

5th 2023 BUDGET MEETING-SALEM TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS-FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTS; 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET;
LOCAL LAW #1 TO OVERRIDE THE 2023 TAX CAP
OCTOBER 26, 2022-PROUDFIT HALL

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council Members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Brenda Levey (arrived late); Laura Dunham; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist; Clerk to Supervisor-Kathleen Chambers

Others Present: Travis Keys-Highway; Kim Erbe-Planning Bd./Library

Absent:-Eric Rogers-Water; Maurice Patrick-Planning Bd.; Judy Flagg-Historian/Records Mg'mt.; Herb Perkins-Courthouse/Sewer Com.; Rebecca Brown-Water Clerk

Public Present: Joe Wever-Salem Fire Dep't.

5:00 PM-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACTS FOR 2023-Salem Volunteer Fire Dep't., Inc. in the amount of \$176,713 & Shushan Volunteer Fire Dep't., Inc. in the amount of \$55,707

There being no discussion/questions from anyone present & after Supervisor Clary asked the required three times if there was any discussion, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION #92-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to accept the amounts as stated in the 2023 Preliminary Budget for fire protection from the Salem Volunteer Fire Dep't., Inc. & the Shushan Volunteer Fire Dep't., Inc.; passed 4-0 (Councilwoman Levey was not yet present).

Subordination Agreement-needs to be executed between the Town of Salem, as Lessee, & The Adirondack Trust Company, as Grantee, regarding the current Lease Agreement, dated 12/15/2020, between the Town of Salem & Kathadin, LLC, said Lease being assigned to Day-War Ventures, LLC (now the owner of premises located @ 214 Main Street; Salem, NY 12865), covering all or part of the Leased Property, the Town of Salem, as Lessee, agrees to subordinate the lien of the Lease to the rights, title & interest of Adirondack Trust & other beneficiaries under the first mortgage (amount-\$216,000), & any extensions or modifications thereof. Attorney Klingebiel has reviewed the same & explained that the mortgage comes first & if the lender (Adirondack Trust) needs to foreclose, the Town's lease cannot stop the foreclosure because it is subordinate to the mortgage. **Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, instructing Supervisor Evera Sue Clary to sign the Subordination Agreement as approved by Attorney Klingebiel; passed 4-0 (Councilwoman Levey not yet present).

5:15 PM-OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET-There being no discussion/questions from anyone present & after Supervisor Clary asked the required three times if there was any discussion/questions from anyone present, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION #93-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to accept the 2023 Preliminary Budget as presented; passed unanimously 5-0 (Councilwoman Levey was present).

RESOLUTION #94-At the request of Councilwoman Dunham, NYSDOT needs a Resolution that the Town of Salem has no objection to the Christmas Parade, taking place on Main Street on Saturday, 11/26/22, @ 1:00 pm. **Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, stating that the Board has no objection to the Christmas Parade taking place on Saturday, 11/26/22 @ 1:00 pm on Main Street in the Town of Salem, NY; passed unanimously 5-0. Clerk Gilchrist will draft said Resolution.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT-There was a SCAR hearing (regarding a re-val assessment) scheduled for Thursday, 10/27/2022 @ the Washington County Courthouse w/a hearing office but the matter was settled before the hearing to the satisfaction of all. Attorney Klingebiel worked w/Assessor Jean McLenithan & the party involved w/the assessment objection to settle the matter, which was agreeable to all parties involved.

Northern Borders Mtg.-took place on Monday, 10/24/2022 @ Fort Salem Theatre, w/several people in attendance. Councilwoman Levey expressed that she felt the meeting was very confusing & that several questions that were presented to speakers were not answered.

A few of the following entities were represented @ the meeting: Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) was present (Town pays them for the current water system); LCLGRPB; Mary Beth Bionconni from Delaware Engineering, who reviewed the preliminary engineering timeline for the sewer project; Carl Ublacker from NYSDOS was also present.

5:30 PM-OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2022-OVERRIDE THE 2023 TAX CAP

LIMIT-There being no discussion/questions from anyone present & after Supervisor Clary asked the required three times if there was any discussion/questions from anyone present, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolution #95-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Levey, the Board passed Local Law #1 of 2022 to Override the 2023 Tax Cap limit by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Resolution #96-Motion made by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to pass Resolution of Adoption of Local Law #1 of 2023 to Override the 2023 Tax Cap Limit; passed unanimously 5-0

Exit Strategy for H'Way Employees-Councilman Law feels very strongly that Town of Salem needs some kind of paperwork regarding an Exit Strategy for the highway employees to sign upon leaving employment. Travis thinks he has e new employees & possibly three. Maybe two board members could work on this w/ Travis.

Replacement of Courthouse Porch-Both Councilman Law & Planning Board Clerk Kim Erbe had complaints and/or phone calls about the work being done replacing the porch @ the Courthouse; questioned as to whether a building permit had been granted and/or whether Planning Board/Zoning approval was needed. Also, the Historic Preservation Committee was not notified. Kim explained that nothing was required from either the Planning or Zoning Board on the project, but Wash. Co. Code Enforcement should have been notified. She was told by Code Enforcement that a building permit was needed in any new wood was being used on the project. County Code Enforcement will be contacted to see what needs to be done.

Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to adjourn the meeting for Public Hearings on the Fire Protection Contracts, the 2023 Preliminary Budget & the passage of Local Law #1 of 2022 to override the 2023 Tax Cap Limit; passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting was adjourned @ 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting-2023 Budget Workshop #6-of the Salem Town Board will be held on Wednesday, November 02, 2022, @ Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY, beginning @ 5:15 pm.

Regular Monthly Meeting-will be held on November 09, 2022, @ Proudfit Hall; 181 Main Street; Salem, NY, beginning @ 5:00 pm for review of Warrants #11 & Highway Abstract #11 for review & payment; regular business meeting will begin @ 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

