

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held September 27, 2023, at the Long Lake Town Hall at 07:00 PM and called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and a prayer by Councilman Clark Seaman. Sixteen people attended.

Roll Call: Members present:

Clay J. Arsenault	Supervisor
Mark A. Bird	Councilman
Thomas L. Donnelly	Councilman
Richard B. Dechene	Councilman
Clark J. Seaman	Councilman

Attending for the Town as well were the Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, Matthew Newby, the First Deputy Town Clerk, Amber Wamback, and the Town Attorney, Carl Ferrentino.

There was a quorum to conduct the business of the Long Lake Town Board.

BOARD APPROVALS

Motion by Councilman Dechene, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to accept the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes for August 30th, 2023.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

Motion by Councilman Dechene, seconded by Councilman Bird to accept the September 20th Special Meetings minutes.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

Motion by Councilman Seaman, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to pay encumbrances as listed on Abstract #9, September 2023.

Bills as listed on abstract 9

General Fund #A 0746 – A 0834	in the amount of	\$95,972.56
Highway Fund #D 147 – D 168	in the amount of	43,553.72
Water District 1 #SW1 114- SW1 122	in the amount of	2,157.76
Water District 2 #SW2 225 - SW2 252	in the amount of	82,391.74

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Expenditure and Revenue Reports- the reports in the Board's packets were a temporary format, Bonadio is finishing setting up a chart of accounts in their software. The Business Office is working with Bonadio to get everything set up correctly.

Bulk Storage Permit for the fuel oil tank at the Town Hall has been renewed.

Big Sandy- CHA has examined the Big Sandy Reservoir Dam and determined that an interim maintenance project can make the dam safe to use for the time being, it will give the Town the ability to store water for emergency back-up before winter sets in.

Access Road to the big reservoir- Lenny Croot, from Hamilton County Soil and Water determined that replacement of the bridge on the access road to the big reservoir is needed. Tracy Elderidge, from Hamilton County DPW estimates it will cost about \$30,000, Supervisor Arsenault would like Andy Bell to take a closer look at it and get his professional assessment.

Jennings Park Pond Dam- CHA and their dam engineer have suggested that a complete replacement of the Dam and spill way will be cheaper in the long run. The current dam is not usable and not worth trying to save.

Recovery Scoping Meeting- Supervisor Arsenault met with FEMA and NYS Dept. of Homeland Security Emergency Services on Friday September 22nd. The meeting was to start categorizing the different individual projects that make up the recovery effort from the July 10th storm. Many small fixes have been made but are only temporary and require separate tracking from the permanent fixes.

Buck Mountain Fire Tower- the grand opening of the Buck Mountain Fire Tower took place on September 15th.

Long Lake Historical Society- The Long Lake Historical Society has asked for storage space; Supervisor Arsenault is allowing them to temporarily use the upstairs of the old fire hall at the Town Hall. Colleen Smith will be responsible for access to the temporary storage space. There will be a marked off area for the Long Lake Historical Society. Supervisor Arsenault asked Town Attorney, Carl Ferrentino to draw up an agreement to memorialize.

Municipal parking lot next to the Catholic Church has been being used for long term storage,

and the Town was “gifted” with an abandoned RV trailer. A discussion needs to take place in the future about creating an ordinance or adding something to the Town Code to regulate the use of the Municipal Parking Lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Budget

Amber Wambach, First Deputy Town Clerk presented the Town Board with the Town of Long Lake Tentative Budget for 2024. Budget meetings will be held every Wednesday during the month of October starting October 4th, at 7:00 PM at the Long Lake Town Hall.

RESOLUTION TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH BELL ENGINEERING TO DESIGN A PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR THE SHAW BROOK CROSSING TO THE TOWN RESERVOIR

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake recognizes the need for a professional, well experienced, and capable Engineer to design a permanent structure to cross Shaw Brook for access to Reservoir Road and the Town Reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, Bell Engineering is the Hamilton County Engineer and has designed many such crossings for the County; and

WHEREAS, Bell Engineering has presented the Town with an agreement to provide this service at the rate of \$220/hr for Professional Engineer and \$110/hr for CADD Drafter until December 31, 2023; and \$240/hr for Professional Engineer and \$120/hr for CADD Drafter after January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bell Engineering will agree to meet with the Town Supervisor to agree on the scope of work prior to work commencing; and

WHEREAS, Bell Engineering will agree to design the bridge for AASHTO HS-25 live load standards;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, Hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Engineering Agreement with Bell Engineering to provide professional engineering services to design a permanent crossing of Shaw Brook to access Reservoir Road and the Town Reservoirs.

