

October 3, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Town Board was held October 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall. Present: Supervisor Allen Hinkley, Councilmen Michael Hynes and Deanna Osborn, Highway Supt. William Sprague, Assessor Clerk Stephanie Seminara, Budget Officer Beth Bush and three people in the audience. Absent: Councilman Kenneth Davie due to illness.

The meeting was called to hold a Budget Workshop on the 2024 Tentative Budget and to discuss any other business that may come before the Town Board.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk received a copy of the 2024 Tentative Budget from the Budget Officer on September 29, 2023 and emailed it to the Town Board, along with backup documents and the salary sheet, for review before the workshop.

Budget Officer, Beth Bush, stated the tax levy limit increase allowed by the State for 2024 is 2.82% and the Tentative budget, as it now stands, is at a 6.78% increase. Therefore, a local law to override the tax levy limit will be needed. She further discussed the salary sheet, which includes longevity pay that goes into effect in 2024, and reported there is no unexpended balance in the highway fund to use towards the 2024 Highway budget.

Councilman Edward Raeder arrived at 4:35 pm.

The Budget Officer went over each part of the budget stating there are some line items, such as health and retirement costs that are fixed costs and cannot be changed. No changes were made to the Tentative Budget but the Board will review it further for possible line items that could be decreased. The Town Clerk explained the budget process stating, after the Workshop, the Budget Officer will prepare the Preliminary Budget which will be posted on the Town website, available at the Town Clerk's Office and will be available at the Public Hearing, to be scheduled at the October 10, 2023 monthly Town Board meeting for November 9, 2023. The public will be able to comment on the Preliminary Budget during the Public Hearing.

A copy of a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for fiscal Year 2024 was distributed to the Town Board for review.

Supervisor Hinkley stated a \$250,000 bond thought to be needed for possible 2023 Highway cost overages is not needed at this time.

The Town Board discussed the water usage of Patricia Davis who has requested adjustments due to high readings that resulted in replacing the meter.

On motion of Deanna Osborn second by Michael Hynes the Town Board authorized the water account of William and Patricia Davis be adjusted to decrease the charges for the months of June-August 2023 based upon the average usages of the 12 months prior to June 2023.

AYES-4 Osborn, Hynes, Raeder, Hinkley

NAYS-0

ABSENT-1 Davie

On motion of Deanna Osborn second by Edward Raeder the Town Board authorized the Town Supervisor to execute a letter to the NYS Liquor Authority waiving the 30 day hold and consenting to the processing of a Change in Class application to be submitted by Ate-O-Ate Ltd., for 562 Shepard Hills Rd. to allow a change from a Summer Liquor License to a Permanent On-Premise Liquor License.

AYES-4 Osborn, Raeder, Hynes, Hinkley

NAYS-0

ABSENT-1 Davie

Highway Supt. William Sprague discussed the CHIPS Program that now requires roads to be eligible for repair funding every 10 years instead of 5 years. Legislators are looking into changing the eligibility to a lesser number of years as roads in the climate here will not hold up for 10 years.

On motion of Deanna Osborn second by Michael Hynes the meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

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Diane Pickett, Town Clerk
Allen Hinkley, Supervisor
Edward Raeder, Councilman
Michael Hynes, Councilman
Deanna Osborn, Councilwoman
Kenneth Davie, Councilman (ABSENT)