

**TOWN OF DRYDEN
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2018**

Present: Supervisor Jason Leifer, Cl Daniel Lamb, Cl Linda Lavine,
Cl Kathrin Servoss, Cl Alice Green

Elected Officials: Bambi L. Avery, Town Clerk
Jules Ravo, Town Justice
Rick Young, Highway Superintendent

Other Town Staff: Jennifer Case, Bookkeeper
Deb Gallagher, Court Clerk
Kirsten Clapper, Highway Secretary

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Justice Ravo reviewed the Court’s budget request with the board and provided information on Dryden Court’s caseload and salaries compared to surrounding municipalities.

R Young reviewed the Highway/DPW’s budget request with the board. He also distributed a Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy he had prepared for highway department employees and asked that the board approve it next week. Cl Green suggested that it be used for all town employees.

ABSTRACT & AGENDA MEETING

Abstract Approval

Supv Leifer called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION #140 (2018) – APPROVE ABSTRACT #10

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves Abstract #10, as audited, general vouchers #700 through #771 totaling \$323,703.84, and further approves payment to Lincoln Financial in the amount of \$571.81.

2nd Cl Green

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Absent
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Budget Modification - Two budget modifications were requested by the Highway/DPW Department. One for \$18,000 for the sale of a truck to the Village of Freeville from DA-2665 to DA5130.2 and one for \$9,682.09 for insurance proceeds from a claim for lightning damage from A2680 to A5132.4. After discussion the board approved the modification for insurance proceeds and postponed the other pending receipt of additional information.

RESOLUTION #141 (2018) – APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby approves the following budget modification:

From		To		
A2680	Insurance Recoveries	A5132.4	Garage Contractual	\$9,682.09

2nd Cl Lamb

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

The board set dates for the next budget workshops for October 18 at 5:30 p.m. and October 22 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #142 (2018) – INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY CAP

Supv Leifer offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

RESOLVED, that this Town Board hereby introduces the following local law and sets a public hearing on the same for November 8, 2018 at 7:05 p.m.

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Dryden 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 Dryden, County of Tompkins pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Dryden, County of Tompkins to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes, (b) fire protection districts, and (c) any other special or improvement district, and Town improvements provided pursuant to Town Law Article 12-C, governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Town Board of the Town of Dryden, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

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 adjusted 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.
2nd Cl Lamb

Roll Call Vote	Cl Lavine	Yes
	Cl Green	Yes
	Cl Servoss	Yes
	Cl Lamb	Yes
	Supv Leifer	Yes

Bonding for Bridges – Supv Leifer said he has received an invoice for the Red Mill and Malloryville Road bridges. He has contacted bond counsel. He will report on that next week.

An invoice was also received for Dodge Road bridge and it was more than the County had told us it was going to be. Supv Leifer will push back on that. We don't want to bond for this work.

Upgrades for IAWWTF – The wastewater treatment plant is putting in a grit removal system. The committee voted to approve it and the town board will also need to approve it. The town is responsible for 2% of the cost. The board can vote on this next week.

Migration Update – Cl Green said it seems that payroll went through ok for the first time today because of some server changes that were done. This process started three and a half months ago. Departments are still reporting a significant lag in opening and saving documents and sending documents to the printer. It may have something to do with the bandwidth we are using and IV4 should be able to identify if that is the problem and they have not answered that. She suggested that the board meet with IV4. It was decided to invite IV4 to come to finance committee meeting on November 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Department/Secretary Transition - Ryan McHugh will be moving into the Supervisor's Secretary position. Sherri has prepared a list of her duties. Supv Leifer will review the list with Sherri and Ryan and separate out the secretary duties and finance duties. R McHugh will also attend meetings and do press releases. His official start date will be Monday if possible (it was noted he would need to complete the civil service paperwork) and he will be doing website work. Staff will contact IV4 directly for computer or network issues.

Clean Energy Community Designation – Cl Green said she was contacted by Terry Carroll of Cooperative Extension who said the town is eligible for a Clean Energy Communities Designation grant. We need to designate a lead agency to be the contact with a program manager. The Conservation Board may be appropriate to be the designated contact for the town. She will have a resolution next week requesting that the Conservation Board follow up and complete our application to be a Clean Energy Community and qualify for \$5,000 from NYSERDA.

EV Charging Station Proposal – One thing the town can do to get us Clean Energy Community status is to put in n electronic charging stations in our town. There are additional rebates now from the State for doing that. There is someone available to help walk us through the steps and she would like that person to go to the Conservation Board and describe what those steps are at the Town Board's request. We can move forward next week.

Cl Lavine said she would like to have a park and ride lot in the town for people to use when they carpool.

Freese Road/George Road bridge – CI Servoss will schedule a public information meeting for the Freese Road bridge for November 13.

Fire Department Updates – Departments have submitted their budget requests and the board will discuss those at the budget workshop. The question of what to do with Etna remains.

Supv Leifer said he has forwarded the minutes of the last Emergency Services Meeting. There was no movement on opinions of the budgets and they have not moved on the matter of a single contract. Rick Young has resigned as Fire Warden. The contract the town would like to use is the one that Varna signed last year.

Planning Board has recommended John Kiefer for chair. This is an annual appointment and the board will appoint him through the end of the year. For continuity purposes it makes sense. Appointments for chairs of boards are made annually.

Rail Trail Task Force updates – The issue with work on the Game Farm property has been worked out. Bruno Schickel will coordinate the safety inspection of the trestles and then the Highway Department will do the work when Bruno lets them know they can move ahead.

The Task Force will come up with a written donation policy. It will be will forwarded to board members.

Planning Department Update – The veterinary clinic at the old Phoenix Book Barn will come up for hearing next week at 8:30 p.m. A revised site plan has been emailed to board members. Draft resolutions will be prepared and distributed by the Planning Department.

There is an application for co-location of Sprint antennas on the telecommunication tower by NYSEG. The project will be introduced next week and a public hearing set for November.

There is a housing proposal on Route 38 north of the Village boundary (the old dollar store property). The property is in the town, in the Cortland Road Sewer District and served by a private well. The developer is inquiring about public water to the property. The Village has said they can't do any more out of district users there and suggested annexation to the Village to get water to that lot.

CI Lavine is concerned that an article about Varna and Trinitas said that the board said they wouldn't be able to lease apartments by the room. That is different from the letter that says the majority of units should be leased per unit not per room. She is concerned that Trinitas is unclear about the town's position that it is very much against renting by the room.

There being no further business, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bambi L. Avery
Town Clerk