

THE TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. AT 2948 ROUTE 209, WURTSBORO, N.Y. AND VIA ZOOM.

Present: Michael Robbins- Supervisor
John Rufer, Jr. – Deputy Supervisor - Councilman
Gary Forthoffer – Councilman
Peter Goodman – Councilman
Matthew Mordas - Councilman
Tyler Wood – Councilman
James Post - Councilman
J. Benjamin Gailey- Attorney for the Town
Jean M. Dougherty- Town Clerk

Also present: Lorrence Green – Planning Board Chairman
Kerron Barnes – Interagency Coordinator

Absent: Thomas Morrow – Highway Superintendent (storm duty)

Worksession Items for Discussion

1. Public Hearing - Amendment to Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers
2. Re-Appoint Kelly Teacher to MLDC Board for Term ending 2.13.26
3. Re-Appoint David Lybolt to MLDC Board for Term ending 2.13.26
4. Re-Appoint Fred Harding to MLDC Board for Term ending 2.13.26
5. Short Term Rental Workshop
6. Backhoe Purchase for Highway

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

➤ The February 21, 2023 meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING - Amendment to Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers.

A motion was made by M. Mordas, seconded by P. Goodman to open the public hearing. All in favor.

Public Comment

- C. Leser is in support of the exemption and asked the members of the board who are EMS members for their opinions.
- D. Lybolt asked if the exemption was 10% of the assessment
- Alicia Miller asked if the board could add a disabilities exemption to the law.
- Jeff, Mamakating Ambulance added that the volunteers are the backbone of the organizations.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by T. Wood and seconded by J. Rufer. All in favor.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The department has been cleaning in and around the shop area; clearing debris and dirt that has built up over the last several years.
- Crews continue to go around the town and cleaning the ditches of debris, additionally crews have been going around utilizing the limb lopper taking care of dead trees and limbs before they fall into the roadway.
- I would appreciate the board's consideration in regards to starting the permissive referendum for the purchase of a new backhoe utilizing the reserve equipment fund. We have a demo coming on the 27th and will give a more detailed report at the meeting on the 7th. If any board members have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- The Supervisor warned people to be on the lookout for people dumping on the side of the road. The highway department has been cleaning it up.
- Making changes on town building. Replacing floors and building dept. window has been installed.

ABSTRACTS

A motion was made by G. Forthoffer, seconded by T. Wood to approve the following abstract as presented: Abstract #4 (Voucher #20230211-20230311) in the amount of \$72,668.30. All in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

A motion was made by J. Rufer, seconded by M. Mordas to acknowledge the receipt of the Expenditures, Encumbrances & Appropriations Report, Revenues & Expenditures Report. All in favor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by M. Mordas, seconded by J. Rufer to accept the Minutes of February 7, 2023. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

**TOWN OF MAMAKATING
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023**

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law, entitled “Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers” was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Mamakating on February 7, 2023, and upon notice duly published and posted, a hearing was held on February 21, 2023, before the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, public discussion was heard at such hearing concerning the merits and environmental significance of said introductory local law,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the adoption of the introductory Local Law entitled “Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers” is a Type II action under SEQR and is determined not to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the introductory Local Law entitled “Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers” of the Town of Mamakating be and hereby is adopted as Local Law #2 of 2023 of the Town of Mamakating on February 21, 2023.

On the motion of Councilman Forthoffer, seconded by Councilman Rufer, the foregoing resolution was adopted on a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION TOWN OF MAMAKATING TOWN BOARD
EXPENDITURE FROM HIGHWAY VEHICLE
AND EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

WHEREAS: The Town Board previously established the Highway Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in order to accumulate monies to finance the cost of acquisition of vehicles and equipment for the Town Highway Department. At the Highway Superintendent’s recommendation, the Town Board approves the purchase of a backhoe loader from H.O. Penn in the amount of \$164,000.00 to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the withdrawal and expenditure of \$164,000.00 from the Highway Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a backhoe loader from H.O. Penn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

On a motion by Councilperson Mordas, seconded by Councilperson Rufer, this Resolution is adopted on a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTIONS (cont.)

- A motion was made by P. Goodman, seconded by M. Mordas to approve the Re-Appointment of Kelly Teacher to MLDC Board for Term ending 2.13.26. All in favor.
- A motion was made by P. Goodman, seconded by M. Mordas to approve the Re-Appointment of David Lybolt to MLDC Board for Term ending 2.13.26. All in favor.
- A motion was made by M. Mordas, seconded by G. Forthoffer to approve the Re-Appointment of Fred Harding to MLDC Board for Term ending 2.13.26. All in favor.
- A motion was made by M. Mordas and seconded by J. Rufer to set a Short Term Rental Workshop for March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION – Donna Consolo, Director

Working on Easter Event for 4/1/23

Taking summer camp applications for Counselors & Nurses

Planning permits & special events for camp

WARD MEETINGS

- M. Mordas announced a Ward 3 meeting on Wednesday, March 8th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- J. Rufer's Ward 1 meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- P. Goodman announced that Narcon training will be scheduled for town hall employees. Date to be determined.
- M. Robbins reported that \$8,800.00 in interest has been earned thus far from NYClass. Rate is currently at 4.39%.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by M. Mordas, seconded by T. Wood. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jean M. Dougherty, Town Clerk

