

Town of St. Armand
Public Hearing – Introduction for Local Law #2 – Tax Cap Override
2025 Budget Work Session #2
Wednesday, October 9, 2024 – 5:30 pm

These Budget Work Session Minutes were approved by the St. Armand Town Board on November 13, 2024.

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, and Councilperson Donna Whitelaw. *A quorum of the Board was in attendance.*

EXCUSED: Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer and Councilperson JP O’Neil.

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Town Clerk Shauna Manning

GUESTS: Joe Fisher

Notice was posted regarding the date of this meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Thurston asked Town Clerk Shauna Manning 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 Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 5:30 pm for the Introduction of Local Law #2 – Tax Cap Override for 2025, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against any items(s) contained therein. Link: <https://meet.goto.com/663802397> By Phone: 1 (4646) 749-3122 Access Code: 663-802-397. This Public Hearing Notice was published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on September 18, 2024.

Supervisor Thurston stated that the Tax Cap Override would not be necessary for the 2025 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.

Before we began the budget Work Session, Supervisor Thurston stated one of the new Bloomingdale signs were stolen on Oregon Plains Road. Community member Joe Fisher came to talk about this issue. Fisher stated that as a community member, he would like to start a fundraiser to raise money to buy the Town of St. Armand a new sign that will be owned by the community.

****MOTION****

Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, made a motion to let Joe Fisher raise from the community \$600 for a new Bloomingdale sign. Deputy Supervisor Karl Law seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote followed:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer	EXCUSED
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O’Neil	EXCUSED

Supervisor Thurston provided an estimate from KAS Environmental Science & Engineering for the inspection of 4 Union Lane. KAS is quoting \$3,140.00 for asbestos inspection.

****MOTION****

Councilperson Donna Whitelaw, made a motion to pay KAS to do a pre-demolition inspection and to collect samples to be run at the laboratory for lead and asbestos. Deputy Supervisor Karl Law seconded this Motion. A Roll Call vote followed:

Supervisor Davina Thurston	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer	EXCUSED

Councilperson Donna Whitelaw
Councilperson JP O'Neil

AYE
EXCUSED

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The second 2025 budget work session started with a review of the prior session's questions and discussion on General Funds (A), General Funds (B), Highway DA and DB Funds, Fire Protection and Rockledge Water District. Also included was a review of salaries and individual requests for pay increases.

The Town Board asked for more information at the October 2nd meeting on the pay increased asked for Records Management. Supervisor Thurston then called Barbara Darrah, current Records management manger to give the Town Board information they had requested. Discussion ensued. It was decided to wait until next meeting when all board members are present, for the decision to be made.

RESOLUTION # 75 OF 2024

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024 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 2024 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 2024"

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 2025 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 2025 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, form 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 9th day of October, 2024 at 5:30 p m. in the forenoon of that day, to 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 Donna Whitelaw and was adopted by Roll Call vote as follows:

Supervisor Davina Winemiller	AYE
Deputy Supervisor Karl Law	AYE
Councilperson Sheridan Swinyer	EXCUSED
Councilperson Donna Whitelaw	AYE
Councilperson JP O'Neil	EXCUSED

Dated: October 9, 2024

Shauna Manning
St. Armand Town Clerk

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN BUDGET WORK SESSION

Councilperson Donna Whitelaw made a Motion to end the Budget Work Session. The Motion was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Karl Law. The Budget Work Session ended at 7:25 pm. The Town Board thanked Supervisor Thurston for all of her work on the tentative 2025 Budget, thus far.

I, Shauna Manning, 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 9, 2024

Shauna Manning
St. Armand Town Clerk