

Town Board Minutes  
Local Law 3-2023  
October 10, 2023

The monthly town board meeting held on October 10, 2023 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Councilmen; Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson

Excused: Colby Petersen

Others present: George Thompson, Gary McIntee, George Dowse, Tim Chambers, Bob Miller, Kathy McGrath, Richard Harper-District Legislator, Jean Constantine

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

**Abstract of vouchers** - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts. Motion by Mr. Downs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin, the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 35,068.70 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Downs, the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 15,422.28 be paid, carried.

Supervisor opened the public hearing on Local Law 3-23 "Amending the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption from Real Property Law." At 7:35

There being no one desiring to be heard on the local law, Mr. Martini went on with business.

**September minutes** Mr. Martin stated corrections needed and items to be added to September minutes. With this noted by clerk he made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson carried by all.

**Hazardous Mitigation Plan** Mr. Downs reported on 9/19 the Towns part in the Hazardous mitigation plan has been submitted to Yates County Emergency Planning.

Supervisor thanked Mr. Downs and Mr. Henderson for taking on this task, with their time and effort researching and entering information to the program for the County. A company contracted by Yates County will now compile all information to complete the final plan

**Employee Policy** Mr. Henderson & Mr. Martin presented the latest draft of Employee policy for review. Mr. Chambers will take it to the employee for their input and email Mr. Henderson. On the list of holidays, a Question on missing "one floating holiday", Mr. Henderson replied as the employees work 4 days a week, they can switch out one day with the permission of Superintendent

**Highway Report** Sent two trucks to Barrington and Jerusalem for shared service roadwork. Ironwood a tree trimming contractor has been using the town stone pile to park trucks at nighttime and weekends. Mr. Chambers has asked the to trim a tree on Anthony Beach Rd. They have agreed to remove it at no cost for the use of the stone pit parking area, a savings to the town @ \$ 4,000.

On the last round of roadside mowing, raised several guiderails on the roadsides due to settling.

Chips application has been submitted, invoices for \$173,709.

Ribbles coming to scope septic line, (cast iron is corroding) Ordered 70-ton salt for ice control.

This is the last year City Hill Excavating will sell sand. Would like to stockpile sand for future use at stone pile, board agreed with this money & time saving plan.

Cemetery mowing took 3 days due to breakdowns. Highway found a used John Deere lawn mower for sale at \$ 4700. Motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Martin to purchase John Deere lawn mower for 4,700. Carried.

Torrey # 2 truck needs tires. Found tires at Tallmadge for 740. each. Employee will change out the tires. Old tires to be recapped and stored for spares.

Brush hog gear box has broken for the second time again. Received new gear box but was wrong part number. Waiting for instructions from parts company. Superintendent on vacation Nov 3rd.

Code Report submitted- 11 permits in September, issued 3 C of O's, 1 Area variance application, 1 sub division application, 3 site visits, 23 building progress inspections, 7 other inspections, traveled 214 miles.

**Water District** 1 Working on scheduling a meeting with Nardozzi to resolve issues that precipitated the stoppage

of construction. Brief discussion on safeguarding paid equipment onsite, possible options to move forward with, BAN payment, need of taxing residents in the water district before they have access to water.

**Planning Board Report** George Dowse Planning Board Chairman reported Kevin McAuliffe Greenidge Attorney appeared at last month's planning Board meeting where it was agreed upon, Aurora Acoustical will perform the sound study on the bitcoin miners at Greenidge plant. Code Officer is scheduling the test with Dale Irwin. The planning board will choose (3) locations sites for testing off of the plant property.

Gary McIntee asked if the town has ever researched operation of Himrod well system possibly for Perry Point. Mr. Chambers will research systems of Himrod and Camp Whitman and report back next month.

Jean Constantine inquired about tree removal on banks behind her house at Perry Point. Does the steep slopes law apply to the tree removal. Who does the oversight here, is soil & water involved. Ironwood is contracted by NYSEG and has permission to perform work on easements. They are leaving tree stumps on hillside to stabilize the area.

**Yates County Legislature** Richard Harper reported the radio tower is near completion. Presently issues with low volume as power ratings of FCC are lower.

Yates County new highway barn has steel going up.

Budget hearing October 30/31

Winona Flynn last meeting as county administrator

Sheriff Ron Spike retirement reception December 9 at Seasons in Penn Yan 2:00pm -5:00PM

Sales Tax sharing in budget process.

Next Capital project for County will be upgrade on jail.

Supervisor closed the public hearing on local law 3/2023 at 8:40pm.

He offered the following resolution for adoption,

**WHEREAS**, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Torrey for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on October 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, to hear all

interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled, "A Local Law Amending the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxation"; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Torrey, on September 27 and October 4, 2023, and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held on October 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Torrey to adopt said Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Torrey hereby adopts said Local Law No.3 of 2023, entitled, "A Local Law Amending the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxation", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Torrey, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

This by roll all vote

**Martini - Aye, Martin- Aye, Downs Aye- Henderson - Aye**  
Petersen absent      **4 Ayes 0 Nays adopted**

### **Senior Citizens Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxation**

Section 1:      Section 86-6 of Article III, regarding Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemptions, of Chapter 86 of the Code of the Town of Torrey is hereby repealed and a new Section 86-6 is hereby adopted in its place to read as follows:

§86-6 Maximum income eligibility level.

The amount of income to determine eligibility for tax exemption under section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law is increased to \$20,000.00.

The income eligibility sliding scale set forth under

section 467(b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Real Property Tax Law shall continue for property owners exceeding the \$20,000.00 income eligibility level.

Percentage Assessed Valuation

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
\$0 to \$20,000.00	50%
\$20,000.01 to \$20,999.99	45%
\$21,000.00 to \$21,999.99	40%
\$22,000.00 to \$22,999.99	35%
\$23,000.00 to \$23,899.99	30%
\$23,900.00 to \$24,799.99	25%
\$24,800.00 to \$25,699.99	20%
\$25,700.00 to \$26,599.99	15%
\$26,600.00 to \$27,499.99	10%
\$27,500.00 to \$28,399.99	5%
\$28,400.00 or more	0%

These increased limits shall apply to the 2024 assessment roll.

Section 2. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been ordered.

Section 3: Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson to adjourn carried at 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted