

November 7, 2018

**A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held for the purpose of first conducting a public hearing regarding the 2.00% tax cap followed by a budget hearing regarding the proposed 2019 budget** on Wednesday, November 7, 2017, at 6:00 pm at Pioneer Hall. Appropriate notice of the budget hearing was published in an official newspaper, the Greenville Pioneer, on October 26, 2018, and of the tax cap override in the Daily Mail on October 27, 2018.

Present: Supervisor Paul Macko  
Councilman Richard Bear  
Councilman Greg Davis *arrived at 6:05 pm*  
Councilman Travis Richards

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jackie Park  
Attorney: Tal Rappleyea

Department Heads Present: Greenville Rescue Squad President Theodore Nugent  
Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh

Other: 1 guest

Absent: Councilman John Bensen

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mr. Bear moved to open this hearing at 7:00 pm**, seconded by Mr. Richards. Carried 3 ayes, 2 absent at this time

**Supervisor Macko** reviewed the budget highlights and factors contributing to the need to consider an override of the 2019 imposed tax cap. The General Fund spending is up \$21,000 from last year's budget. The increase that was presented is approximately 53 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

Mr. Macko opened the hearing for any public comments or questions at 6:02 pm: as no other questions were raised, Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh asked how that increase compared to the Greene County budget? Supervisor Macko was not aware of definitive information from the County, but continued to explain that at the town level, an order was enacted last month for a freeze on unnecessary spending and any overtime, excluding public safety issues, to continue through 2019. No raises would be offered in 2019. The fund balance needs to be built back up; last year over \$125,000 was used from reserves, and this year only \$10,535 will be taken from the reserves to offset the next budget. A quarter million was spent over the past 3 years on the ambulance service, which was a "much needed 24/7 operation ~ but it costs". *Councilman Davis arrived at 6:05 pm*. Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh reminded the Board of anticipated revenues from several sewer hook ups which were not completed during the no-cost grace period, as well as building department fees related to the commercial solar installations.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Mr. Bear moved to close the public hearing at 6:10 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards. Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent

**Mr. Bear moved to adopt Local Law #3 of 2018, to override the tax levy limit established in GML §3-c, seconded by Mr. Davis. Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent**

**Mr. Davis moved to open the 2019 budget hearing** at 6:11 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear. Supervisor Macko repeated that this is a no-fluff budget. The proposed tax levy is \$1,887,073, and reflects an increase of .5362 per \$1,000 assessed value, which is a 7.86% increase. A home with an assessed value of \$100,000 will pay an additional \$53.62 on their 2019 tax bill, compared to 2018. He stated the increase is not from overspending, rather was a problem related to the imposed tax cap. Fund balances have been used in recent years to make the budget work, and the money just isn't there this year to apply any to next year's budget.

Supervisor Macko relayed that a shared service agreement has been discussed with the Greene County Sheriff's Office in which they will occupy the upstairs level of Town Hall to use as office space, compensating the Town \$3,600 per year to cover the cost of utilities. They also have agreed to provide 2 hours per week of security for the Court when it is in session. This equates to a shared service value of \$10,464. Discussion occurred regarding relocating a bathroom as well as installing locks on the doors which provide access to the remainder of Town Hall office space. Clerk-Collector Park also requested the front door of Town Hall remain locked off hours when the upstairs office is in use, for security measures. CEO Overbaugh inquired as to whom will pay for the necessary fixtures in creating a handicapped accessible bathroom, and believes the County should be asked to do so as part of the usage agreement. Councilman Richards noted it can't hurt to ask, that he believes the County may be footing the bill in Coxsackie for renovations to the building they will be using there. Councilman Bear believes the Town should cover the expense, that it is taxpayer money one way or another. Supervisor Macko is receptive to asking the County to pay for the work done in preparing a bathroom, as the main level single bathroom currently in use here does not work properly and once the authorities are upstairs, the town employees will not have access to that area. The shared service agreement will be drawn up and reviewed, and will include the safety measures discussed as well as the renovation plans.

CEO Overbaugh again addressed commercial solar fees for building permits as well as fees to be collected for the remaining sewer hook ups, and noted that these fees could help offset the increase in this year's levy. As these numbers were merely anticipated and not guaranteed, Supervisor Macko thought the 2019 budget process was too far along now to make adjustments, and that any revenues that may come in will certainly help next year's budget process.

Mr. Macko again asked for any public comments or questions at 6:28 pm; none spoke in favor of or against the budget as presented.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Mr. Bear moved to close the public hearing at 6:28 pm, seconded by Mr. Richards. Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent

**Mr. Bear moved to adopt the 2019 budget as presented with the amount to be raised by taxes \$1,887,073, which is \$7.354520 per \$1,000 assessed value, which equals a 7.86% increase for the 2019 budget. Seconded by Mr. Davis.**  
**Carried 4 ayes, 1 absent**

The solar fee conversation continued as it is imperative a fee be established before a building permit is received by the Building Department to review. The fees can be based on square footage of the panels, cost of installation, or wattage. A measure of the square footage is

considered the most accurate and concrete number to use. Much research has been done as to how some other towns this. Proposed options will be further discussed at the regular November meeting. All believe the fees will help to restore some of the fund balances.

Supervisor Macko stated Attorney Rappleyea will have a draft agreement for shared services with the Greene County Sheriff's Office, as well as with the Greenville Volunteer Fire District, prepared for our next meeting. Also on the next agenda will be discussion of establishing the Greenville Rescue Squad as an Emergency Services Tax District, which will aid in managing future budgets with any tax cap imposed.

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 6:38 pm.

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Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

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SUPERVISOR MACKO

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MR. BEAR

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MR. DAVIS

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MR. RICHARDS