

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

## 2019 TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandville was held at the Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building, 3577 Terrace Road, Cortland, New York, with Supervisor Tupper presiding.

## Members present:

Supervisor, Richard C. Tupper  
 Councilman, Theodore V. Testa  
 Councilman, John C. Proud  
 Councilman, John P. Reynolds  
 Councilman, Douglas E. Withey  
 Town Clerk, Kristin E. Rocco-Petrella

Others present were: Town Bookkeeper, Marcia Hicks; and Assistant Town Bookkeeper, Megan Johnson.

Supervisor Tupper called the Special Meeting to order for the purpose of discussing the 2019 Tentative Budget.

Supervisor Tupper explained that the Board still had \$385,334 to cut from the 2019 Tentative Budget to be within the tax levy limit. The tax levy limit for 2019 permitted the Town to raise taxes by \$34,956 from the 2018 Budget.

The Board discussed the following topics in depth:

- Use of Reserve money to purchase new highway equipment;
- Shared services agreements to reduce costs;
- The Board's intent to override the tax levy limit and the future budget years; Estimated fund balance at the end of 2018;
- NYS Retirement;
- Town health insurance and the current plans;
- Highway equipment – purchasing schedule and repairs
- Contract for the Lamont Memorial Library in the Village of McGraw, the library tax, and decreasing/eliminating funds;
- Sending a letter to Town residents if the Board raises taxes;
- Reducing budget lines/expenditures;
- Increasing costs for Town Court and loss of revenue despite being one of the busiest courts;
- Salaries for Town employees and Town Elected Officials;
- Conducting a study on employee/officials salaries;
- Gutches Lumber Sports Complex and park fees.

RESOLUTION #254      AUTHORIZE BUDGET OFFICER TO INCLUDE A 2%  
 SALARY INCREASE IN THE 2019 BUDGET FOR TOWN  
 EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, EXCLUDING  
 TOWN COUNCILMEN

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Motion by Councilman Proud

Seconded by Councilman Withey

VOTES: AYE - Tupper, Proud, Reynolds

NAY - 0

ABSENT – Testa, Withey

ADOPTED

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize and direct the Budget Officer to include a 2% salary increase in the 2019 Budget for Town of Cortlandville Employees and Elected Officials, with the exception of Town Councilmen whose salaries shall remain the same as in 2018.

Councilman Withey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Proud, to recess the Special Meeting until Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. All voting aye, the motion was carried.

The Special Meeting was recessed at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristin E. Rocco-Petrella*

Kristin E. Rocco-Petrella, RMC  
Town Clerk  
Town of Cortlandville

\*Note:

The draft version of this meeting was submitted to the Town Board for their review on November 7, 2018.

The final version of this meeting was approved as written at the Town Board meeting of November 19, 2018.