

Town of Mount Morris
Special Meeting-Public Hearing
Preliminary Budget for the year 2025
Local Law No. 2- 2024
November 07, 2024

Present: Supervisor, David DiSalvo; Councilmember, Nate Guzzardi; Councilmember, Jeff Coniglio; Councilmember, Joseph Rawleigh

Also present: Accountant, Terri McKerrow; Town Clerk, Chelsey Woodworth; Deputy Town Clerk, Kaylee Leone

Excused: Deputy Supervisor, Don Huff

Others present: Village Mayor, Joel Mike; Karl and Johnna Schrier; Chad Woodworth; Nick Shea

At 6:00 PM, Supervisor DiSalvo opened the meeting at the Town Hall located at 103 Main Street Mount Morris, NY. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Village Mayor, Joel Mike

Supervisor DiSalvo then opened the Public Hearing for the 2025 Preliminary Budget and for **Local Law No.2-2024 a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.**

Supervisor DiSalvo asked the public if they had any comments regarding the 2025 budget. Village Mayor, Joel Mike asked a couple questions about the tax rate. Town Accountant, Terri McKerrow said that the tax rate is important but it's not the levy, and that's all we can control. Joel Mike asked why they were overriding the tax cap if the budget was within the limits. Supervisor DiSalvo said they are very close to going over and are passing the Local Law to play it safe. Joel Mike asked about the intermunicipal agreement between the Town and Village. Supervisor DiSalvo said that the Town will send it over January 1st.

Councilmember Rawleigh asked about the new number they received from the county and if it was in the preliminary budget. Terri said yes, she incorporated it into the miscellaneous fund.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Coniglio to close the public hearing for the 2025 Preliminary Budget.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion was made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to close the public hearing for **Local Law No.2-2024 a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.**

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

A motion was made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to adopt **Local Law No.2-2024 a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.**

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

**Town of Mt. Morris
Local Law No. 2 of the year 2024**

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Mt. Morris as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Town of Mt. Morris to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 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 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 Town Board of the Town of Mt. Morris, in the County of Livingston, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025 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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rawleigh, seconded by Councilmember Guzzardi to approve the budget for 2025 as written.

Vote: Aye 3 (DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Rawleigh)
 No 1 (Coniglio)
 Motion Carried

Councilmember Coniglio stated he would like to give his reason for opposition. He said that he agreed to all the cuts that were made. He continued to say they cut \$50,000 from ambulance and are having the ambulance go dark for one shift, removing the Highway Superintendent's Secretary, cutting half a year for Equipment Motor Operator. He went on to say that they are cutting a job and a half and going dark on the ambulance. He didn't feel that raises should be given with making these types of cuts and thinks that raises should wait until next year when the Town will have a surplus of money.

Supervisor DiSalvo said thank you for your comments and then addressed the public and said the vote is 3-1 so the Town Budget for the year 2025 has passed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Guzzardi, seconded by Councilmember Rawleigh to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Aye 4 (DiSalvo, Guzzardi, Coniglio, Rawleigh)
 No 0
 Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chelsey Woodworth
Town Clerk/Tax Collector