

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISVILLE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 11, 2017; 6:30PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: LARRY LEGAULT, SUPERVISOR  
GAIL SCHNEIDER, COUNCILWOMAN  
DAVID MOULTON, COUNCILMAN (arrived 6:38pm)  
DAN O'KEEFE, COUNCILMAN  
PATRICK CARROLL, COUNCILMAN

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PRESENT: VERN FENLONG

Supervisor Legault called the public meeting to order for Local Law #1-2017 A local law to override the tax levy established in General Municipal Law 3-c at 6:33pm.

The Town Board had a moment of silence for Dixie Robertson.

*Local Law #1-2017*

*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 Louisville, County of St. Lawrence pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and to allow the Town of Louisville, County of St. Lawrence to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes, (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2018 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 a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

*Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override*

The Town Board of the Town of Louisville, County of St. Lawrence is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2018 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, 3-c.

*Section 4. Severability*

If in 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 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.

No comments from the public.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe and duly carried to accept the local law.

Supervisor Legault called the regular meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to accept the September 6, 2017 Budget Workshop meeting minutes.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe and duly carried to accept the September 7, 2017 Budget Meeting minutes.

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Moved by Councilman O'Keefe, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to accept the September 13, 2017 Regular meeting minutes

**SLC Legislator Lisa Bell** did not attend the meeting.

**REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE DEWEY LAVALLEY:**

The arena crew is working on the installation of artificial ice. The docks will be removed from Sand Island when the Power Authority can help. The Community Center elevator enclosure has been installed and will be painted. The docks for the Massena Intake will be removed on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. LMH has one more team than last year and Waddington Figure Skating has booked an extra one half hour to accommodate their growing roster. The bathrooms have been closed at Whalen Park and the Massena Intake.

(Councilman David Moulton arrived at 6:38pm)

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FENLONG** did not attend the meeting.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe and duly carried to hold trash clean-up September 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> from 7am until 5pm. In the future the Town Board will discuss the dates earlier to help the residents plan.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider and seconded by Councilman O'Keefe to purchase a 2016 International 7600 SFA 6X4 with plow package for \$188,177.00 from Stadium International Trucks as per Onondaga Co. Contract #7823. We will take possession of the truck this fall and pay the manufacturer in January of 2018. The truck will be financed for three years with the first payment due January of 2019. The vote was as follows: Supervisor Legault- Aye, Councilwoman Schneider- Aye, Councilman Moulton- Abstain, Councilman Carroll- Aye and Councilman O'Keefe - Aye. The motion passed.

The salt price for 2017-2018 will be \$50.04/ton delivered which is almost \$5.00/ton cheaper than last year.

The roof of the water plant will be completed after the paving is done.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol and Fred Foster addressed the Board. The Board requires Fred Foster to turn his property complaints into the Town Attorney. The Foster's inquired if Carol Foster could turn a complaint in at the Town office. The Board stated that Carol's complaint also had to be handed into the Town Attorney. The Foster's have turned a complaint into the Town Attorney Eric Gustafson and are waiting for a response. They stated there are too many vehicles on the property as well as too much stuff from camp, and stuff also in the Town-right-of-way. Supervisor Legault will contact the Attorney for an update.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** North Country Life Flight Inc., Seaway Valley Ambulance Service, Hassan A Fayad, P.E., Camoin Associates, NYSDOT, SLC Self Insurance Plan, Lisa Bell- Louisville Assessment and Review Member, NYSDEC, Justice Court audit report, copier comparison, Supervisor's Report, Code Enforcement report and report from Valley Water Solution

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to pay North Country Life Flight, Inc. \$350.00 for services in 2018. The resolution is as follows:

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WHEREAS: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc., is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Police and private fixed-wing aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patients transports; and

WHEREAS: The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Board of the Town of Louisville hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFEFLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$350.00 which represents the Town's share for 2018; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$350.00 is hereby appropriated to account # 4540A for payment to North Country LIFEFLIGHT, Inc.

Seaway Valley Ambulance Service would like to provide ambulance service to the Town of Louisville. Massena Rescue Liaison, Councilman Moulton met recently with Massena Rescue to discuss the current services that they provide to the Town of Louisville. Louisville pays the Town of Massena \$7,000.00/yr. for service. The LVFD would like to contract with the Town of Louisville for both fire and rescue and then they will subcontract to Seaway Valley. Seaway Valley will not charge the Town a fee and will park an ambulance at fire station #2. After much discussion amongst the Board members it was decided that there needs to be a meeting with the Town of Louisville, Town of Massena, LVFD and Massena Rescue.

The PERC test has been received for the lot #2 and #3 being sold on SH 131 to the Mailhot's. The results were very good.

Camoin Associates has given the Town Board an estimate of \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for a market analysis for a campground. The Board liked their thoroughness but is wondering about the Shipley Center at Clarkson. Councilman O'Keefe will contact them and report back to the Board.

NYS DOT has completed the investigation regarding the request for a reduced speed limit on Wilson Hill Causeway – it is not warranted at this time.

SLC Self Insurance Plan confirmed the individual cost for the Town of Louisville apportionment is \$28,837.00. There was a typo in the letter from September 2017.

Members of the Louisville Board of Review and Assessment have decided that David Frary will be the new chairman.

NYSDEC Notice of Complete Application has been received for Seaway Timber Harvesting to install a temporary crossing through Hutchins Creek on SH 56.

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Moved by Councilman Moulton, seconded by Councilwoman Schneider and duly carried to accept the General Record Keeping Requirements Audit for Town and Village Justice Curts for 2016 that was completed by Councilman O'Keefe on September 28, 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Legault reported for the task force for NYPA. The annual report with NYPA will be completed in November. The new design for the Massena intake is moving along and an energy audit of public buildings will start soon.

RVRDA has reduced the funding for community projects to \$100,000.00 per year. And the highest project will be awarded \$20,000.00.

The September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Grasse River Blueway Corridor was cancelled and a new date has not been set.

Moved by Supervisor Legault, seconded by Councilman Carroll and duly carried to approve the signing of the Emergency Services Agreement with NYPA once Councilwoman Schneider and Clerk Cameron approve of the changes to the wording.

Report of fall clean up: 27.92 tons of trash at \$115.00/ton= \$3,210.80 tipping fees and \$1,375.00 transportation fees for a total of \$4,585.80. This is within the 2017 budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\$27,405.00 was received for State Aid. Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman Moulton and duly carried to deposit the amount received over the budget (\$2,405.00) to the General Account.

No application was received for the Assessor's position.

Moved by Councilwoman Schneider, seconded by Councilman O'Keefe and duly carried to pay \$2,200.00 to Meals on Wheels as per the 2017 budget.

The public meeting for the LVFD contract and the permanent budget will be held on November 8, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Supervisor Legault presented the 2018 tentative budget. There will be a meeting held on October 18, 2017 at 6:30pm to review the tentative budget and have it become the preliminary budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carol Pulley asked various questions concerning the Massena Rescue Squad. She also reported to the Board about a presentation given to the Moving Massena Forward group concerning making this area a fishing destination.

**REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilman Carroll would like a copy of the purchase offer for the SH 131 property.

**REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK:**



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Joanne Cameron  
Town Clerk