

Town Board Minutes
February 14, 2023
Local Law 1-23 Tax Cap Override
Local Law 2-23 Alternate Veterans Exemption

The monthly meeting and Local Law Public Hearing held on February 14, 2023 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Councilman; Colby Petersen, Lawrence Martin, Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson

Others present: George & Rosa Thompson, Gary McIntee, George Dowse, Skip Jensen, Jim Riesenberger, Dwight James- Code Officer

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Martini opened the public hearings on

Local Laws 1-23 To override Tax Cap Levy Limit for Budget 2024

Local Law 2-23 Increasing the Alternative Veterans Real Property Taxation

There being no person desiring to speak on either proposed laws Mr. Martini went on with business.

January Minutes Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Martin to approve the January minutes with correction on attendee and note that no action taken on Cannabis draft.

Abstract of vouchers - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts.

Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd Mr. Petersen that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 47,256.25 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Downs, that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 5,322.02 be paid, carried.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Mr. Martin, to pay the first installment of the Fire Protection Contract in the amount of \$ 34,500.00 carried by all.

Mr. Chambers gave the highway report. He suggested the personnel policy be updated he will check with the county policy.

New loader may arrive next month questioned where the money will come from, it is not in the 2023 budget.

Mr. Martini stated this is the responsibility of the Supervisor, the money was added into the 2022 budget for the loader and has been encumbered for the loader payment.

Mr. Chambers stated a culvert pipe on Serenity Road needs to be replaced and the highway department will work with Nardozzi as the WD1 water pipe will cross here also. Roadway will be closed for 2 days, Residents will park on Davy Road.

Mr. Chambers reported T-3 is back form Regional International, it had an electrical issue. While T-3 was down the truck borrowed from Benton had to be repaired.

Mr. Chambers has been in contact about Covid Repayment Plan for payroll, due to many fraudulent calls Mr. Martini stated be wary of these kinds of contacts, especially involving employee personal information.

Mr. James gave the Code report. Permits to date 33. 1 Special Use application, 1 site plan review 2 site visits, 5 building progress inspection, traveled 86 miles.

Discussion on setting fees on solar farms, short term rentals and Special Use Permit renewal fees.

Brief discussion on farm land and solar systems. Mr. Petersen will send out a map of prime farmland in Torrey

Perry Point WD #2- Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Martin approving letter be sent out updating cost and stamped return survey postcard
Indicating interest in going forward with project, carried by all.

Water District 1- Pre construction meeting went well. Tuesday mornings following monthly board meeting will be construction update meeting with payroll certification.

Presently directional drilling running into "boulders"

Phil Correll inquired about red flags along Route 14 are these marking out water district. The red flags have nothing to do with the water district as they are outside the area. When will water come down Route 14 south. Brief discussion about the Route 14 corridor water study, that survey showed positive interest in Torrey and Milo but not Starkey.

Mr. Martini closed the public hearings on Local Law 1 & 2 at 9:00pm. He then introduced a resolution to adopt Local Law 1-23

Local Laws 1-23 To override Tax Cap Levy Limit for Budget 2024

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Torrey for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on February 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Torrey, on February 1st and 8th , 2023, and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on February 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Torrey to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Torrey hereby adopts said Local Law No. 1 of 2023, entitled, "A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Torrey, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Petersen with roll call vote Supervisor Martini- Aye Councilman Petersen-Aye
Councilman Downs-aye Councilman Martin-Aye Councilman Henderson- Aye 5
Ayes 0 Nays Local Law 1-23 Adopted.

Supervisor Martini introduced the following resolution to adopt Local Law 2-23

"Increasing the Alternative Veterans Real Property Taxation"

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Torrey for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on February 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled, "A Local Law Increasing the Alternative Veteran's Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxation"; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Torrey, on February 1, February 8, 2023, and all other notices required by law to be given were properly served, posted or given; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on February 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Town of Torrey to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Torrey hereby adopts said Local Law No. 2 of 2023, entitled, "A Local Law Increasing the Alternative Veteran's Tax Exemption from Real Property Taxation", a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, new Alternate Veterans' Basic Maximum Exemption table to read: **Wartime \$ 24,000. Combat \$ 16,000. Disability \$ 80,000.** and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Torrey, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Petersen 2nd Mr. Martin with roll call vote Supervisor
Martini- Aye Councilman Petersen-Aye
Councilman Downs-aye Councilman Martin-Aye Councilman Henderson- Aye (5
Ayes 0 Nays) Local Law 1-23 Adopted.

Mr. Downs made motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Petersen, carried at 9:14PM

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M Daggett
Town Clerk