

MINUTES OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN, NEW YORK HELD OCTOBER 04, 2019 AT THE THURMAN TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 6:00 P.M.....

PRESENT: Mrs. Joan Harris, Councilwoman

Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman

Mrs. Cynthia Hyde, Supervisor

ABSENT: Mrs. Brenda Ackley, Councilwoman

Mr. Douglas Needham, Councilman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Staples, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at **6:03 pm**.

BUDGET: The **Town Clerk** presented the Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde noted we are not really here to read the Budget at this time, but I have one Resolution, and that is a Resolution introducing a Local Law and providing for notice and hearing of that Local Law. Do I have a motion to get that on the floor?

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 70

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

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

RESOLVED that a local law "TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020" is hereby introduced and be it

RESOLVED that the town board will hold a public hearing on local law "TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020" at 7:10 pm on October 9, 2019 and be it

RESOLVED that the town clerk will publish a notice of hearing in the newspaper

Discussion: Supervisor Hyde asked if there was any discussion. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted a Local Law is supposed to be on the desk in whole form for each Board Member.....**Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting (inaudible) the same as every other year. **Councilwoman Seaman** continued noting 7 calendar days. 7 calendar days before. Not including Sundays. And you can't deliver it by email. That is the law. So um.....**Supervisor Hyde** asked **Councilwoman Harris** anything to add to that. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted and also has to be published 5 days before it can be a proposal, can be put on so there can be public hearings, and there is not enough time anyway so. **Supervisor Hyde** remarked this is to call the public hearing. This is to call the public hearing. This isn't to do the whole law. It is to say we are going to look at having a Local Law, and we are going to call a public hearing on that Local Law. And there enough time if she puts it in the paper today. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted 5 days must elapse between the date of the publication of the notice in the paper and the date of the public hearing. **Supervisor Hyde** noted well you could put it in tonight. Just email it to them. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied no you can't email them. **Supervisor Hyde** continued that way we don't have to call a Special Meeting to have the Public Hearing. We have the Public Hearing.....We can wait on this, but anyway let's vote on that. Roll call please.

A Roll Call Vote Was Called.

MotionFailed: Ayes~2 Harris, Hyde, Nays~1 Seaman

Discussion: Councilwoman Seaman noted (inaudible) a Budget Workshop anyways so it won't really matter. **Supervisor Hyde** asked what won't really matter. **Councilwoman Seaman** responded we got all through one last year without overriding the Tax Cap. That is what Real Assessment is for. **Supervisor Hyde** asked why are you so against that. I noticed inRight here I happen to have a Tentative Budget for 2016 was introduced on September 29th. On July 2nd of 2016 there was a Resolution introducing a Local Law providing for Public Notice and Hearing which you voted yes on. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied so I am voting no. Do you have an issue? **Supervisor Hyde** noted the Resolution adopting a Local Law number 1 of 2016.....That was.....A Resolution adapting Local Law #2 of 2016 was done in August before you even saw the Budget, and you voted yes on it. Why are you so against an override now? What is the difference? (Inaudible as she was interrupted by Councilwoman Seaman). **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I voted no last year also. **Supervisor Hyde** remarked but you did in 2016 and you hadn't even seen the Budget. I have it right here. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted didn't say I had. You haven't seen the Budget and I voted no also. **Supervisor Hyde** noted you voted yes. You made the motion, and you voted yes. **Councilwoman Seaman** noted I just said I voted that

we don't need a tax override, and I haven't seen the Budget. (Inaudible). **Supervisor Hyde** interrupted noting we do....We do after what you guys did to the Budget last year. You destroyed the Budget, and you destroyed our ability to have much of a carry over and so we have no.....**Councilwoman Seaman** spoke over the **Supervisor** stating oh you said we weren't supposed to have any carry over. You..... You.....**Supervisor Hyde** stated you destroyed all that last year. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied no we didn't. **Supervisor Hyde** noted oh yes you did. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated we paid the bills. Now are you finished? **Supervisor Hyde** noted **Mrs. Seaman** you really screwed up the Budget last year and so this Budget.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted stating **Cynthia** we went line by line, and the Board approved the Budget. **Supervisor Hyde** continued noting this Budget represents a 70 cent per 1,000 increase. So that....So what that would mean if your house is assessed at 100,000 your taxes would go up \$70.00. That is doable. That gives the Highway.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted noting the Highway.....**Supervisor Hyde** continued the Highway Budget.....Everything is in there exactly like **Pat** wanted it, and this is what we need to be able to function. We can't keep.....We can't never have ever an increase. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated we had an increase last year. We just didn't need extras. If the people.....If the taxpayers don't get a raise you don't need to give everybody else raises. That is just the way it is. **Supervisor Hyde** noted that has nothing to do with why this budget.....**Councilwoman Seaman** interrupted her noting well you put it over I can see by a few things. **Supervisor Hyde** responded the General Fund isn't what is increasing the taxes. It is the Highway Department. **Councilwoman Seaman** stated the Highway Department was fine. We were within the Tax Cap last year. And Highway was absolutely fine. They are doing great as a matter of fact. **Supervisor Hyde** replied well that is your opinion. Let's hope that the other two Board Members don't share that opinion. **Councilwoman Seaman** replied well I talked to **Pat**, and he was doing great. **Supervisor Hyde** noted alright motion to adjourn. **Councilwoman Harris** noted I so move, and **Supervisor Hyde** stated I second it. All those in favor?

Motion to Adjourn: On a motion introduced by **Councilwoman Harris** and seconded by **Supervisor Hyde** a motion was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at **6:08pm**.

Motion Carried: Ayes~3 Harris, Seaman, Hyde, Nays~0

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Staples, Town Clerk

October 07, 2019