

Town of St. Armand
Public Hearing – Introduction for Local Law #2 – Tax Cap Override
2024 Budget Work Session #2
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 5:30 pm

These Public Hearing and Budget Work Session Minutes were approved by the St. Armand Town Board on November 14, 2023.

A Budget Work Session of the Town of St. Armand was held in person at 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, Councilperson Stephanie Mikesell, and Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer.

A quorum of the Board was in attendance.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk Barbara Darrah.

GUESTS: There were no guests.

Notice was posted regarding the date of this meeting.

Supervisor Davina Winemiller called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 pm and asked all to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Winemiller asked Town Clerk Barbara Darrah to read the Public Hearing Notice aloud.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of St. Armand will conduct a Public Hearing both in person and virtually at the St. Armand Town Hall, 1702 NYS Route 3, Bloomingdale, NY 12913 on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:30 pm for the Introduction of Local Law #2 – Tax Cap Override for 2024, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against any items(s) contained therein. Link: <https://meet.goto.com/301727453>
By Phone: 1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 301-727-453. This Public Hearing Notice was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on September 26, 2023.

RESOLUTION # 59 OF 2023

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2
OF 2023 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE
THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL
MUNICIPAL LAW ss3-c”**

Deputy Supervisor Karl Law, who moved its adoption, offered the following Resolution:

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of St. Armand Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law No 2 of 2023 entitled “A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law ss3-c”, reading and providing as follows:

“TOWN OF ST. ARMAND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 of 2023”

A Local Law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law ss3-c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town of St. Armand Town Board as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of St. Armand pursuant to General Municipal Law ss3-c, and to allow the Town of St. Armand to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2018 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law ss3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law ss3-c, which expressly authorized the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override – Budget Authorization.

The Town Board of the Town of St. Armand hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of St. Armand for 2024 and authorized the Town of St. Armand, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2024 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2024 pursuant to ss3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Armand shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 10th day of October, 2023 at 5:30 p m. in the forenoon of that day, to introduce the aforementioned Local Law and hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of St. Armand will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five days prior to said hearing.

This Resolution was duly seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Mikesell, and was adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Donald Amell	AYE
Councilperson Stephanie Mikesell	AYE
Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer	AYE

Dated: October 10, 2023

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk

Supervisor Winemiller stated that the Tax Cap Override would not be necessary for the 2024 Town Budget because thus far the preliminary budget appeared to be under the proposed Tax Cap, however the County Attorney recommends all Towns introduce the local law in case the need for the override comes about.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Supervisor Winemiller presented a letter from the Bloomingdale Boosters, requesting the Town Board’s authorization to place a temporary, moveable shed on the Youth Field for storage of equipment, tools, etc., to allow easy access to the sports coaches. Supervisor Winemiller asked for a Motion to approve the request.

MOTION:

Councilperson Donald Amell made a Motion to approve the request from Bloomingdale Boosters, authorizing the organization to place a temporary, moveable shed on the Youth Field. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Mikesell. All in favor. Motion carried.

The second budget work session of 2024 started with a review of the prior session’s questions and discussion on General Funds (A), General Funds (B), Highway DA and DB Funds, and Fire Protection and Rockledge Water District. Also included was a review of salaries and individual requests for pay increases.

The Town Board reviewed the Highway Equipment Vehicle Appropriation spread sheet for 2024. Discussion ensued regarding the replacements scheduled for 2024: Ford F250, Husqvarna ride-on tractor/mower, trailer and

tongue for the new excavator. It was determined the 2009 John Deere riding mower would be 15 years old and the 2010 Husqvarna would be 14 years old. The Highway department would keep the 2017 Ford F250, and only need \$919.00 to purchase the new F250 in 2024. The price is state contract. These items were approved for the budget.

Supervisor Winemiller prepared and distributed a Town Road Pavement Schedule and it was determined that Ledge Lane-Rockledge Road to Grimone's property, and Reservoir Lane would be repaved in 2024 and School Street to Alpine Way would need to be grinded and paved in 2024.

At the Budget Work Session on October 4, 2023, Supervisor Winemiller had reported the tentative amount to be raised by Property Taxes would be \$1,007,284.00. Supervisor Winemiller reported the tentative budget total as of today's Work Session is \$1,007,267.00.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS

Supervisor Winemiller asked participants of the meeting if there were any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BUDGET WORK SESSION

Councilperson Stephanie Mikesell made a Motion to end the Budget Work Session. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Donald Amell. The Budget Work Session ended at 6:35 pm. The Town Board thanked Supervisor Winemiller for all of her work on the tentative 2024 Budget, thus far.

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 Public Hearing and Budget Work Session minutes held on the above-referenced date.

Dated: October 10, 2023

Barbara J. Darrah
St. Armand Town Clerk