

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

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, Gregory K. Leach
Councilperson, Kristin E. Rocco-Petrella
Town Clerk, Karen Q. Snyder, RMC

Others present were: Town Bookkeeper, Marcia Hicks and Robert Crennan from the *Cortland Standard*.

Supervisor Tupper called the Special Meeting to order.

RESOLUTION # ADOPT THE TOWN BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OF 2018

Motion by Councilman Leach

Seconded by Councilperson Rocco-Petrella

VOTES: AYE - Tupper, Testa, Leach, Rocco-Petrella

NAY-Proud

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of November, 2017 the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandville, held a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget and proposed amounts to be raised by the benefit tax on benefited properties in the Town Sewer and Town Water Improvement Districts, approved by the Town Board, and filed with the Town Clerk for fiscal year commencing January 01, 2018, and having heard all persons in favor of, or against any items therein contained, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Preliminary Budget is hereby approved as filed, and the same is hereby adopted and established as the annual budget of this Town for the fiscal year beginning January 01, 2018, and such annual budget, as so adopted, is filed with the Town Clerk, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify, as provided by law, duplicate copies of the annual budgets, hereby adopted, together with the assessment rolls for the benefit of improvement for the Sewer and Water Funds, adopted pursuant to Section 202-a of the Town Law and within five days thereof, deliver two copies to the Supervisor of the Town and the Supervisor shall present the copies of the annual budget to the Legislature of Cortland County within ten days after his receipt thereof from the Clerk.

Supervisor Tupper apprised the Board about the numbers. He said the tax rate is \$2.05 for the Village and \$3.19 for the Town. The Village is down \$.20 and the Town is up \$.08. The Town Bookkeeper, Ms. Hicks has run the numbers three times through the State's website and we are now under the tax cap.

Councilman Leach thanked Marcia Hicks and Supervisor Tupper for all their hard work. He said it made him happy to see McGraw's tax rate go down and thought that it was a nice parting gift for him going out. He appreciates how supportive Cortlandville has been to McGraw.

Councilman Proud thanked everyone for working hard on the budget and he said this was the first time there has been 5 budget workshops. He also stated that there was a rumor going around and he wanted to clear it up. He spoke of a 10 percent decrease in salary to Town Board Members during the Budget Workshops, which was not aimed at the elected officials or town employees. He also mentioned during the Budget Workshops he discussed looking into the Town Board Members paying 20 percent of their healthcare instead of it being paid at 100 percent by Cortlandville. He is going to take a 10 percent cut in his pay for 2018 and will give that back to the Town of Cortlandville. He said everyone gave up a little bit from all departments, but the Town Board didn't step forward first and to him that's not leadership. He feels very strongly about this.

Supervisor Tupper once again thanked Marcia for her efforts working with the budget. He also stated that next year's budget was going to be just as hard.

No further comments or discussions were heard.

Councilman Testa made a motion, seconded by Councilman Proud, to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting. All voting aye, the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Q. Snyder, RMC
Town Clerk
Town of Cortlandville

*Note:

The final version of this meeting was submitted to the Town Board for their review on December 01, 2017.

The final version of this meeting was approved as written at the Town Board meeting of _____.