

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PUBLIC WORK SESSION/BUDGET WORKSHOP #2
OCTOBER 25, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Snow, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for the **roll call** were Supervisor John Snow, Jr., Councilors Marianne Ingerson, Sandra Farrands and Irene Wiestner. Highway Superintendent Dan Duncan and Deputy Highway Superintendent/MEO Dan Edwards were also present along with MEO William Goutermout, MEO Jason Shepard MEO John Kittredge and Lisa Kittredge. There were no other residents in attendance. Councilor Rodney DeLong joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Supervisor/Budget Officer Snow, Jr. started the General portion of the 2024 Budget. He went through each department line by line. There were no changes made by the Board in any of the budget lines. The Board was in agreement with the Tentative Budget as presented by Budget Officer Snow, Jr. He then went over revenues.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to order Budget Officer Snow, Jr. to prepare the Preliminary Budget, based on the discussions of the Town Board after multiple budget workshops, all were in favor, none opposed.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Highway Superintendent Duncan said the County Snow and Ice Agreement is a one-year contract at \$8,500.00 per mile, down from \$9,000.00 per mile last year.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to authorize Supervisor Snow, Jr. to sign the Snow and Ice Agreement with the County, all were in favor, none opposed.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong to set a Budget Public Hearing on November 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., all were in favor, none opposed.

Supervisor Snow, Jr. would like to discuss drug testing with the Board. In his opinion, drug testing is necessary when a CDL driver is involved in an accident with another vehicle or there is property damage. It is not necessary if there is a mishap that occurs on Town property, unless there is an injury. Highway Superintendent Duncan believes

there should be drug testing for every incident. Supervisor Snow, Jr. asked what the Board thinks about this issue. Councilor DeLong believes every accident that happens on the clock should be drug tested. Councilor Ingerson stated that obviously anything happening on the road should be subject to drug testing, incidents on Town property can be exempt, unless there is a suspicion that there could be drugs or alcohol involved.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor DeLong that for insurance purposes, the Town will require drug testing for any accident involving a vehicle or property damage, and the Highway Superintendent can make the decision for testing if the accident is on Town property, all were in favor, none opposed.

PAYMENT OF TOWN BILLS

Councilor Farrands made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to pay the Town bills as audited on Abstracts #20 and #20P, all were in favor, none opposed.

General Fund	\$14,343.84	Highway Fund	\$22,032.44
Capital Projects	\$ 1,478.00		

Councilor DeLong asked Highway Superintendent Duncan how things were going with the Pendergast Road problems. Highway Superintendent Duncan said he sent the bills and a certified letter to the contractor that dug up the road. The Board requested that a letter be sent to the homeowner, since he should be ultimately held responsible.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for Local Law #2-2023, to override the tax levy limit was called to order by Supervisor Snow, Jr. at 7:00 P.M. Supervisor Snow, Jr. read the Local Law in full.

Local Law No 2 of the year 2023
Town of Granby, County of Oswego

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c

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 Granby, County of Oswego, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Granby, County of Oswego, to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the town board for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

With an increased number of criminal cases filed in the Town of Granby Justice Court and the length of time it takes to process them, the Town Justice Court is requesting a new position be created for a part-time clerk. Also, with the increasing prices of road repair materials, the Town of Granby Town Board is increasing the amount of money set aside for repairs to keep up with our Five-Year plan. This will ensure that our roads are safe and in good condition.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes 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

The Town Board of the Town of Granby, County of Oswego is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

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.

Hearing no comments, Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Wiestner to close the Public Hearing.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Weister to adopt Local Law #2-2023, overriding the tax levy limit as established in General Municipal Law 3-c, a roll call vote was taken,

Councilor Wiestner	Aye	Councilor DeLong	Aye
Councilor Farrands	Aye	Councilor Ingerson	Aye
Supervisor Snow, Jr.	Aye		

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Supervisor Snow, Jr. went over the changes to the proposed Highway Contract. The major changes will be a work schedule of four ten-hour days year-round and winter hours from mid-December to mid-February from 4:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a

second shift from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Monday night through Friday morning. This person will have the authority to call employees in if they are needed for plowing on Fridays. It will also allow coverage for the evening rush hour if the roads need attention during that time. We have had complaints about the safety of the roads and their condition for years. Supervisor Snow, Jr. sees this as a solution and has negotiated at length to try and reach this agreement with the Teamsters. The proposal also includes a five percent wage increase and it will do away with a starting wage of four dollars an hour less for new hires. It also doubles the Deputy Highway Superintendent salary. This contract would do away with the composite rate for health insurance. They will now pay 11 percent of their new health insurance cost. The contract increases the number of Holidays by two, to include Juneteenth and Election Day. Also, if a worker is a member of a volunteer fire department and they are required to leave to fight a fire or provide life saving assistance, that person would punch out, use personal time off and provide documentation from the fire chief to Highway Superintendent Duncan and the personal time off would be credited. This contract increases the uniform and shoe allowance to \$400.00, which would include shirts. It also does away with the 4th of July shutdown week. This is a three-year contract. The Board had no questions or comments on the proposed contract.

Councilor Ingerson made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to sign the agreement with the Teamsters Union, a roll call vote was taken.

Councilor Ingerson	Aye	Councilor Farrands	Aye
Councilor DeLong	No	Councilor Ingerson	Aye
Supervisor Snow, Jr.	Aye		

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Wiestner made a motion, seconded by Councilor Farrands to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.