

Public Hearing regarding the Tax Levy Limit and the 2019 Preliminary Budget
Date & Time: October 30, 2018 at 7 pm.
Location: Atlanta Court Facility



Present: Supervisor Tom Johnson, Councilman Cheryl Deusenbery, Councilman David Simolo, Councilman Michael Gilman, Martha Hall; Town Clerk.

Public Hearing regarding the tax levy limit opened to the public by Supervisor Johnson at 7:12 pm. Pledge to the flag led by Councilman Gilman.

Local Law No. 3 of 2018 read aloud by Town Clerk.

“A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law, Section 3-c.”

Supervisor Johnson explained the tax cap being at 2% by New York State, and the Town was looking at a 10.6% tax rate increase per the 2019 Preliminary budget.

Motion made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Simolo to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 pm.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Simolo	Aye
Councilman Deusenbery	Aye
Supervisor Johnson	Aye
Councilman Gilman	Aye
Motion carried.	

Public Hearing regarding the 2019 Preliminary Budget opened to the public at 7:20 pm. Councilman Towner present at 7:25 pm.

Supervisor explained that there are some issues in the water district that need to be addressed, among others things. Hopefully a new wind project will be coming between 2020 and 2021 to help offset some of the costs.

Motion made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Councilman Gilman to close public hearing at 8:01 pm.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Simolo	Aye
Councilman Deusenbery	Aye
Supervisor Johnson	Aye
Councilman Gilman	Aye
Councilman Towner	Aye
Motion carried.	



Motion made by Councilman Deusenbery, seconded by Councilman Simolo to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2018 regarding the Tax Levy Limit.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Simolo	Aye
Councilman Deusenbery	Aye
Supervisor Johnson	Aye
Councilman Gilman	Aye
Councilman Towner	Aye

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Towner, seconded by Councilman Simolo to accept the 2019 Preliminary Budget as presented to the Board on October 30, 2018.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Simolo	Aye
Councilman Deusenbery	Nay
Supervisor Johnson	Aye
Councilman Gilman	Aye
Councilman Towner	Aye

Motion carried.

Noted that Councilman Deusenbery voted Nay on the 2019 Preliminary budget because she does not feel that the Chief of Police should have gotten more than the 2% and not 5 more hours of administrative, and she does not feel that due diligence was done on the Ambulance District budget where RFP's should have been done for other agencies at a lower cost.

Motion made by Councilman Simolo, seconded by Councilman Deusenbery to set a public hearing date of November 20, 2018 at 7 pm for amendment of Local Law No 1 of 2012 regarding the Code of Ethics. Ads to be placed in proper papers.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Simolo	Aye
Councilman Deusenbery	Aye
Supervisor Johnson	Aye
Councilman Gilman	Aye
Councilman Towner	Aye

Motion carried.

Town Clerk brought to Board's attention that there should be an Ambulance Commissioner election annually. The Commissioners were under the impression that there would not be an election this year. Town Supervisor directed Town Clerk to contact the Town Attorney and the Board of Elections for direction.



APPROVED

Motion made by Councilman Simolo, seconded by Councilman Deusenbery to adjourn meeting.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Councilman Simolo	Aye
Councilman Deusenbery	Aye
Supervisor Johnson	Aye
Councilman Gilman	Aye
Councilman Towner	Aye
Motion carried.	

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Minutes submitted by,
Martha R. Hall
Cohocton Town Clerk