

**The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the Town Hall, 4955 Aten Road in the Town of Groveland.**

**Present:** Bill Devine, Supervisor; Sandra Bean, Deputy Supervisor, and Councilmember; Amy Hunter, Councilmember and John Macauley, Councilmember

**Other Town Officials:** D. Mark Caldwell, Highway Superintendent

Absent: Steve Atterbury, Councilmember

Others Present: K. Molinari

**Supervisor Devine called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.** Highway Superintendent Caldwell led the pledge to the flag.

A motion by Councilmember Macauley and seconded by Councilmember Bean that the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 223 -245 for \$35,885.88; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 151- 165 for \$84,165.00; and Capital Fund vouchers numbered 7-10 for \$58,220.00. Motion carried.

A motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean to accept the regular meeting minutes of 09/14/2023. Motion carried.

Supervisor Devine forwarded copies electronically of the Town Clerk & Supervisors monthly financial reports. The supervisor financial report with monthly statement of all money received. Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to accept both financial reports. Motion carried.

**Information handed out/or acknowledged:**

**Old/New Business:**

2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET- Resolution 60-2023 Town Clerk presented the Preliminary 2024 Budget and reported the notice for hearing was published in the Livingston County News.

The hearing notice read and opened the hearing 9:05 a.m.

Public Comments: None

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to close the public hearing at 9:39 a.m.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget held October 12, 2023 and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

RESOLVED that this Town Board does hereby accepts the Preliminary Budget in accordance of Town Law Section 108 with changes and presented at the meeting for Annual Budget Final approval and adoption for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2024 and that such Budget as so adopted and by this Board, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of this Town Board and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of said Annual Budget as adopted by this Town Board, together with the Estimates, if any, adopted pursuant to Section 202-A Sub. 2 of the Town Law and deliver one copy thereof to the Supervisor of this Town to be presented by the Supervisor to the Board of Supervisors of this County.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay 4 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Atterbury, absent.

PUBLIC HEARING OVERRIDE TAX CAP LOCAL LAW # 2023- RESOLUTION 61 2023  
Supervisor Devine asked Town Clerk to read aloud the Public hearing notice. Public hearing opened at 9:05 a.m.

Public Comments: None

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to close the public hearing at 9:39 a.m.

WHEREAS this town board does expect to exceed the 2 % tax cap in the 2024 Budget based on the NYS Taxation and Finance Department Tax Cap Law and calculation; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a resolution approved by vote of sixty percent of the town board; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED this Town Board has held a public hearing October 12, 2023 and is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c does adopt Local Law 3 -2023.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean and the results were carried with 0 nay 4 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Atterbury, absent.

LOCAL LAW # OF 2023 PROVIDING A PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS-RESOLUTION 62-2023 Supervisor Devine asked Town Clerk to read aloud the Public hearing notice. Public hearing opened at 9:05 a.m.

Public Comments: None

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to close the public hearing at 9:39 a.m.

WHEREAS notice of public hearing was duly given and said hearing duly held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023 to consider the enactment of the local law Providing a Partial Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxes to Certain Eligible Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers- with public comments along and

NOW, THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, after due consideration and deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Groveland duly enacted said local law #4-2023 Providing a Partial Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxes to Certain Eligible Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Law on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, and said local law and adopted thereby shall be in full force and effect as provided by law upon the filing of a copy of this local law with the Secretary of State. The local law enacted will be included in the minutes.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Macauley and the results were carried with 0 nay 4 aye votes. Roll Call Votes: Supervisor Devine, aye; Deputy Supervisor and Councilmember Bean, aye; Councilmember Hunter, aye; Councilmember Macauley, aye; Councilmember Atterbury, absent.

HIGHWAY REPORT- Highway Superintendent Caldwell reported the crew has been putting on the plow equipment in preparation for winter. Davis Road has been oiled and stoned, most residents appeared pleased with the work completed. Highway Superintendent stated he will haul the salt for the roads for the season in as well.

K. MOLINARI -PETERBILT REPRESENTATIVE- Supervisor Devine stated Mr. Molinari is here to discuss the incoming truck the town is receiving along with finance options and recommendations for the future.

The Town Board thanked Mr. Molinari for the information and will review it for future use.

COURT REIMBURSEMENT FROM NYS REIMBURSEMENT- Court Clerk Driscoll came before the board to update regarding information received from the NYS Comptroller's office about the justices' accounts and the reimbursement the one account will receive and how it affects the other justice account.

The Town Board thanked the clerk for the information and will note it for the future required annual audit if necessary.

Other Communication: Town Clerk Burgess notified the board regarding training credits and inquired how the board wished to allocate funding as some members have a significant amount of training hours and some do not have the mandatory state-required amount of training hours.

Board discussion- Add to the organizational meeting in 2024 the board will decide what maximum hours the board will pay for the hourly amount for education and class amount along with what would be considered a volunteer education class and what would be considered town cost so each board member will have a fresh start beginning in 2024.

Councilmember Hunter requested to move into executive session for matters related to collective negotiations under the Taylor Law, seconded by Councilmember Bean. Motion carried.

The board requested the town clerk.

The executive session opened at 9:41 a.m.

A motion to close the executive session with no action taken by Councilmember Hunter and seconded by Councilmember Bean. Motion carried.

The executive session closed at 9:50 a.m.

A motion by Councilmember Bean and seconded by Councilmember Macauley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting on November 09, 2023, @ 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall and is open to the public. Motion carried.

Kimberly Burgess, Town Clerk  
Town of Groveland  
Dated: October 12, 2023