

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**“ADOPTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET”**  
**TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by Larry Eckhardt, Supervisor at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<i>( X ) Supervisor Larry Eckhardt</i>	<i>( X ) Highway Superintendent Alden Goodermote</i>
<i>( X ) Councilman William Jennings</i>	<i>( X ) Assessor Jennifer Van Deusen</i>
<i>( X ) Councilman Philip Roder</i>	<i>( X ) Deputy Code Enforcement Officer,</i>
<i>( X ) Councilman Chris Demick</i>	<i>Owen Cassavaugh</i>
<i>( X ) Councilman Gerald Robinson</i>	
<i>( X ) Town Clerk Stephanie Wagar</i>	

A quorum ( X ) was ( ) wasn't established.

2 from the Public were present

**THIS MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

- **ADOPTION OF THE 2017 TOWN BUDGET**
- **PURCHASE OF GRADALL FOR HIGHWAY**

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC:**

*O. Cassavaugh:* with the Code changes keep in mind there is a lot more field work and we may need more funds in the CE line to cover mileage fees

*L. Eckhardt:* if it looks like you might go over just give us a heads up and we can make an adjustment.

*O. Cassavaugh:* we haven't spent anything in the EQ line but we typically hold onto it until the end of the year just in case something happens.

*L. Eckhardt:* anything else?

*P. Roder:* have a question for Jenn (the Assessor) how much of the Tax Base is from sale for this year?

*J. Van Deusen:* none of it, it's a year behind so that figure is from September of last year, we are always a year behind.

*P. Roder:* have there been any major sales?

*J. Van Deusen:* no, some homes are going for \$100k more than what that are really worth.

*P. Roder:* collectively our property taxes are low.

*B. Jennings:* not low but comparative

*J. Van Deusen:* Grafton is the lowest, they have multiple issues up there.

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Stephentown Town Board has prepared a budget for the 2017 fiscal year that will be in excess of the 0.6% tax cap; and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board is required to pass a local Law to Override the Tax Levy limit, and

**WHEREAS:** the Local Law #4 of 2016 To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c reads as follows:

Section 1. **LEGSLATIVE 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 Stephentown pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Stephentown to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

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 cap 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 Stephentown, County of Rensselaer is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed 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. *now therefore be it*

**RESOLVED:** that Local Law #4 of 2016 be enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown, and authorizes the Town Clerk to file and publish in the required locations.

**MOTION BY: ECKHARDT**                                  **SECONDED BY: JENNINGS**  
**VOTES OF:         5 AYE                         0 NAY**

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Stephentown 2017 Preliminary Budget was submitted to the Stephentown Town Board; and

**WHEREAS:** a public hearing was held Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 PM, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the 2017 Preliminary Budget is adopted as the 2017 Adopted Budget with a tax cap of 3.0% and that the Town Clerk files with the proper agencies.

**MOTION BY: RODER**                                  **SECONDED BY: DEMICK**  
**VOTES OF:         5 AYE                         0 NAY**

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Stephentown Highway Superintendent has requested the Town Board approve the purchase of a 2015 XL 3100 IV Gradall for use by the Town Highway Department and,

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board has reviewed this request with the Highway Superintendent and,

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Stephentown can approve this purchase through the National Joint Powers Alliance (further known as NJPA) which we are a current member (#125321) under the NJPA Contract #031014-GRD and NYS Contract #PC66595 and,

**WHEREAS:** the Town of Stephentown has followed the necessary requirements of the NJPA, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED:** the Stephentown Town Board approves the trade-in value of the current Gradall and purchase of one (1) 2015 XL 3100 IV Gradall, per the attached specifications for the total purchase price of: **\$254,808.00**, and be it further,

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Board approves the Town Supervisor to pay \$154,808.00 from the Highway Fund Machinery Equipment line DA5130.2.3, and be it further,

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to open a municipal lease to pay the remaining \$100,000.00 for not more than a term of 5 years.

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: RODER**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY**

*B. Jennings:* we are in good financial shape on the Highway side. \$61,500.00 in Reserve Fund to help pay for these types of projects, next year we will use the \$61,500.00 towards this purchase and the following will pay off the balance of what is due.

*G. Robinson:* What is the trade-in value?

*L. Eckhardt:* \$20,000.00

*A. Goodermote:* it's also 15 years old and has a lot of hours on it.

*B. Jennings:* we should close out the Public Hearing and open up our Workshop.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:24 PM**

**MOTION BY: JENNINGS**

**SECONDED BY: RODER**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY**

**\*\*A Workshop Meeting** is held every second Monday of every month at **7:00PM** at the Town Hall.

**\*\*The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, November 21, 2016** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

*Stephanie M. Wagar*

**Town Clerk**