

The Special meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember; Amy Hunter, Councilmember, Steve Atterbury, Councilmember and John Macauley, Councilmember

Other Town Officials: D. Mark Caldwell, Highway Superintendent

Others Present: T. Harvey

Supervisor Devine called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Councilmember Atterbury led the pledge to the flag.

TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSHOP: Supervisor Devine stated with what has been presented this budget is under the tax cap and our tax levy has increased by approximately \$2085 this is mostly due to the contract agreed item with the fire department and the lowering of the final payment of the Conesus Water district this year.

Noted items in this budget, The highway equipment projected amount has the use of ARPA monies in the amount of \$200,000 towards the 2024 Peterbilt that is on order with the remainder of the ARPA monies to be utilized in what may be needed in obtaining the BAN for the remainder that will be due in the amount of \$63,812. This budget includes paying off the BAN the board took out for the tractor and zero turn in 2022.

At the time of this meeting, the Union contract was not done so it was prepared with an increase for budget preparation purposes and we were notified that there is an 11% increase in health insurance.

Board discussion: Following the review of the budget and forecasting of highway equipment, all board members requested the town clerk to request the accountant to make modifications following the workshop. Requests were as follows: Create a line item of \$50,000 for Equipment Reserve in the Highway Fund for future truck/ equipment purchases necessary. Increase the hourly pay rate for full-time highway employees, and reduce the number of full-time employees in the highway to consist of 4 full-time members from 5, with the expectation of one current employee moving into the Highway Superintendent's position and not hiring to fill his position following the transition after the election in November.

There was also a request to see if the accountant to forecast into 2025 for the board.

A motion by Councilmember Atterbury and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting on September 14, 2023, @ 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk

Town of Groveland

Dated: September 6, 2023