

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday September 12, 2024 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; John Macauley, Councilmember and Bill Przysinda, Councilmember

Absent: Amy Hunter, Councilmember

Other Town Officials: Tanner Harvey, Highway Superintendent; Ron Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer

Others present: R. Niedermaier, P. Dolan

Bill Devine, Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 9:03 a.m. Supervisor Devine led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Przysinda that the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 174-198 for \$48,732.51; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 143- 167 for \$104,911.01. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Przysinda to accept the regular meeting minutes of 8/08/2024 as presented. Motion carried.

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 Przysinda to accept both financial reports. Motion carried.

Information handed out/or acknowledged: None

Old/New Business:

HIGHWAY REPORT- Highway Superintendent Harvey reported the driveway at Ambuscade Park has been finished with oil and stone. There was a repair to a drainage issue on lower Adamson Road that intersects State Rte 63 that the crew has finalized. The crew has started the preparations for the winter months with the plow equipment. Highway Superintendent Harvey stated there are new plow edges available that he is trying this year to see if it is cost-effective for the town. Ontario County utilized them all last year and this would reduce the cost of shoes for the plows. It is a bit more expensive of a purchase in the beginning but long term should be more cost-effective. There may be an opportunity for a grant for these types of edges in NYS, and the highway superintendent will keep the board informed of this as this is a sole source product.

Highway Superintendent Harvey stated he has the grader that attaches to the new skid steer here for rent right now to see if it fits the needs of the town before purchase. If this does fit the needs then all the rental fees will be applied to the final purchase. The crew will start to pull shoulders with the new piece of equipment.

The highway superintendent purchased a box for a truck that included a “ Harder Sander” last month at the auction. The sander fits the town's needs but the box does not and wishes to be placed on a surplus resolution next month along with a few other items.

Supervisor Devine asked the highway superintendent if there was still interest in the Town of Sparta where we have stock gravel stored, if it became available to purchase would that be something that the town should move forward with.

The highway superintendent stated he would prefer to keep the area if possible.

Councilmember Bean would like to research the cost and any tax implications for the town before a formal decision is made, however, agrees with the ease for the highway to keep the stored stockpile located at its current location.

The board agreed to request Supervisor Devine to get more information on the subject.

2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION 58 2024- Supervisor Devine stated the board has been given the budget prior to the meeting for the board review. The budget workshop that was to be held on September 5th was canceled due to a lack of quorum.

Supervisor Devine stated during the preparation for the 2025 budget that there is the potential for going over the tax cap. Most of the increase for the General Fund comes from salary and insurance increases. The Fire Department has their contracted annual approved increase that also affects the tax levy related to the tax cap.

Highway Fund Budget shows an additional piece of equipment such as the grader for the new skid steer for \$40,000 along with the cost of the 2025 Peterbilt the town has on order in this budget. We will either need to BAN or pay annual payments until paid off but we still need to prepare for the cost. I have also prepared the budget to continue placing money into the reserve fund but reduced the amount to offset the request for the equipment. Supervisor Devine stated he hopes that with newer equipment the cost of repair would decrease as well.

Board discussion: The board reviewed the budget and made minor line item changes to offset costs as follows:

General Fund

- Lower A1620.2 Building Equipment by \$565.00 for the total amount to be \$19,435.00
- Increase A9060.8 Employee benefits by \$565.00 for the total amount to be \$14,015

Highway Fund

- Decrease DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment by \$15,000 for the total amount to be \$330,878
- Increase DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual by \$15,000 for the total amount to be \$90,000
- Decrease DA5142.4 Snow removal Contractual by \$2,500 for the total amount to be \$3,500
- Increase DA9060.8 Employee benefits by \$2,500 for the total amount to be \$76,500

No changes to the levy or use of fund balance as presented, just the amount that has been presented in the line item.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place and the Town Clerk presented the 2025 Tentative Budget that was prepared by Supervisor Devine in conformance with NYS Town Law Section 106, and

RESOLVED, that upon the completion of such review, the tentative budget and any modifications thereof is approved by this town board and shall become the Preliminary Budget pursuant to NYS Town Law 106(4).

The adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly out in vote on motion of Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Bean and the results were carried with 0 nay, 4 ayes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor & Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye and Councilmember Przysinda, aye and Councilmember Hunter, absent

INTRODUCTION OF TAXCAP OVERRIDE LOCAL- The Town Clerk had previously emailed the budget along with the account's tax cap calculation it does not appear that the town will be over the limit.

Board discussion: The Board agreed it does hurt to prepare the Local Law even though it does not appear that the town will exceed the tax cap to be safe creation of this local law only protects the town should the need arise to go over the tax cap limit for the budget year 2025.

All board members agreed with the introduction of the Local Law # 2024 Tax Cap Local Override Law.

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Przysinda to set a Public Hearing at the next board meeting for the Local Law # of 2024 Tax Cap Local Override Law. Motion carried.

GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BALL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

DISCUSSION- Supervisor Devine provided privilege to the floor to Ron Niedrmaier who updated the board along with Councilmember Przysinda a decision has been made on what equipment will be purchased.

R. Nidermaier stated the cost of the playground is over the cost of the grant and the Fire Department will cover the cost of the remainder of the cost. The plan is the have the playground installed this year, however, that will be dependent on the company's time frame. We will be able to have the equipment on-site and ready to go when the company is ready to install it.

Councilmember Przysinda went to the farms locally to request donations to assit with the ground work preparations that cost above and beyond what the Fire Department can handle. This has become a community project.

Supervisor Communication:

Supervisor Devine stated that the town is still waiting to hear regarding the grant as we are over budget currently for the Water District from the bids received.

Other Communication: R. Niedermaier stated the town office entryway needs painting, he would recommend placing it in the budget for the repair to the entry as the rest of the town offices look great.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Przysinda to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting October 10, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. at the town hall and is open to the public. Motion carried.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk
Town of Groveland
Dated September 12, 2024