

**TOWN OF GREIG
GREIG TOWN BOARD
OCTOBER 2014 REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing allowing comment on a proposed Local Law to Override the 2015 Tax Cap was opened by Deputy Supervisor Mayhew at 5:47pm in the Meeting Room at 5186 Greig Rd.

Present: Councilman Mallette and Arthur, Deputy Supervisor Mayhew, Supt. Watson, Clerk Gunn and Attorney Gebo

Mr. Mayhew read the proposed local law and asked for discussion. Mr. Mayhew stated the use of proposed law is not expected to be needed because Supervisor Patterson told him current budget discussions demonstrate the Town will be able to operate within the State requirements. Attorney Gebo stated the law would be a safety measure in case any last minute changes to the plan occur and the Town would need to exceed the State imposed levy increase limit of about 1.6%. No members of the public chose to speak. Mr. Mayhew asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion 14-10-01: made by Councilman Mallette Seconded by Arthur

Close Public Hearing at 5:55pm, and open regular meeting.

Vote:

Mayhew	Aye	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Absent	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Absent		

Motion Passed

Call to Order

The October Regular meeting of the Greig Town Board called to order by Deputy Supervisor Mayhew at 5:55PM in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall at 5186 Greig Rd.

Roll Call

Present: Councilman Arthur, Mayhew and Mallette, Supt. Watson, Clerk Gunn and Attorney Gebo. Codes Officer Meade also present. Mr. Mayhew will conduct the meeting as Deputy Supervisor.

Approval of Minutes

Deputy Supervisor stated minutes for the September meetings have been mailed in advance and asked for a motion to accept if no further modifications were required.

Councilman Mallette stated the last page of the minutes appeared to have been left out of the mailed items. Clerk Gunn assured him it was an over site and the last page only contained the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion 14-10-02: made by Councilman Mallette Seconded by Arthur

Approve minutes from September meetings.

Vote:

Mayhew	Aye	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Absent	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Absent		

Motion Passed

Board Reports

Codes Officer Meade presented the summary of the minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Boards, his monthly summary of activities and a brief discussion of code enforcement issues. The owner of the aged trailer beside Dywer Pond along the Partridgeville Rd. will have it removed. Also the owner of an older small camper style trailer, which has been stored too close to the property line along Lake House Road, will contract to have it removed. The APA Representatives have been in the area this past month reviewing some complaints they had received. Mr. Meade handed out proposed changes to the town zoning law as prepared by the Planning Board. He asked for Town Board review and comment. Mr. Meade's reports are available on the Town Website.

Town Attorney

Attorney Gebo observed the house next to the the Town Barn has not been removed. Supt. Watson stated the vendor has actually started work and has equipment on the property.

Mr. Gebo stated that the case involving Mr. Smoke's challenge of the Planning Board decisions will occur in State Court in Lowville on October 21st at 10:30am.

Discussions were had about the boat launch invasive species disposal boxes, which were constructed by the Lewis County Soil and Water District. Mr. Mayhew had pictures of the devices. Mr. Watson stated one has been installed at the boat launch area across the bridge on the Burdicks Crossing Road. Concerns were raised about the amount of space available at the Brantingham boat launch. The board will wait for Mrs. Patterson to follow-up with Soil and Water.

Resident Presentation to the Board

Deputy Mayhew invited Mrs. Denise Erwin, Beaver Dam Road to present any issues she may have to the board. Mrs. Erwin wanted to comment on the edges of the Brantingham Rd. She feels there has been an “edge” condition created by the recent repaving activity. This edge is where the new blacktop ends and the shoulder begins. It is too much of an edge and she feels it may create an unsafe condition. Superintendent Watson told her the road is maintained by the county and the condition will change with time and the use of snow plows in the winter.

Mrs. Erwin then described a condition on a town road that has had her concerned and has caused her fear and worry. The “downhill/uphill” area on the Steam Mill Rd, just past the Golf Course Clubhouse where the water leaving Brantingham and entering Lake of the Pines crosses under the road, needs

guard rails. It is her opinion that this is an accident waiting to happen. It seems too easy for a car to leave the road and end up in the water.

Mr. Mayhew indicated the roads are the Superintendent's responsibility. Mr. Watson stated the roads have been that way for at least 30 years and there has not been a problem to date. If he were to place guard rails there, it would create another problem because it would narrow the roadway, making pedestrian and bike travel more difficult and impede plowing the road.

Mrs. Erwin stated the potential for accident is too much to ignore and requested more concern about this area and condition.

Each councilman stated they have traveled across that place infrequently, but have failed to have the same reaction Mrs. Erwin described. They each pledged they would revisit the area and have follow-up discussions with Superintendent Watson.

Mrs. Erwin was thanked for bringing her concern to the Town Board.

Old Business

Motion 14-10-03: made by Councilman Mallette Seconded by Arthur

Approve Local Law 2014-01

Local Law No. 1 - 2014

Town of Greig, County of Lewis

A local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent. It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Greig to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 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 a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override. The Board of Trustees of the Town of Greig, County of Lewis, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability. If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, 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.

Adoption requires 60% approval.

Roll call vote:

Vote:

Mayhew	Aye	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Absent	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Absent		

Motion Passed

Highway Superintendent Report

Cemetery fencing project at the Brantingham Cemetery is complete.

The town crew has put up sand, in preparation for winter.

Placing gravel on some of the dirt roads in preparation for winter has begun.

The check from the insurance company for the truck involved in the recent accident has been received.

Mr. Watson complained that lack of up-to-date financial reports has him concerned about his budgetary position within his accounts and has him fearful of spending on accounts without funds available. Also the information about the 3G Fire Department Contract was incorrect. There needs to be a new contract for 2015.

Supervisor Report

There was no financial report from the Supervisor.

Clerk Report

Clerk/Collector Gunn reported September activity:

2 Dog Licenses for \$26.00, 12 Building Permits from the Code Officer for \$1345.20 and 3 Marriage Licenses for \$52.50. \$1423.70 paid to General Fund, \$4.00 to State Animal Population Control and \$67.50 to State Health Dept. Total collected and paid - \$1495.20

Motion 14-10-04: made by Councilman Arthur, Seconded by Mallette

Accept the Clerk's report

Vote:

Mayhew	Aye	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Absent	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Absent		

Motion Passed

Review September 2014 Warrants for Vendor Payments. \$10,201.45 General Fund and \$5352.09 Highway Fund

Motion 14-10-05: made by Councilman Arthur, Seconded by Mallette

Accept the Warrants

Vote:

Mayhew	Aye	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Absent	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Absent		

Motion Passed

Being no further business before the Board

Motion 14-10-06 made by Councilman Mallette, Second Arthur

Adjourn at 6:45pm

Vote:

Mayhew	Aye	Mallette	Aye
Knapp	Absent	Arthur	Aye
Patterson	Absent		

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Gunn, Clerk