



## Minutes

Town of Cairo

Wednesday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Public Hearing @ 7:00am

Location: Town Hall Meeting Room

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The Town Board of the Town of Cairo met for a Special Town Board Meeting for a Public Hearing for a Local Law to Override the Tax levy Limit on Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Town Hall, Main Street, Cairo, New York.

Supervisor Coyne called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asked the attendees to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: Supervisor Coyne, Council Member Cords, Council Member Kralovich, Council Member Powers, Council Member Watts.

### **Enter Public Hearing @ 7:00PM**

Offered by Supervisor Coyne and seconded by Council Member Kralovich.

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Aye.*

- Supervisor Coyne starts by reading the proposed local law:

### **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 Cairo pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-C, and to allow the Town of Cairo to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 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 levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

### **Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override:**

- The Town Board of the Town of Cairo, County of Greene is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2022 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed 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 judgement 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 judgement or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective Date:**

- This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.
- In case the Town Board needs to go over the tax gap, this is what will be presented.
- Background of the budget:
  - Have seen some significant increases in some departments. Items such as workman's comp, insurance, retirement, and social security. All things that are required to be paid have increase significantly; while also trying to keep the budget under the tax gap.
  - In case of tax increases, the board wants to make sure that it is minimal, the goal is not to increase taxes. Some mandatory items may make that happen though.
- Supervisor Coyne asks the public if there are questions of concerns:
  - Marc Gorelick mentions that it looks like it's about a 12% increase over last year's budget. What is the target number that the board is going for?
    - The board has gone over the budget a few times since the tentative budget and this numbers have decreased, but there is more improvement. So yes, the board is continuing to drop the numbers, Supervisor as 1 of 5 states that he would like to 1.99% or just under 2%.
    - Supervisor also mentions that some line items may have a large percentage increase but overall small increase in money, most of this may be for equipment that is needed for offices. This has been discussed at other workshop meetings and addressing the dept. heads and the costs of items.
    - After the public hearing the board will continue working on the budget and then address the preliminary budget.
- Dorothy True states that the largest part of the budget is salary and mandated benefits, so that's where the board should be looking, which makes the difference.
  - Supervisor states that the board did addresses the salaries and brought them back down to what they were before budget time. No elected officials will not be getting a raise in salary. Tonight they will be looking at each individual and their salaries.
- Supervisor addresses the public if they have any more questions or comments (none) then addresses the board for any questions or comments (none).
- There will be another meeting being held for this local law and whether or not to pass the resolution. If so, it will then be filed and complete.

**Exit Public Hearing @ 7:11PM**

Offered by Council Member Kralovich and seconded by Council Member Cords.

*Supervisor Coyne – Aye, Council Member Cords – Aye, Council Member Kralovich – Aye, Council Member Powers – Aye, Council Member Watts – Aye.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla L. McAlister

Town Clerk