

Town of Enfield  
Regular Town Board Meeting  
Enfield Community Building  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Town Supervisor Ann Rider, Town Councilperson Virginia Bryant, Town Councilperson Mike Carpenter, Town Councilperson Beth McGee, Town Councilperson Becky Sims, Town Highway Superintendent Buddy Rollins, Town Clerk Alice Linton. Town Attorney Guy Krogh arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Supervisor Rider led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:38 p.m.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Barbara Sadonovic of Enfield urged the Board to accept the proposed contract with the Recreation Partnership. She mentioned that youth who are involved in these programs have opportunities to meet students from other schools. This is especially important for rural and lower income youth.

Marcus Gingerich of Enfield urged the Board to take into account the reassessment that was done in Enfield during the past year when working on the budget. He understands if the Board needs to go over the tax cap, but hopes the Board will take a hard look at what's right for the Town.

**Additions to Agenda:** Supervisor Rider stated she was adding an item to New Business - DEA collection event.

**Consent Agenda:** Councilperson Sims moved, with a second by Councilperson McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2017, the minutes of the special meeting of September 18, 2017, the Audit Claims, and Resolution #2017-15.

Discussion: Councilperson Bryant questioned why there was a late fee on the Visa bill. Supervisor Rider explained last month's payment wasn't received in a timely manner, but after four months time she can have the late fee removed. There was also a late fee on the Culligan invoice. Supervisor Rider pulled that voucher from the warrant and will ask Culligan to remove that late fee.

Highway Superintendent Rollins questioned why the budget amendments approved at the last meeting weren't reflected in the September 30, 2017 financial report. The Machinery-Contractual line had \$20,000 moved in and \$200 was to come out of the clothing line instead of the Extreme Weather Recovery line.

**Audit Claims:**

The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to pay General Fund vouchers #234 to 242 and #244 to 251 dated October 11, 2017 in the amount of \$10,572.04 and Highway Fund vouchers #175 to #187 dated October 11, 2017 in the amount of \$103,132.20.

The following accounts have negative balances as of September 30, 2017:

A1670.4	Central Print & Mail	- 231.43
A8020.41	Planning - Escrow Account	-2,872.50
	Plus balance unpaid from 2016	-8,073.61
DA5112.4	Extreme Weather Recovery	- 200.00
DA5130.4	Machinery - Contractual	- 4,044.38
DA5140.1	Brush, weed removal	- 6,651.81

**Resolution #2017-51                      Bond Payment**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Enfield borrowed funds to construct our highway facility and now needs to pay

back the bond, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the bookkeeper is authorized, prior to October 15, 2017, to wire \$16,246.88 for an interest payment to The Depository Trust Company which holds the bonds.

Vote on Consent Agenda: Councilperson Bryant aye, Councilperson Carpenter aye, Councilperson McGee aye, Councilperson Sims aye, Supervisor Rider aye.

**Correspondence:** Letters from Richard Snyder, Tompkins County Finance Director, listing properties in Tompkins County with delinquent property taxes.

**County Legislator's Report:** No report.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** Highway Superintendent Rollins reported he met with Tompkins County Soil and Water to arrange for the tire collection event on October 14. Most of the summer paving has been completed and work has started to change over for winter.

**Code Enforcement Report:** Code Enforcement Officer Alan Teeter submitted his report that showed there were 4 building permits issued in September which brings the year-to-date total to 48. The Dollar General Store is near completion. He informed the Board his daughter will be building a home on Gray Road and he has arranged with the Code Enforcement Officer from Owego to do the inspections. These will be done as a courtesy for the Town so there will be no charge.

Councilperson McGee asked if fees were ever collected for code violations. Code Officer Teeter responded if there are violations, tickets would be issued and fines would go through the Town Court.

Councilperson Sims asked if Code Officer Teeter would be willing to go through the steps for Energy Code Enforcement Training as outlined by Terry Carroll of Cornell Cooperative Extension at the last meeting. Officer Teeter said he would be willing to take part in the training.

**Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Rider reported she attended the monthly TCCOG meeting, attended the Board of Director's Meeting of the Tompkins County Health Consortium and presented the 2018 tentative budget to the Town Clerk.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Planning Board: Dan Walker, chairperson, reported there was no meeting held this month. There is training available in Dryden on October 16 that some members may be attending.

