

Minutes

Town of Persia

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

October 26, 2020

Budget workshop

8 West Main Street, Gowanda, NY 14070

6:00pm

Cyber Security workshop

6:30pm

Public Hearing

7:00pm

****Notice of Budget workshop, Cyber Security workshop and Public Hearing for comment on Local Law 2020-3 to adopt a budget for the 2021 fiscal year in excess of the tax cap limit was posted in the Observer on October 10th & 17th, with same being posted on website and Community Bulletin Board.**

Roll Call:

Supervisor: John T. Walgus: present
Councilperson: Theresa A. Girome: present
Councilperson: Gloria J. Tomaszewski: present
Councilperson: Robert O. Dingman: present
Councilperson: Seth H. Howard: present

Others present:

Town Clerk: Denise M. Trumpore
Tanley Howard

Supervisor John T. Walgus: * Stated there were corrections to the budget, all are additions as follows:

Justices - A1110.2 - Equipment - \$1,500
Assessors - A1355.4 - Contractual - \$14,804
Town Clerk - A1410.11 - Town Clerk Deputy - \$6,272
Buildings - A1620.4 - Contractual - \$15,000

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Special Items –A1990.4 - Contingent - \$12,000

Cemeteries –A8810.2 - Equipment - \$1,000

Safety Inspection B3620.2 - – Equipment - \$100

Snow Removal DB5142.4 -- Contractual - \$23,000

In the future we can have the library come to one of our budget meetings to state their case on the need for a contribution from the town.

*Opened the public hearing for comment on Local Law 2020-3 which is to override the tax levy for 2021.

Councilperson Robert O. Dingman: *Made a motion to have a public hearing on the preliminary budget for 2021 on November 4th at 6:00pm.

Councilperson Seth H. Howard: * Stated he had the Cyber Security policy for the board to look over for approval. * Made a motion to approve the override on the tax cap.

Gloria J. Tomaszewski: * Stated she called Perrysburg, Dayton, and the village of Gowanda on how much they give to the library; Perrysburg - \$500, Dayton - \$0, Gowanda - \$5,500. The library also gets \$32,000 from the school taxes. Feels in the future they could be cut back especially if we must go over the tax cap.

Theresa A Girome: * Stated she agrees with cutting the library contribution.

RESOLUTION # 93 Local Law 2020-3

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Girome

ADOPTED AYES - 5 Howard, Girome, Tomaszewski, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED OVERRIDE TAX LEVY FOR 2021

A local law allowing the Town of Persia to adopt a budget for 2021 fiscal year that would override the tax levy as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PERSIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

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It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Persia to adopt a budget for the 2021 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty (60%) percent of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Persia Town Board is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the Court’s order or judgement shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law, 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 judgement or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

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

RESOLUTION #94 Cyber Security Policy

On a motion of Councilperson Howard

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES – 5 Howard, Tomaszewski, Girome, Dingman, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to accept the Cyber Security Policy.

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RESOLUTION #95 Public Hearing

On a motion of Councilperson Dingman

Seconded by Councilperson Tomaszewski

ADOPTED AYES- 5 Dingman, Tomaszewski, Girome, Howard, Walgus

NAYS - 0

RESOLVED to have a public hearing on November 4th at 6pm to adopt the 2021 preliminary budget.

Hearing no objection, Supervisor Walgus closed the public hearing for Local Law 2020-3 and adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise M. Trumpore

Town Clerk