

Public Hearing & Regular Monthly Meeting March 25, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Central Square held a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. and its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the 25th day of March 2024 at the Village Municipal Building, 3125 East Avenue.

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman, Mike Hart, & Jim Turo

Village Staff Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, DPW Superintendent George McCormick, Police Chief Ed Carroll,

Others in Attendance: Maryellen Commisso, Village Planning Board Chairwoman

6:45 P.M. THE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: To hear public comment on Local Lw No. 1 of 2024 to Override the State Real Property Tax Cap for 2024-2025 as follows:

LOCAL LAW 2024-1 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL SECTION 3-C (THE "PROPERTY TAX CAP")

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Central Square, County of Oswego, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Central Square, County of Oswego, pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and to allow the Village of Central Square, County of Oswego, to adopt a Village budget for (a) Village purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement districts governed by the Village Board for the fiscal year 2024-2025 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 Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Village Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Village Board of the Village of Central Square, Couty of Oswego, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 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 is 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.

Public Hearing Comment: No persons spoke against the Local Law and the hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m. upon motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and approved unanimously.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests in attendance. Trustee Turo led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Resolution Enacting Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2024: Upon motion by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon, the Board approved and enacted Local Law No. of the Year 2024. Poll vote: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, a Local Law has been introduced before the Board to wit: Local Law 2024-1, entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c (the "Property Tax Cap"), the text of which is as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2024, the Village Board held a public hearing regarding the proposed Local Law and no one spoke against the proposed Local Law;

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to enact the proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law 2024-1 is hereby approved and enacted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is directed to file Local Law 2024-1 with the Secretary of State within 20 days of the date set forth herein.

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House shared an email he received from Brandi Anderson, Vice President of the Central Square Little League. The Little League would like to start their opening day with a parade at 9:00 a.m. on May 4th from the high school parking lot on Route 12 to their field behind Divine Mercy Parish. Mayor House added that the League extended an invitation to the

Village Board to join the parade and Police Chief Carroll is aware of the of the event.

Mayor House let it be known that the Planning Board has been working on the 2013 Comprehensive Plan and the Village Board will be hiring a new cemetery laborer to replace Mike Supernault who is resigning as of April 5th.

Deputy Mayor Murphy reported on a meeting with Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck and Grant Writer Kristy LaManche regarding the grant application to be submitted to the Shineman Foundation seeking \$26,500 in funds to construct a new ADA compliant playground at Goettel Park estimated to cost \$50,000.00. It will feature equipment that will allow children with limited abilities to watch their family and friends play. Other sponsors of the project include the John & Doris Hasto Family donation of \$15,000.00, Lions Club of Central Square \$4,500.00 and the Village of Central Square \$4,000.00 plus labor costs of the DPW to remove the old equipment. The Village should hear next month if a grant is awarded.

Murphy said, weather permitting, the Hillside Cemetery should be opening soon with Kevin Hayward rejoining the village work force.

Murphy reminded the Board of the quarterly Oswego County Mayors Dinner Meeting to be held at the 916 Riverside Restaurant (formerly The Castaways) on County Route 37 on April 11th. Amanda Mazzoni from the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPB) will be the guest speaker to share information on energy savings and grant funding available to municipalities to achieve those savings.

Murphy brought up the email the Board received from Kristi Mangine telling of the 9th Annual NY Run for the fallen military heroes and will be running through the village of Central Square. She is requesting permission to use the Goettel Parking lot on June 6th from approximately 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a brief ceremony to call out the hero's names which was approved and the park fee waived by motion from Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy

Mayor Murphy-yes Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Murphy shared a list of bills Assembly Will Barclay is sponsoring to address criminal justice reforms and suggested talks with Kristy LaManche to discuss other grant opportunities like court security, recording equipment for the Planning Board and record storage for the Village Clerk's Office.

Trustee Sherman had no business to bring before the Board.

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DPW Supervisor George McCormick reported the mowers are getting ready for the parks and cemetery. Gordon Longley was interviewed for the cemetery labor position being vacated by the resignation of Mike Supernault. Longley has a CDL license, some computer skills and only needs health insurance for himself. The Board accepted the resignation of Mike Supernault upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously. The Board also approved the hiring of Gordon Longley to start April 8th at \$18.50 an hour and 90 days probation upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Reporting on the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) McCormick noted the UV System is ready to go online, control panels have been ordered for Green Acres and Mallory Pump Stations, Andy Veley passed the test for his Grade 2A certification for WWTP Operator, and a decision has to be made by the Board regarding a head operator due to the resignation of Robet Smith.

Police Chief Ed Carroll requested permission for one of his officers to use a police vehicle to attend a two-day breath test operator class in Binghamton, which was approved by motion from Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously. The Officer is personally paying for the class and is not expecting to be paid to attend.

Citizens' Concerns

There were no citizen concerns.

Old Business

Sanitary Sewer Permit Fees - The Board approved to increase the permit fees where a tap is shown on sewer as built and exists as listed below upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Residential – from \$100.00 to \$200.00

Commercial – from \$125.00 to \$250.00

Industrial – from \$150.00 to \$300.00

Where a tap is made from a lateral to the property line, the fee will remain at \$550.00.

New Business

Planning Board Chairwoman Mary Ellen Commisso presented a letter to the Board requesting that the changes made to the 2013 Comprehensive Plan be adopted as the 2024 Comprehensive Plan and be sent to Oswego County and New York State to be updated which was approved upon

motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Modification – The Board approved a General Fund budget modification in the amount of \$28,180.52 upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously. The modification was necessary due to CHIPS Highway expenditure being higher than the \$35,000.00 budgeted in CHIPS revenues. The total received was \$63,180.52 for an increase of \$28,180.52.

Regular Monthly Business

Previous Minutes – Minutes from March 11, 2024, as written and submitted by Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz were approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Vouchers – Vouchers listed on Abstract #36 totaling \$26,70.72 were approved for payment as listed below upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo yes. The motion carried unanimously.

- **General Fund** \$14,285.22
- **Sewer Fund** \$8,066.03
- **Water Fund** \$3,930.48
- **Capital Projects** \$288.99

Next Scheduled Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting will be held Wednesday April 10th due to the solar eclipse on Monday April 8th with a budget workshop prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

At 8:10 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by the Village Board April 10, 2024