Recreation Partnership: Carolyn Tschanz stated a proposed contract was presented to Town Board members. The contract had minimal changes from the previous contract. She mentioned if the Recreation Partnership goes over the program budget, the Ithaca Youth Bureau would pay the difference. In 2016, 103 Enfield youth were served with a total of \$5,527 being paid to the Partnership. The next meeting will be held October 30 at 5 p.m. at the Ithaca Youth Bureau.

Enfield Volunteer Fire Company (EVFC): The submitted report showed there were 32 calls in September of which 23 were EMS calls, 3 MVA, 3 service calls and 3 fires (2 mutual aid given to Trumansburg and 1 mutual aid received from Newfield). The next officer's meeting is scheduled for October 30.

Renewable Energy Advisory Committee: Councilperson Carpenter reported the committee has begun going over items need for a new solar law. They are using the Town of Dryden law as a counterpoint to the proposed law Dan Walker had prepared. They have brought in an advisor to get a better understanding of aspects of the law. The committee will meet on October 12 to go over the second part of the proposed solar

law and on October 25 to work on further revisions. Meetings are also scheduled for November 9 and 29. Information is being gathered for a proposed wind law.

Comprehensive Plan Writing Committee: Councilperson McGee reported the committee met in September and discussed the Town's moratorium and how it should be addressed. They discussed public water and what the future holds. They are seeking resources for updated demographic data and feel the Plan may need to be updated after the 2020 census figures are released. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19.

Tompkins County Council of Government (TCCOG): Supervisor Rider reported the following items were discussed: Clean Energy Communities competing for New York State grants; a new college program to partner with municipalities on solving local problems; a NYMIR Workplace Violence training; a planned meeting with the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

**Old Business:**

Update on Grant for Salt Storage Building: Councilperson Bryant has the registration for grant applications partially filled out. She needs to know who will be the primary and secondary administrator.

Resolution to Override the Tax Levy Limit: Supervisor Rider moved, with a second by Councilperson Sims to adopt Resolution #2017-52.

Discussion: Highway Superintendent Rollins questioned the second paragraph which referred to concerns about replacement of highway equipment, culvert and bridge replacement, cold storage and storage facilities. There is nothing in the tentative budget that reflects a salt barn, cold storage or increase in equipment replacement.

Councilperson McGee moved, with a second by Councilperson Sims to remove the cold storage and storage facilities language from the resolution.

Vote: Councilperson Bryant aye, Councilperson Carpenter aye, Councilperson McGee aye, Councilperson Sims aye, Supervisor Rider nay.

**RESOLUTION # 2017-52 LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX CAP LIMIT**

**WHEREAS**, New York State has instituted a law that local municipalities should not adopt a budget increasing property taxes more than 2% and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of employees' benefits is increasing, and we have concerns about replacement of Highway equipment, culvert and bridge replacement, and

**WHEREAS**, it is unknown at this time what our 2018 budget will look like, and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that an increase of more than 2% may be needed, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on this matter on July 12, 2017 and the public's comments were heard, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that Local Law #3 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C"(following) be passed allowing there to be more than a 2% increase in local property taxes for the year 2018. The Town Clerk is requested to notify the necessary bodied of this enactment.

**TOWN OF ENFIELD LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2017  
A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED  
IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Enfield as follows:

**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 Enfield pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Enfield to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 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 Enfield, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2018 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 judgment 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 judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective date:** This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Vote: Councilperson Bryant aye, Councilperson Carpenter aye, Councilperson McGee aye, Councilperson Sims aye, Supervisor Rider aye.

2018 Tentative Budget: Supervisor Rider stated the version 3 presented includes a Town Planner and repair of the Welcome to Enfield signs. She feels another budget meeting is needed before moving to a preliminary budget. A meeting was scheduled for October 18 at 7:00 at the Enfield Community Building.

At this time Attorney Guy Krogh joined the meeting.

**New Business:**

Schedule Public Hearing on the Preliminary 2018 Budget: Supervisor Rider moved, with a second by Councilperson McGee to hold a public hearing on the 2018 Town of Enfield preliminary budget at the November 8 regular Town Board meeting.

