

Town of St. Armand  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022  
2023 Budget Work Session #1 – 6:30 pm

*These Meeting Minutes were approved by the St. Armand Town Board on December 20, 2022.*

A Budget Work Session of the Town of St. Armand was held on the above date and time at the Town Hall, Bloomingdale, NY, and virtually on-line.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Town Supervisor Davina Winemiller, Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, Councilperson Donald Amell, and Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer.

*A quorum of the Board was in attendance.*

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk Barbara Darrah.

ABSENT: Councilperson Stephanie Mikesell

GUESTS: There were no guests.

Notice was posted regarding the date of this meeting.

Supervisor Davina Winemiller called the Budget Work Session to order at 6:30 pm and asked all to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The first budget work session of 2023 started with an overview of General Funds (A), General Funds (B) and Highway DA and DB Funds, and a review of salaries and individual requests for pay increases.

Supervisor Winemiller presented the proposed three-year Union Contract to the Board. Discussion ensued regarding other Towns and the wages for their Highway Department employees. Differences amongst the towns were mainly cited in the percentage share of health insurance premiums paid by employers and employees. It was determined that the Union needed to be present at the next Budget Work Session to negotiate the requests.

Supervisor Winemiller reviewed the Existing Long Term Debt analysis for all funds with the Board. She then presented the 2022 Fund Balance Estimates for General A, General B, Highway DA, Highway DB, Water, Sewer and Rockledge Water. Lastly, the Highway Equipment Replacement Budget for 2023 was reviewed.

Supervisor Winemiller reported the tentative amount to be raised by Property Taxes would be \$965,581.00. As recommended by Dan Manning, Essex County Attorney, a Public Hearing was scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm, in order to introduce Local Law NO. 2 of 2022 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law". The introduction of this law is a tentative measure and adoption may not be necessary, once the 2023 Budget is finalized.

The Board ended the discussion on the A, B, DA, and DB Fund and agreed to review the remainder of the budget at the next Budget Work Session scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BUDGET WORK SESSION

Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer made a Motion to end the Budget Work Session. The Motion was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law. The Budget Work Session ended at 8:18 pm.

I, Barbara J. Darrah, Town Clerk for the Town of St. Armand, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Budget Work Session minutes held on the above-referenced date.

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Barbara J. Darrah  
St. Armand Town Clerk

Dated: October 5, 2022