

Town of Enfield Special Town Board Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023
5:30 PM

In-person at the Enfield Town Courthouse and Via the Zoom Meeting Platform

Attendance: Supervisor Stephanie Redmond, Councilpersons: Jude Lemke, and Cassandra Hinkle; Town Bookkeeper Blix Taetzsch; Highway Superintendent Buddy Rollins; Town Clerk Mary Cornell

Virtual Attendance: Councilperson Robert Lynch

Absent: Councilperson James Ricks

Call to Order: Supervisor Redmond called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Privilege of the Floor: N/A

Additions and Changes to the Agenda: Tompkins County – Countywide Shared services plan 2024. Supervisor Redmond shared that the County had contacted her a while ago and wanted the Town to hold a public hearing on this plan and she was initially hesitant as not much information has been forthcoming and it does not seem at the stage to implement/ready for a public hearing, she is not sure what the Town's potential financial contribution would be, there are many unknowns. Blix commented that the Town of Newfield had a Public Hearing last week and there were a lot of questions and not many answers to them. Councilperson Lemke would like legislature Randy Brown present at the Public Hearing. Councilperson Lynch suggested that the Supervisor contact the County representative that is working on this initiative for their availability to attend the public hearing.

Supervisor Redmond moved and Councilperson Lemke seconded to hold a Public Hearing on October 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Vote: Councilperson Hinkle, Aye; Councilperson Lemke, Aye; Councilperson Lynch, Aye; Supervisor Redmond, Aye; Carried.

Correspondence: N/A

New Business:

Budget: Clerk Cornell distributed two tentative budgets to the Town Board as directed by the Town Supervisor. The Tentative Budget marked Final is the submitted Tentative Budget. Supervisor Redmond asked the clerk to send both to show how much of an increase the tax rate would be if all requests were to be funded at the amounts requested. She noted that the Highway dept. had originally asked for a 5% raise and she reduced it to a 4% raise. Some of the excessive funds that the Town is using over the course of the next three years is from the large building permit fees that the Town received this year. In three years, the highway facility will be off bond and those funds could be utilized to offset future budget increases. Supervisor Redmond shared that every \$30,000 increase counts as a 1% increase in the tax rate. Bookkeeper Taetzsch went over the budget and focused on the 2024 Tax and Fund Balance Analysis (pg 3). Clerk Cornell shared the breakdown of what the increase was for in the IT line. Supervisor Redmond commented that this is an extremely difficult tax year and if board members can see areas to cut back to be prepared to discuss them at the next Town Board meeting on October, 11.

Announcements: N/A

Adjournment: Councilperson Lemke moved and Councilperson Hinkle seconded. Adjourned at 6:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cornell

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Town Clerk

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