

November 6, 2014

A Public Hearing was held Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the Newfield Town Hall for the purpose of allowing the public to comment on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2014 to override the tax levy limit. Present were: Supervisor Hart, Councilperson Laughlin and Councilperson Powers. There were also six others in attendance. Councilpersons James and Trask were absent.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Hart.

Supervisor Hart read proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2014 “**Local Law No 3 of the year 2014**”

Town of Newfield, County of Tompkins

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c for fiscal year 2015.

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 Newfield, County of Tompkins pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Newfield, County of Tompkins to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2014 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 sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Newfield, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified 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.

Supervisor Hart stated that at this point the proposed 2015 Newfield Town Budget was under the Tax Cap.

Public Comment:

Jeff Golden: commented that this law had been passed each year.

Brenda Lapp: commented that some of the budget lines being under budgeted in past years and did not seem to be raised this year. Supervisor Hart and the Town Bookkeeper clarified the situation concerning this with corrections advised by the accounting firm of Ciaschi, Dieters Hagin , Little and Mickelson.

There being no further comment from the public Supervisor Hart called the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3- 2014 to a close at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

November 11, 2014

Karen Miller Kenerson , Town Clerk