REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Four (4) Public Hearings and the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hampton, County of Washington and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 2629 State Route 22A, Hampton, New York, on the 19th day of October, 2023.

PRESENT: David K. O’Brien------------Supervisor

Donald Sady----------------- Councilman

Tamme Taran----------------Councilwoman

 Michael Pietryka------------Councilman

Andrea Kugler---------------Councilwoman - absent

Rebecca Jones---------------Town Clerk

Camilla Shaw----------------Deputy Town Clerk

Tyler McClure---------------Highway Superintendent

Planning Board Member (s):… Bonnie Hawley, Chair; Richard Cole and Matthew Pratt

Others present at the Town Hall: see attached sheet

The FIRST Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor O’Brien at 7:00pm.

Town Clerk Rebecca Jones read the Legal Notice of Public Hearing (copy attached), which was published in the *Manchester Newspapers* on 10/12/23 to discuss the proposed contract with Hampton Fire Protection District 1.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:03pm.

The SECOND Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor O’Brien at 7:05pm

Town Clerk Rebecca Jones read the Legal Notice of Public Hearing (copy attached), which was published in the *Manchester Newspapers* on 10/12/23 to discuss the proposed contract with Hampton Fire Protection District 2. Supervisor O’Brien commented on merging the two Fire Districts, the Town Attorney will work on paperwork.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07pm.

The THIRD Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor O’Brien at 7:10pm

Town Clerk Rebecca Jones read the Legal Notice of Public Hearing (copy attached), which was published in the *Manchester Newspapers* on 10/12/23 for the Preliminary Budget for 2024.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:17pm.

The FOURTH Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor O’Brien at 7:25pm

Town Clerk Rebecca Jones read the Legal Notice of Public Hearing (copy attached), which was published in the *Manchester Newspapers* on 10/12/23 to discuss the proposed local law to override the tax levy limit.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:29pm.

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The Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor O’Brien at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Location of Fire Exits were given. Quorum of board members present.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-2023**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion of Councilman Sady, seconded by Councilman Pietryka, the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES 4 O’Brien, Sady, Taran, Pietryka

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Kugler

RESOLVED, that the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes for September 21st, 2023, and the Special Town Board Minutes for September 26th, 2023 are approved.

Assessor Interviews……

* Arek Gordon, current Assessor for the Town of Hampton for the past 10 months. Leaving the County to go out on his own as an Assessor. Is currently and will be continuing as an Assessor for Cambridge, Hebron and Fort Ann. Attached is a copy of the information provided, per Supervisor O’Brien’s request. Arek also provided the Board with his resume and Continuing Education Report.
* Bobbi Stone, current Assessor in Whitehall and Sand Lake. Attached is a copy of the information provided, per Supervisor O’Brien’s request.

Dog Control Report….no report

Tax Collector Report…..no activity. The Town Clerk/Collector had Board Members review and sign bank reconciliation statements for the Tax Collector Account September 30th, 2023.

Bonnie Hawley, Chair Planning Board…the Public Hearing held on October 11th regarding the Ag Plan was well attended. There will be another Public Meeting on November 8th at 7:00pm at the Town Hall for any further questions regarding the Ag Plan.

Tyler McClure, Highway Superintendent submitted his report, copy of which, is attached.

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT/COUNTY UPDATES/COMMUNICATIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-2023**

**APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR’S MONTHLY REPORT**

On a motion of Councilman Sady, seconded by Councilman Pietryka, the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES 4 O’Brien, Sady, Taran, Pietryka

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Kugler

RESOLVED that, the Supervisor’s Monthlyreport be accepted as submitted for **SEPTEMBER**

08/31/23 09/30/23

ACCOUNT BALANCE RECEIPTS DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE

General Fund $ 71,455.09 $ 3,843.40 $ 8,037.56 $ 67,260.93

Highway Fund $179,803.66 $ 4.38 $ 21,405.76 $ 158,402.28

Equipment Reserve$149,984.16 $ 3.70 $ 0.00 $ 149,987.86

Fire #1 $ 23,185.50 $ 0.00 $ 0.00 $ 23,185.50

Fire #2 $ 7,680.50 $ 0.00 $ 0.00 $ 7,680.50

Cemetery $ 2,024.11 $ .81 $ 0.00 $ 2,024.92

Totals $434,133.02 $ 3,852.29 $ 29,443.32 $ 408,541.99

All Board Members present signed Supervisor’s Report.

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County Budget…..continuing to work on

Laura Chadwick, Director of Real Property Tax Services at the County will be retiring at the end of 2023.

**RESOLUTION 91-2023**

MOTION BY: Councilman Michael Pietryka

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Tamme Taran

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 3-c(5) of the New York State General Municipal Law, the Town Board (the “Board”) of the Town of Hampton (the “Town”) has the authority to adopt a local law to override the real property tax levy limit as defined in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

**WHEREAS,** a budget has been prepared for the Town of Hampton for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 that exceeds the tax levy limit as defined in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

**WHEREAS**, a local law to override the tax levy limit in accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law §3-c has been prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board scheduled a public hearing to be held before the Town Board on October 19th, 2023 at the Offices of the Town of Hampton, 2629 State Route 22A, Hampton, New York 12837, to hear all interested parties regarding the adoption of the proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly posted and then published in the *Manchester Newspapers*,the official newspaper of the Town of Hampton pursuant to and in conformance with Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the proposed Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Hampton as follows:

Section 1. The Town Board finds that the proposed Local Law is required pursuant to General Municipal Law section 3-c and is in the best interests of the residents, inhabitants and guests of the people of the Town of Hampton.

Section 2. The proposed Local Law, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted.

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Section 3. The Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

DATED: October 19, 2023 Supervisor O’Brien AYE

Councilman Sady AYE

Councilwoman Taran AYE

Councilman Pietryka AYE

Councilwoman Kugler ABSENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-2023**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

On a motion of Councilman Sady, seconded by Councilwoman Taran, the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES 4 O’Brien, Sady, Taran, Pietryka

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Kugler

RESOLVED that the bills have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts.

General Fund No.111 through No. 122 $ 3,328.85

Highway Fund No.107 through No. 119 $ 21,602.15

Total both funds $ 24,931.00

The Town Clerk’s report for September 2023 was submitted to the Board. The Town Clerk had Board Members review and sign bank reconciliation statements for the Town Clerk Account and Special Clerk Account dated September 30th, 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-2023**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Councilwoman Taran, seconded by Councilman Pietryka, the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES 4 O’Brien, Sady, Taran, Pietryka

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Kugler

RESOLVED, the Town Board enter into an Executive Session at 8:22pm to discuss the appointment of the Assessor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 94-2023**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion of Councilman Pietryka, seconded by Councilwoman Taran, the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES 4 O’Brien, Sady, Taran, Pietryka

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Kugler

RESOLVED, that the Town Board return to regular session at 8:40pm.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 95-2023**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

On a motion of Councilman Sady, seconded by Councilwoman Taran, the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES 4 O’Brien, Sady, Taran, Pietryka

NAYS 0

ABSENT 1 Kugler

RESOLVED that the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca S. Jones, RMC

Town Clerk