

October 7, 2024

The regular monthly meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Stepanski with the following people present: Councilman Fort, Marshall, Meeker, Pete Kiehn and Attorney Stacey Marris.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, minutes of the September 9 meeting were read and approved on the motion of Marshall/Fort, all in favor. Financial report was accepted on a motion of Marshall/Meeker, all in favor.

Public communications: Supervisor Stepanski said he received the Town's Annual Fiscal and Environmental Stress Reports from the State Comptroller's office and the Town passed all area's and does not show financial stress.

Public comments: no one present

Deputy Historian Celeste Smith submitted a report, motion made by Marshall/Meeker to accept Smith's report, all in favor. CEO Shaver submitted his August and September reports, motion made by Marshall/Fort to accept Shaver's reports, all in favor. Highway Superintendent Kiehn said they had installed a new steel door in the municipal building, as well as exterior lights above the new sidewalk on the side of the building. Kiehn also mentioned they had finished roadside mowing for the year and will be preparing for winter.

Old Business – none

New Business – Attorney Stacey Marris had three Local Law's to introduce, the first is proposed Local Law No. A-2024, which shall amend the Land Use Law for the Town of Stockbridge with respect to the standards for the granting of Special Use Permits. Motion was made by Marshall/Meeker to introduce Local Law A of 2024, as well as the Short Environmental Assessment Form, with a Roll Call Vote: Fort: Yes; Marshall: Yes; Meeker: Yes; Shea: Absent; Stepanski: Yes.

Marris then introduced Local Law No. B-2024, relating to the ability of the Town of Stockbridge to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Stockbridge pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Stockbridge to adopt a Town budget for the fiscal year 2025 in excess of the "tax levy limit," if necessary. Motion made by Marshall/Meeker to introduce Local Law No. B-2024, relating to the ability of the Town of Stockbridge to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Stockbridge pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Stockbridge to adopt a Town budget for the fiscal year 2025 in excess of the "tax levy limit," if necessary, with a Roll Call Vote: Fort: Yes; Marshall: Yes; Meeker: Yes; Shea: Absent; Stepanski: Yes.

Marris also introduced Local Law No. C-2024, titled "A Local Enacting A Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 466-A." Motion made by Marshall/Meeker to introduce "Local Law No. C-2024, titled "A Local Enacting A Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 466-A," with a Roll Call Vote: Fort: Yes; Marshall: Yes; Meeker: Yes; Shea: Absent; Stepanski: Yes.

Stepanski would also like to schedule the public hearing for the 2025 Budget for November 4 at 7:45 PM, or thereafter, motion made by Marshall/Meeker to schedule the Public Hearing, all in favor. Cami will post notice on the signboard, website and Legal Notice in the newspaper for all four.

Supervisor Stepanski also had a Budget Mod to transfer monies. Motion made by Marshall/Meeker to accept the Budget Mod with a Roll Call Vote: Fort: Yes; Marshall: Yes; Meeker: Yes; Shea: Absent; Stepanski: Yes. Stepanski would like to set up the Budget workshop for October 23rd at 7 pm, all in favor.

Motion was made by Marshall/Meeker to pay bills. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm on motion of Marshall/Meeker. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cami L. Kiehn, Town Clerk