Motion by Councilman Dechene, seconded by Councilman Seaman to approve the above resolution.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUEL OIL DELIVERY BID REQUEST DOCUMENTS AND PUBLISHING OF NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake requests bids annually for the delivery of fuel oil and kerosene for heating oil purposes; and

WHEREAS, language has been added to allow Hamilton County to “piggyback” on contracts resulting from this bid request; and

WHEREAS, these bid documents must be published to all Town approved media and posting locations;

WHEREAS, bid proposals must be received at the Town Clerk’s Office no later than 1:00 PM on October 20th, 2023;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, Hereby approves the content of the Fuel Oil Delivery Bid Request documents for Calendar Year 2024 and the publishing of the same.

Motion by Councilman Bird, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to approve the Fuel Oil Delivery Bid Request Documents and Publishing of the Same.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

***Clerk’s Note: The Fuel Oil Delivery Bid Request Documents are available for review at the Clerk’s Office during regular office hours.*

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPANE DELIVERY BID REQUEST DOCUMENTS AND PUBLISHING OF NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake requests bids annually for the delivery of propane for heating purposes; and

WHEREAS, language has been added to allow Hamilton County to “piggyback” on contracts resulting from this bid request; and

WHEREAS, these bid documents must be published to all Town approved media and posting locations;

WHEREAS, bid proposals must be received at the Town Clerk’s Office no later than 1:00 PM on October 20th, 2023;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, Hereby approves the content of the Propane Delivery Bid Request documents for Calendar Year 2024 and the publishing of the same.

Motion by Councilman Seaman, seconded by Councilman Bird to approve the Propane Delivery Bid Request Documents and Publishing of the Same.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

***Clerk's Note: The Propane Delivery Bid Request Documents are available for review at the Clerk's Office during regular office hours.*

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2023 TO OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C FOR THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE, HAMILTON COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Town of Long Lake Proposed Local Law-Introductory Number 4- of 2022

Proposed by Supervisor Clay Arsenault

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

Hearing Requested for Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Proposed Local Law - *Introductory Number 4-* of the year 2023.

Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County for Fiscal Year 2024.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake as follows:

Section 1. Title

The title of this Law shall be "Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County for Fiscal Year 2024."

Section 2. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Long Lake, County of Hamilton pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Long Lake, County of Hamilton to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the town board for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 3. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York and subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

Section 4. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, County of Hamilton is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

Section 5. 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 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 6. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**Authorizing Consideration, Public Notice, and Hearing by the Long Lake
Town Board for Proposed
Local Law-Introductory No. #4 of 2023**

WHEREAS, in reviewing the status of the tentative fiscal year 2024 budget, the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake has considered options and alternatives with respect to total proposed budget amounts with due consideration and under the public budgetary workshops to be held; and

WHEREAS, in the interests of affording flexibility to the Town to address necessary expenditures for Town purposes in fiscal year 2024 it may be warranted to enact a local law to **Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County for Fiscal Year 2024;**

WHEREAS, Town Supervisor, Clay Arsenault has duly introduced a proposed Local Law to **Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County for Fiscal Year 2024;**

WHEREAS, prior to enacting any local law, a public hearing shall be held to allow any person wishing to speak in favor or against the proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1- The Town Board of the Town of Long Lake hereby orders the Town Clerk to provide the necessary publication in the official newspaper of the Town and posting of public notice for a Hearing.
- 2- All parties in attendance to such hearing be permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of, or in opposition to, said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof on Wednesday, October 25th, 2023, 7:00 pm, at the scheduled place, the Long Lake Town Hall, preceding the Town Board's scheduled Town Board Meeting on that date.
- 3- Members of the public may submit written comments until that time of the hearing.
- 4-The full text of the proposed local law shall be made available for review on the Town's website and at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Motion by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Councilman Seaman to approve resolution to set a public hearing for Proposed Local Law 4 of 2023 Override of the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for the Town of Long Lake, Hamilton County for Fiscal Year 2024, October 25, 2023, at the Long Lake Town Hall at 7:00 PM and to have the Town Clerk publish notice of public hearing.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

COUNCILMAN COMMENT

Councilman Donnelly- Thanked all who helped with working on Buck Mountain Fire Tower and Trail.

Councilman Dechene- The south end of Long Lake is very dark at night, and it is hard to navigate by boat if your unfamiliar with the lake, could the State put some flashing buoys to help boaters navigate better?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Farrell thanked the water department for getting the permanent water lines to him and his neighbors.

Motion by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Councilman Bird to adjourn at 7:12 PM.

Adopted:	Clay J. Arsenault	Aye
	Mark A. Bird	Aye
	Thomas L. Donnelly	Aye
	Richard B. Dechene	Aye
	Clark J. Seaman	Aye

Attested by: _____



Amber L. Wamback, 1st Deputy Town Clerk