

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND THE TAX CAP OVERRIDE HELD OCTOBER 28, 2019 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.....

PRESENT: Mrs. Brenda Ackley, Councilwoman

Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman

Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman

Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor

ABSENT: Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman

The Hearings opened at **6:30 pm**. **Supervisor Hyde** noted she would like to start the Public Hearing on the Tax Cap Local Law to override the Tax Cap. I would just like to explain that a Public Hearing is not so much.....Not for asking the Board questions, but for just letting the Board know if you approve or disapprove of overriding the Tax Cap. The **Town Clerk** will record. Give your name please, and whether you support or oppose. The **Town Clerk** asked do you want me to read the Public Notice also. **Supervisor Hyde** noted yes, and the **Town Clerk** will read the Public Notice. The **Town Clerk** read the following notice of the hearings:

THE TOWN OF THURMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thurman Town Board will conduct a public hearing regarding the 2020 Preliminary Budget on Monday October 28' 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall 311 Athol Road, Athol, New York. At that time all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard. Pursuant to Sec 113 of Town Law. The proposed salaries of the Town Official are

Supervisor \$10,800.00

Town Clerk \$19,200.00

Town Board([4@\\$3,196.00](#) each) \$12,784.00

Town Justice \$5,720.00

Tax Collector \$3,184.00

Highway Superintend \$42,104.00

By the order of the Thurman Town Board

Susan E Staples, Town Clerk

Town of Thurman

October 18, 2019

THE TOWN OF THURMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thurman Town Board of the Town of Thurman will conduct a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2019. "Tax Levy Limit Override for Fiscal Year 2020" on Monday October 28, 2019 immediately following the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget which starts at 6:30 pm at the Thurman Town Hall, 311 Athol Road, Athol, New York. At that time all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

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Supervisor Hyde then opened the floor to discussion on the Tax Cap Override. The following people spoke.

Susan Shepler was against the Tax Cap Override.

Mary Eddy was in favor of the Tax Cap Override.

Kathy Templeton was in favor of the Tax Cap Override.

Jay Youngblood was against the Tax Cap Override.

Gail Seaman was against the Tax Cap Override.

Debbie McIlrath was in favor of the Tax Cap Override.

Keith Parent was for the Tax Cap Override.

Jamiee Ross was in favor of the Tax Cap Override.

Wesley Ramsey was in favor of the Tax Cap Override.

Joyce Eddy was in favor of the Tax Cap Override.

The Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override was closed at **6:42 pm** with all those wanting the opportunity to be heard having been heard.

The Public Hearing on the 2020 Preliminary Budget was opened at **6:42 pm**. The following people spoke.

Mary Eddy asked how was the Budget you proposed made up. How did you come up with the numbers.

Kathy Templeton supports the Tentative Budget that was first introduced. She does not support the current budget.

Susan Shepler approves of the Preliminary Budget, and does not approve of the Tentative Budget.

Jamiee Ross is against the Preliminary budget, and hopes that she is not short funds to do her job.

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde noted that she was calling a Special Meeting for the day before Election to adopt the 2020 Budget because I don't think that the Election should have any bearing on what our Budget is. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied that is OK we don't have to be here. Here you go save them (the paper with the meeting announcement on it) because we might not have to be here. Because even if we don't adopt this Budget the Preliminary Budget will become the Budget just like it did last year.

Public comment continued:

Mary ? (no last name given) asked if all the employees were getting paid, and had the funds to do their jobs.

Shirley Wendling asked if we were \$90,000.00 over the 2019 Budget.

Paula Hubert asked if Jamiee Ross was deficient on the Budget was there any way that you could increase that at this point.

The Public Hearing for the 2020 Preliminary Hearing was closed at **7:10 pm** with all those wanting the opportunity to be heard having been heard.

Supervisor Hyde noted we are closing the Public Hearings and open this to a meeting. I would like to get a motion on the floor to adapt Local Law #1 of 2019. A Tax Cap Levy override for fiscal year 2019. Do I have a motion. **Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over her noting you can't. This wasn't posted four days in advance. **Supervisor Hyde** asked do I have a motion. Do I have a second? We knew what this Public Hearing was about. **Supervisor Hyde** called a Roll Call Vote. Any questions? **Councilwoman Seaman** stated yeah, your rules state that you cannot bring a Resolution the day of the meeting, and expect it to be passed. You have said that is an illegal Resolution. **Supervisor Hyde** spoke over her noting if we don't pass this override we won't be able to do it. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued noting we don't have to override it. I am not going to override it. **Supervisor Hyde** responded this is not the first time the public.....The Public is well aware of the override. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated we passed three Resolutions asking you to fix the septic system, and you said that they are all illegal so this is an illegal Resolution according to you.

A Roll Call Vote Was Called.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution # 75

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde**

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2019

WHEREAS a Local Law, titled "TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019",

Was introduced on October 17, 2019, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on October 28, 2019 at which time all those wishing to speak on the matter were heard, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the town board adopts Local Law #1 of 2019.

Motion Failed: Ayes~2 Harris, Hyde Nays~2 Ackley, Seaman, Absent~1Needham

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde stated I guess the Board is going to have to figure out how to cut another \$90,000.00 something out of this budget. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated no we don't you have to (inaudible) the Comptroller. **Supervisor Hyde** asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde** the meeting was adjourned at **7:12pm**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Staples, Town Clerk

October 29, 2019