Discussion: Supervisor Rider stated after the public hearing changes can be made to the preliminary budget before moving it to the final budget.

Vote: Councilperson Bryant aye, Councilperson Carpenter aye, Councilperson McGee aye, Councilperson Sims aye, Supervisor Rider aye.

Intermunicipal Recreation Agreement: Supervisor Rider moved, with a second by Councilperson Carpenter to adopt Resolution #2017-53.

**Resolution # 2017-53                      Recreational Partnership Contract**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Enfield has been a longtime supporter of the Intermunicipal Recreational Partnership and

**WHEREAS**, this entity plans, finances, provides and coordinates recreational services that supplement and complement those offered by municipalities and

**WHEREAS**, families pay lower participation fees if they live in a member municipality, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Enfield Town Board directs the Supervisor to sign the presented agreement and continue our membership until December 31, 2022.

Discussion: Attorney Krogh was asked if he felt the contract was ready for the Town to sign. He felt the agreement between the Town of Enfield and the Recreation Partnership was working and it appeared there was a lot of participation. As long as Enfield was getting good value for their money, he saw no reason not to sign the contract.

Vote: Councilperson Bryant aye, Councilperson Carpenter aye, Councilperson McGee aye, Councilperson Sims aye, Supervisor Rider aye.

Recertifying as a Living Wage Employer: Supervisor Rider moved, with a second by Councilperson Sims to adopt Resolution #2017-54.

**Resolution # 2017-54                      RECERTIFYING AS A LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER**

**WHEREAS**, one of our most cherished values is dignity in work, and

**WHEREAS**, the growth in income inequality in recent years has created serious divisions within our society and community; and

**WHEREAS**, our communities have a proud tradition of advocating for worker rights and promoting economic justice; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has called for an increase in the State's minimum wage to \$15/hour by 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tompkins County Workers' Center, which certifies local living-wage employers, lists currently more than 100 Living Wage entities across Tompkins County, a list that includes 5 municipalities, encompasses more than 90 employers with work forces of less than 50 employees, and represents over 3,000 workers making, at least, a living wage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Enfield became a living wage employer in January, 2016; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Town of Enfield recertify as a Living Wage Employer, accepting the Tompkins County Living Wage of \$15.11/hour as our minimum wage, starting January 1, 2018 and agreeing to the certification rules of the Tompkins County Workers' Center.

Discussion: Supervisor Rider stated she felt if this resolution was passed, Enfield would be viewed as a leader in the community. Councilperson McGee stated she values people's work and would like to see the Town set a wage that makes food and housing available to all employees. She feels if this minimum wage is set, the Town should look at other pay structures for those above the minimum wage.

Vote: Councilperson Bryant aye, Councilperson Carpenter aye, Councilperson McGee aye, Councilperson Sims aye, Supervisor Rider aye.

Replacement of Light Fixtures in Community Building: Supervisor Rider stated at a previous meeting the Town Board voted to replace the light fixtures in the Community Building. The lights have not yet been replaced and the food pantry has been complaining. If an electrical contractor is hired to do the job, it could cost three times as much as what a local contractor could do the job for. Councilperson Carpenter agreed to get specs on what to buy so the Town can buy the fixtures directly. He will bring the information to the special meeting on October 18.

DEA Collection Event: Supervisor Rider reported she was asked by the Coalition for Safe Medication Disposal if the Town would be willing to host an event on October 28th from 10-2. The Town would need to provide a location and 3 volunteers. The Coalition would provide flyers and a public service announcement.

Councilperson McGee suggested the Enfield Grange might be willing to facilitate the event. She will contact them to see if they are interested. Otherwise, a longer lead-time would be needed to plan the event.

**Privilege of the Floor:**

Nancy Spero of Enfield asked if the USGS was willing to accept final payment for the Aquifer Study. Supervisor Rider responded they would accept final payment and the check has been sent.

**Announcements:**

Councilperson McGee announced there would be a forum to meet the candidates for Tompkins County Legislative District 5 on October 15 at 4:00 at the Enfield Grange. Anne Koreman and Keith Hannon will both be present to answer questions. There will also be a forum to meet local Enfield candidates on November 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Enfield Grange.

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Rider moved with a second by Councilperson Sims to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Linton, RMC  
Enfield Town Clerk