

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday October 10, 2024 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Amy Hunter, Councilmember; John Macauley, Councilmember and Bill Przysinda, Councilmember
Other Town Officials: Tanner Harvey, Highway Superintendent; Mark Bean, Town Justice,
Others present: R. Niedermaier

Bill Devine, Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 9:01 a.m. Councilmember Macauley led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley that the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 199 -223 for \$39,745.24; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 168- 187 for \$33,616.89. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept the regular meeting minutes of 9/12/2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Devine forwarded copies electronically of the Town Clerk & Supervisors monthly financial reports. The supervisor financial report with monthly statement of all money received. Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept both financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Information handed out/or acknowledged: None

Old/New Business:

2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET- Resolution 48-2024 Town Clerk presented the Preliminary 2025 Budget and reported the notice for hearing was published in the Livingston County News.

The hearing notice read and opened the hearing 9:03a.m.

Public Comments: None

A motion by Councilmember Przysinda and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to close the public hearing at 9:47 a.m.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget held October 10, 2024 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

RESOLVED that this Town Board does hereby accepts the Preliminary Budget in accordance of Town Law Section 108 with changes and presented at the meeting for Annual Budget Final approval and adoption for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2025

and that such Budget as so adopted and by this Board, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of said Annual Budget as adopted by this Town Board, together with the Estimates, if any, adopted pursuant to Section 202-A Sub. 2 of the Town Law and deliver one copy thereof to the Supervisor of this Town to be presented by the Supervisor to the Board of Supervisors of this County.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay 5 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Przysinda, aye.

PUBLIC HEARING OVERRIDE TAX CAP LOCAL LAW # 2024- RESOLUTION 49- 2024
Supervisor Devine asked Town Clerk to read aloud the Public hearing notice. Public hearing opened at 9:03 a.m.

Public Comments: None

A motion by Councilmember Przysinda and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to close the public hearing at 9:47 a.m.

WHEREAS this town board does expect to exceed the 2 % tax cap in the 2025 Budget based on the NYS Taxation and Finance Department Tax Cap Law and calculation; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a resolution approved by vote of sixty percent of the town board; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED this Town Board has held a public hearing October 10, 2024 and is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c does adopt Local Law 1-2024.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Przysinda and the results were carried with 0 nay 5 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Przysinda, aye.

TOWN JUSTICE NEW HIRE DISCUSSION- Town Justice Bean was present to update the board on a decision made as the current full-time court clerk is running unopposed for the upcoming local justice election and will need to train and replace the full-time court clerk.

Justice Bean stated they are placing an advertisement on a free advertising platform along with the Office of Court Administration as they are looking for someone wishing to stay for years in this position and not be transient after the training necessary for the position. The court had hoped to have a person by now but still is looking for the best fit. The court is hopeful to have an appointment ready for the November Board meeting.

Town Board thanked Justice Bean for the update.

SURPLUS RESOLUTION 50-2024- Highway Superintendent Harvey has a few items discussed at last month's meeting that would require surplus.

WHEREAS the Town Board has met at the time and place at its regular meeting the town board has reviewed the proposed surplus list, now therefore be it;

Surplus:

- Truck box purchase at auction 8/2024
- Mig Welder -KH428249
- Henderson Sander for #10- serial# 22916
- Henderson Sander for #4- serial #20154
- Henderson Sander for #7- serial #16627
- 2016 8' Fisher Snowplow- serial #15052120227390800

RESOLVED the items to be declared surplus as the items are no longer of use to the town, and authorize the sale or disposition if no monetary value. Any sold items must turn an itemized slip in with payment to the town.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Przysinda and the results were carried with 0 nay 5 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Przysinda, aye.

HIGHWAY REPORT—Highway Superintendent Harvey reported that the crew has been busy mowing roadsides. He stated he has received many compliments recently on the job our crew members are doing and has passed them along.

The highway has finished the job on Bath Road paving with the assistance of the Town of Sparta, which was paving over the area where the pipe was removed and repaired recently. Plow equipment is being prepared for upcoming winter months.

Highway Superintendent Harvey stated he will be preparing to submit for CHIPS soon as it is due by the first week in November and many changes have happened as it relates to CHIPS. A letter was received from NYS DEC regarding laws and emissions on large trucks used in the highway department. The letter will be on file for future reference as the town has been preparing for the regulations; however, the letter does explain exemptions moving forward. The Highway Superintendent left a copy with the town clerk to keep on file also.

GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BALL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION-

Councilmember Przysinda stated following today's meeting once the final decision on color has been made, they anticipate 3 weeks time for the playground to be ready to be installed. A meeting will be set up ASAP with the committee to prepare for the new playground to be installed.

Supervisor Communication:

Ron Niedermaier inquired about any updates for the water district. Supervisor Devine stated that the town is still waiting to hear regarding the grant the town applied for as we are over budget currently for the Water District from the bids received.

Supervisor Devine stated he spoke with the Supervisor for the town of Sparta to let him know that the town is interested in the land that has storage of gravel on it now. The town of Sparta, Supervisor did not have a price yet as there are a few others interested but will let the town know when and if bidding is available.

Supervisor Devine brought an estimate to the town for pest control as the town offices have been having difficulty since June with the smell of decaying animals in the ceiling and walls of the main town offices.

The town board reviewed the estimates and choose option 1 with the addition add-on for seasonal spring and fall treatment.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Przysinda to hire Magnum Pest Control following the estimate provided with option #1 with the seasonal add-on for the total cost of \$1,480.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilmember Przysinda and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting November 14, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated October 10, 2024