

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Mayfield Town Board was held on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the Mayfield Municipal Complex, 28 N. School St. Mayfield NY 12117. The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Richard Argotsinger with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Argotsinger  
Councilman Vincent Coletti  
Councilwoman Melissa Mazzarelli  
Councilwoman Roberta Ricciardi  
Councilman Thomas Ruliffson

ALSO PRESENT: Highway Superintendent Jeff Martin, Jack Putman, Ralph Desiderio, David Jones.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CEO/BI – Absent – no report

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Highway Superintendent Jeff Martin submitted his report stating all the paving is complete for \$140,000 and the paved roads have already been shouldered. Ditching and cutting shoulders back, and completing second round of mowing which will probably be the last. Still working with FEMA and all of the projects are done except Gray Rd. Water main leak and power problem have been fixed. When weather cools trees will be trimmed that are hanging over roadways with the use of the Gloversville Waterworks bucket truck. There is one new hire with one part time position left to fill. The Highway Department has no fire alarms at that location. Oil changes and routine maintenance for winter months will start soon.

RES #121 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the hiring of one part time employee.

Discussion about the ditches and signs on Gray Rd and the flag pole or lack of at the court/highway department. The Highway Department will pressure wash the court building at the request of Justice Papa.

SUPERVISORS REPORT – Supervisor Richard Argotsinger submitted his report stating that sales tax was only down by just over \$ 9,000 which the projected loss was approximately \$ 100,000. Met with Morlex Solar to discuss projects in the area including a 900 acre project in Perth. Workman’s Comp is up as expected. Letter From Ron Schur about kids jumping off the School Street Bridge into the lake. Spoke with the Town of Northampton about the purchase of a safe owned by them.

RES #122 On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Ricciardi the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the purchase of a safe from the Town of Northampton not to exceed \$ 1500.

OLD BUSINESS

INVENTORY – Councilman Coletti stated that the inventory is almost complete with only a few departments left to be completed.

ACCOUNTING OF THE RECORDS – Councilwoman Mazzarelli and Councilwoman Ricciardi have the Bookkeeper and the Clerk to finish.

## NEW BUSINESS

LIGHTING – Discussion about the lighting contract at the State Highway 30 and 30A roundabout.

RES #123 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract for the State Highway 30 and 30A roundabout on approval by the Town Attorney.

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE – The Clerk was notified that the New York State Archives is revising and consolidating its local government records retention and it must be adopted before utilizing the schedule. The new retention schedule was available August 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

RES #124 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board adopts the new Records Retention Schedule.

## OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Please take notice that the Mayfield Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Mayfield Municipal Complex, 28 N. School St. Mayfield NY 12117 to receive comments regarding proposed Local Law #3 of 2020 to Authorize Overriding of the State – Mandated Tax Levy Limit for the 2021 Town Budget. July 27, 2020. Nancy Parker, Town Clerk, Town of Mayfield

Ralph Desiderio questioned the Board as to why a local law was needed and how much the tax projection is. Supervisor Argotsinger stated that the Local Law is in place as a precautionary measure. The Public Hearing was left open while Town Business continued.

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET – The meeting with Spectrum was postponed.

CEMETERY – Discussion on placement of grave stones. The Cemetery Committee will personally look and address the issue at the next meeting.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – Lengthy discussions about the contract negotiations will need to take place and will be done in a special meeting.

RES #125 On motion by Supervisor Argotsinger, seconded by Councilman Coletti the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board will hold a Special Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Mayfield Municipal Complex, 28 N. School St. Mayfield NY 12117.

## APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

RES #126 On motion by Councilman Coletti, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the appointment of Tom Perham as a Highway Department Employee.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES #127 On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilman Coletti following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the minutes from the July 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting.

A lengthy discussion about the spending freeze that was discussed in May.

RES #128 On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilman Coletti following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board rescinds the sentence from resolution #89 of May 2020 stating “All expenditures must be submitted to the Board for approval prior to purchase” to allow for purchases to be made from the contingency funds.

## APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

RES #129 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Coletti following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves the payment of vouchers in the following accounts for abstract #8 of 2020.

A.	GENERAL TOWNWIDE	\$10,157.21
B.	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$1,883.24
DA.	HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE	\$9,134.55
DB.	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$143,885.01

CLERKS REPORT – The Clerks report was submitted with fees collected in the A account of \$2,012.50 and the B account of \$885.00.

Lengthy discussion about what is considered town property for inventory purposes.

RES #130 On motion by Councilwoman Mazzarelli, seconded by Councilwoman Ricciardi the following resolution was adopted 3 AYES (Argotsinger, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi) 2 NAYS (Coletti, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board approves all equipment purchases over \$50.00 will be considered inventory starting in 2021, with and additional equipment purchases from August 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 to also be added to the inventory.

Discussion about upcoming court case with the assessor.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Putman suggested a moment of silence for a past Town Board member and the Board observed a moment of silence for Ron Taggart who served 1997-1998.

Ralph Desiderio asked if more paving could be done since the sales tax was higher than expected. The sales tax check will arrive after the good paving weather is over.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 7:50 PM

RES 131 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Coletti following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board adopts Local Law No. 3 of 2020

Town of Mayfield Local Law No. 3 of the year 2020 by Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Argotsinger	AYE
Councilman Coletti	AYE
Councilwoman Ricciardi	AYE
Councilman Ruliffson	AYE
Councilwoman Mazzarelli	AYE

A local law To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3 – c for Calendar Year 2021. Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Mayfield as follows:

The Text of this Local Law is annexed hereto.

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2020

Town of Mayfield, County of Fulton

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 Mayfield 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 Mayfield pursuant to the General Municipal Law 3 – c, and to allow the Town of Mayfield to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020 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 cap 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 Mayfield, County of Fulton is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2021 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed 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 judgement 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 of order shall be rendered.

## Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

## REMINDERS

WORKSHOP MEETING AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> IF NEEDED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

VOUCHERS DUE SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

## EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

RES #132 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Coletti following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board entered Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

RES #133 On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Coletti following resolution was adopted 5 AYES (Argotsinger, Coletti, Mazzarelli, Ricciardi, Ruliffson)

RESOLVED that the Mayfield Town Board exited Executive Session at 8:38 PM

On motion by Councilwoman Ricciardi, seconded by Councilman Ruliffson the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Parker

Town Clerk/RMO