemrick; MaryAnn Johnson, Rick Capasso and Kevin Veitch Councilpersons. Absent was Daniel Cochran. Also present were Walt Barss, Superintendent of Highways; Duane Wright Deputy Superintendent of Highways and Joan Stunzi, Budget Officer. Also present were approx. 9 residents. Denise Jenks, asks how much will the taxes be going up? Supervisor Pemrick states about 62 cents. Johnson, C. states that is .62 per \$1000 of assessed value. Mr. Jenks asks about a possible reassessment of the Town. Supervisor Pemrick states that reassessment is related to the value of a home. It may increase taxes, But generally one third of properties increase, one third stay the same and one third sees a reduction. Revaluation of a town has benefits as we receive County sales tax revenues based on total value of the Town's assessment. If the town's value goes up so does our sales tax revenues. That is an important asset to the Town as it helps to reduce our Town taxes. Mr. Jenks states that's good if we can get money like that. He asks about the Fire District as they get more in taxes than the Town. Supervisor Pemrick states they hold Public Hearings that are open to the public. Johnson, C. states they are separate from the Town. Supervisor Pemrick states if you look on your tax bill you will see unfunded mandates. That is passed to us from the State they become part of our budget that we have to pay. Veitch, C. says that we have not had a reval in ten years and there are properties that don't pay their fair share. This helps keep everyone equal. Mrs. Jenks asks how long have we been going over the cap. Supervisor Pemrick states for the last five budgets but it has been a couple cents. Johnson, C. states unfortunately because we stayed at that level for years we are drawing down the fund balance. Now we are at a point we cannot draw down from that. We were trying to protect the Tax payer and not take much each year and keep it level but it has come back to bite us. Mrs. Jenks asks if this will happen each year. Johnson, C states we hope not and we have a public hearing. There being no further comments the public hearing is closed at 7:10 PM.

Supervisor Pemrick opens a regular meeting at 7:10 PM. On a motion by Capasso, C and seconded by Veitch, C. the minutes from October 10th, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Veitch, C states that he does not like to go over the Tax Cap but he does not like to see what happens to communities that try to catch up later and it costs too much to catch up. Supervisor Pemrick states we are lucky we have a little fund balance to carry us, but we need to think of the budget as a five year plan, the fund balance and our savings account, needs to be improved. Veitch, C states that is our emergency fund and if we don't have that we are in trouble.

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RESOLUTION #118- ADOPT LOCAL LAW #3-2019 – TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Motion: Veitch, C

Seconded: Johnson, C

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts Local Law #3-2019 to override the Tax Levy Limit established by General Municipal Law 3-C.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

Absent: Cochran

Supervisor Pemrick states that we have an updated road bond for Goose Hollow Road Development. Kodiak Construction will be building 18 homes in that area. Johnson. C asks if the Town Attorney and Engineer have looked at this and agree. Supervisor Pemrick says we received approval from the Town Attorney. The Superintendent of Highway, Town Engineer, Town Attorney, Building Inspector, Mr. MaKKay and Kodiak Construction had meetings and everything was agreed upon.

RESOLUTION #119- ACCEPT UPDATED ROAD BOND FOR GOOSEHOLLOW DEVELOPMENT

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the updated and increase in the road bond for MaK Kay properties as Goose Hollow Development. The bond increased from \$289,435 to \$329,405 and was approved by the Town Engineer, Superintendent of Highways, Town Counsel Code Enforcement Officer and Kodiak Construction.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

Absent: Cochran

On a motion by Johnson, C and seconded by Capasso, C this portion of the meeting was closed at 7:15 to wait for a Public Hearing on the 2020 budget.

At 7:20 PM Supervisor Pemrick called a Public Hearing to order to hear any comments on the Preliminary 2020 Town Budget. Town Clerk presents proof of publication. Supervisor Pemrick asks if there are any public comments regarding the Town Budget for the year 2020. There are no comments for or against. The public hearing is closed at 7:22.

Supervisor Pemrick opens a regular meeting at 7:23 PM.

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RESOLUTION #120 – ADOPT 2020 BUDGET

Motion: Johnson, C,
Seconded: Veitch, C.

WHEREAS, The Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby adopt said preliminary budget as finally compiled as the annual budget for the year 2020, and that such budget as so adopted be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify copy of said annual budget as adopted pursuant to Section 202A, Sub.2 of the Town Law and deliver thereof to the Supervisor and to the County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Johnson, Capasso, Veitch

Noes: None

Absent: Cochran

On a motion from Capasso, C. and seconded by Veitch, C. the meeting was closed at 7:25 PM.

Town Clerk

