

TOWN OF CONCORD PUBLIC HEARING  
Re: Local Law #2 of 2018

November 8, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED BY CLYDE M. DRAKE, SUPERVISOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: CLYDE M. DRAKE, SUPERVISOR  
JAMES M. KREZMIEN, COUNCILMAN  
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCILMAN  
WILLIAM F. SNYDER, III, COUNCILMAN  
PHILIP DROZD, COUNCILMAN

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk  
DENNIS DAINS, Hwy Supt  
BRIAN F. ATTEA, Deputy Town Attorney  
CAROLYN ROBINSON, Dog Control Officer

KELLEN M. QUIGLEY, Springville Times  
COLLEEN MAHONEY, Springville Journal  
GEORGE DONHAUSER BART MOODY

Supervisor Drake opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Times on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the signboard at the Town Hall and on the Town's website: townofconcordny.com on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Supervisor Drake read the Local Law to those in attendance. He noted that this Public Hearing is the override of the 2% budget cap. Anytime a municipality goes over the tax levy, a local law should be passed. The tax cap for the Town is roughly 2%. The Board Members had another work session with the budget and right now for the General part of the budget, which affects everybody, not the Special Use Districts, we're at 4%. That 4% on a \$100,000 house equates to \$16.46/year. The Town received pushback initially when it was 6%; the Board managed to lower it to 4%.

Supervisor Drake asked if anyone in attendance wanted to address Local Law #2 of 2018.

George Donhauser asked for his \$16.46 what would he be getting extra? Supervisor Drake mentioned Fire Protection. Mr. Donhauser noted that Fire Protection is already taken care of at 3% every year until there is a new agreement. Supervisor Drake advised that there are additional charges coming from the Control Center. Councilman Drozd explained that the concern is about the situation in the Village against Sardinia; the Town's hands are tied on this; there is no getting around it. Councilman Drozd said yes, either that or get out of the Control Center. Mr. Donhauser wanted to know who signed the contract with the Village that would allow having this amount raised \$20,000 in one year. Highway Superintendent Dains noted that the Village is the lead agency in the Control Center and oversee the operation of the Center. The fire companies pay into that Control Center that are under the Springville Control: East Concord, Mortons Corners, Springville and Chaffee-Sardinia. Chaffee-Sardinia pulled out and it is in Court. Right now Sardinia owes. The Town does not know what is going on until the Court settles with Sardinia. The Town is not involved in that process. Councilman Snyder advised that the Town has to budget for that; the dilemma the Town faces is how does the Town continue to have service? Public safety is part of that. Either the Town pulls out like Sardinia did and try to come up with another solution but that would cost a lot more than \$20,000. Highway Superintendent Dains noted that there is no other solution. Councilman Snyder said other than going back with the County or form our own but the point is that that would cost a lot more than \$20,000 to come up with our own solution. Highway Superintendent advised that to his recollection Sardinia does not even have a contract with East Aurora to do their dispatching.

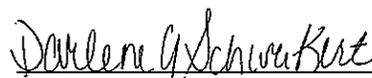
Supervisor Drake noted that the good news is that last meeting the Town thought it was going to be \$40,000 and he has spoken to Village Mayor Krebs and Administrator Melock and they have convinced the Town that the more realistic figure is \$20,000. That \$20,000 alone is 1.75% of the budget so with a 2% cap that leaves barely anything to handle the rest of the budget with the oil index going up, diesel fuel is sky high, there's an increase in the salt contract. Councilman Drozd added that the Town is putting money aside for the building maintenance/Capital improvement fund to address some needed repairs down the road. Mr. Donhauser noted that he knows it has to be done sometime but the money being put aside for the building fund, it has to start somewhere, but does it have to start in a year where the Town wants to raise tax cap? Councilman Zittel stated that this year, maybe yes, because next year the Town might be penalized more. Highway Superintendent Dains advised that this year there is not a penalty; previous years there has been. Mr. Donhauser noted that he believes that he will be penalized to the amount of the increase.

Supervisor Drake informed those in attendance that the Town has actually cut expenses \$80,000 in those General Funds. Mr. Donhauser said that that is what the Board's job is; to watch and do that when the Town can. Mr. Donhauser questioned the engineer costs budget line; and why money is put into a line that hadn't been used last year. Supervisor Drake advised that engineer costs get charged to specific budget lines. Mr. Donhauser believes the Town should bid out for engineering projects; don't always get the same engineer. Highway Superintendent Dains advised that MDA Engineers know the infrastructure too. The Board is confident that the Town is getting their monies worth on the engineer costs.

Dog Control Officer Robinson said she is feeling guilty that she did not give more money back to the Town. DCO Robinson has not had a raise in 8 years and is trying to hold the line of the budget. She does give money back to the General Fund every year; maybe the Board can cut some more on the Dog Control. Supervisor Drake advised that the Board is just asking DCO Robinson to do her job. Councilman Snyder advised that her budget has already been cut 10%.

No one else addressed the Board.

Motion by Councilman Krezmien, seconded by Councilman Zittel, to close the hearing at 6:45 p.m. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel, Snyder & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye. Carried.

  
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Darlene G. Schweikert