

Present: Supervisor S. Broderick; Councilmembers A. Bax, B. Geiben, J. Jacoby & R. Morreale; Finance Director J. Agnello; Budget Consultant M. Blazick; Chief Previte; Attorney Brian Seaman; Dep. Clerk C. Schroeder; 2 residents

Excused: Attorney R. Parisi

The Supervisor called the Public Hearings to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Broderick said there would be one addition to the agenda to accept a proposal to grind and remove wood brush and chips from the Highway Garage.

Public Hearing #1:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lewiston on the 5th day of November, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 1375 Ridge Road, Lewiston, NY on the adoption of a proposed Local law entitled, "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c," an abstract of which is as follows:

Said Local Law will allow the Town of Lewiston to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2019, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

The complete text of said law is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk, and is available for review by any interested person during business hours.

At such public hearing, all persons interested, who wish to be heard, will be heard.

Dated: October 22, 2018

The Supervisor asked for public comments.

Paulette Glasgow, The Circle, said this law establishes limits on the annual growth of property taxes. She had a list of questions with regard to this:

- 1) How much over the 2% will there be for taxing property owners for 2019?
- 2) How much in dollars does will an individual property owner be paying based on this percentage increase in 2019?
- 3) Will every property owner in Lewiston be paying a property tax in 2019?
- 4) In the Preliminary Budget under the amount to be raised by taxes, there is a figure of \$616.107 to be raised by taxes in the A-Fund. But, there is no figure in the B-Fund. Because there is no figure in the B-Fund, does this mean that only Town residents will have a property tax in 2019?
- 5) On page 9, Tax Levy Comparison, under rate of percentage change, can you explain what the 12.9% stands for?

Marjorie Maggard, Garlow Road, said she is on Social Security. The 2% we are getting for Social Security is going back into medical bills. I don't know where you guys think this money is coming from. I understand you have a budget but think about us.

Bax MOVED to close the public hearing. Seconded by Geiben and carried 5-0.

Broderick asked if anyone wanted to address Glasgow's comments.

As far as the percentage of going over the tax cap, Agnello said it is hard to narrow it to one figure. It depends on where the property is located. All the districts, i.e. general tax and special districts have different changes. Some are going up and some are going down.

As for the 12.9 percentage, Broderick said its \$50 per \$90,000 of assessed value. Blazick said that depends on where the property is located. Going by percentages is very deceptive and relative to the original tax.

Broderick said one of the things they did for 2019 is move the library from the B-Fund to the A-Fund. The Village was not included in that tax before but now it's going to be. That is required by law to be in the A-Fund. It's been in the B-Fund for years, Blazick said.

Broderick said the biggest increase in the budget is the water project. It is a \$10,200,000 project.

Public Hearing #2:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Lewiston for the fiscal year 2019, including general town funds, highway funds, fire protection district funds, and lighting district funds has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lewiston, 1375 Ridge Road, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal office hours.

The Town Board of the Town of Lewiston will hold a public hearing on said Preliminary Budget on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Lewiston Town Hall. At such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The following are the proposed 2019 salaries of certain Town Officers of the Town of Lewiston.

Supervisor	\$41,906
Council Members (4)	\$13,856
Highway Superintendent	\$70,181
Town Clerk	\$63,436
Town Justices (2)	\$27,399

By order of the Town Board,
October 22, 2018

The Supervisor asked for public comments.

Paulette Glasgow, said the State Comptroller has long encouraged local governments to develop and implement a multi-year capital plan project or process. Such a process identifies equipment needs, and incorporates a process for prioritizing projects and includes a maintenance cycle to sustain annual capital needs. Such a process should be part of the annual budget process.

Geiben noted that 30 years ago when they had a sewer project, that was the plan to have money set aside in Capital Funds every year. Somewhere along the way, that disappeared. When the Fund Balance gets so high, the best thing to do is put it into infrastructure. Hopefully this Board and future Boards will embrace that theory; instead of allowing it to get to the point where you have to have a \$10,000,000 project.

Geiben MOVED to close the public hearing. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Lastly, Broderick said the Highway Supt. is asking the Board to accept the proposal to grind and remove wood brush and chips. Three (3) sealed bids were received. The low bid was from Lardon Construction Corp. in the amount of \$54,648.00. Other bids included Zoladz Construction – \$85,340 and Villani’s Lawn & Landscape – \$86,900.

Broderick MOVED to accept the proposal from Lardon Construction Corp. in the amount of \$54,648.00 for grinding and hauling wood debris. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0.

Agnello said she made a change to the Preliminary Budget. It is a change in the B-Fund coming from appropriated Fund Balance to allow the Fire Bureau to obtain the BAS software system in the amount of \$11,000.00.

Geiben MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Bax and carried 5-0. Time: 6:18 p.m.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by

Carole N. Schroeder
Deputy Town Clerk