

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Long Lake, Hamilton County, New York was held October 25, 2023, at the Long Lake Town Hall at 07:02 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. Fifteen 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

Also in attendance: Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor, Matthew Newby, and First Deputy Town Clerk, Amber Wamback.

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 Regular Meeting minutes for September 27, 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 1st Budget Workshop minutes for October 04, 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 Seaman, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to accept the 2nd Budget Workshop Minutes for October 11, 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 Bird, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to pay encumbrances as listed on Abstract #10 for October 2023.

Bills as listed on abstract 10

General Fund #A 0835 – A 0907	in the amount of	\$113,268.26
Highway Fund #D 169 – D 183	in the amount of	17,951.26
Water District 1 #SW1 123- SW1 138	in the amount of	2,871.04
Water District 2 #SW2 253 - SW2 277	in the amount of	14,733.86

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 & Revenue reports were in board packets.

Bids- The Town did not receive any fuel oil or propane bids. The Town will advertise the bids again, the due date will be November 17th, 2023.

Jennings Park Pond- Matt, Paul and Town engineers have been meeting regularly with FEMA and NYS Emergency Services to input information into their systems. Rebuilding the Jennings Pond embankment could potentially put the Town in a serious amount of debt that the Town might not be fully reimbursed for. State Dam codes and standards have to be followed, permits will have to be filed, this will be a long process.

Supervisor Arsenault invited Paul Wilson to address the Board with FEMA updates.

Paul Wilson informed the Board that he and Matt have had video conferences every other week with a FEMA Program Delivery Manager (PDM) to learn and input cost data into the FEMA Grant Portal.

The damage inventory list is near completion, this list is used as a basis to create “projects”. These projects are then reviewed by FEMA and potentially funded based on criteria that use to evaluate projects such as; pre-existing conditions, documentation costs, use of contractors vs. Town labor, and project category A-G.

As projects are completed and costs documented, reports are entered into the portal with the aid from the FEMA PDM.

FEMA funding is done via reimbursement of costs, and a max of 75% reimbursement.

AGENDA

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2023: TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C FOR THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE, NEW YORK, HAMILTON COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Town of Long Lake

County of Hamilton

Local Law No. 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.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2023 TO OVERIRDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C FOR THE TOWN OF LONG LAKE, NEW YORK, HAMILTON COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Authorizing Adoption of Local Law No. # 4 of 2023

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on Wednesday, October 25th, 2023, at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall, Long Lake, New York to hear and receive written comment of all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled **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**, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in *Hamilton Express*, the official newspaper of said Town, on October 04, 2023, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was posted at various locations within the Town and made available on the Town's public web site, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on Wednesday, October 26th, 2022, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said Proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the public was invited to submit any written comment prior to board action to consider the proposed law, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) it has been determined by the Town Board that adoption of the proposed Local Law would not have a significant effect upon the environment and is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c)(20) as a "routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment" and could be processed by other applicable governmental agencies without further regard to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1-Local Law No. # 4 of 2023 entitled "**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", is hereby adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 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, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution,

2- The Town Board, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-C., and

3- The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Long Lake, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

Motion by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Councilman Seaman to adopt 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.

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

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 15TH, 7PM AT THE LONG LAKE TOWN HALL FOR THE 2024 TOWN BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town Board has accepted the 2024 Tentative Budget as the 2024 Preliminary Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board must hold a Public Hearing for the Preliminary Town Budget before it can be adopted as the Final 2024 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board must adopt the 2024 Town Budget by November 20th according to New York State Town Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk must publish a public notice of the Public Hearing and Special meeting;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake,

1. Hereby presents the 2024 Preliminary Budget to the Town Clerk
2. Hereby sets November 15th, 2023, 7PM, at the Long Lake Town Hall for the Public Hearing and Special Meeting for the 2024 Preliminary Budget
3. Hereby orders the Town Clerk to publish public notice of said Public Hearing and Special Meeting in all places of Public Notice for the Town of Long Lake.

TOWN OF LONG LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PRELIMINARY BUDGET for the Town of Long Lake for the fiscal year starting January 1, 2024, has been filed with the Town Clerk and is available for inspection during regular office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE that the Long Lake Town Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to review said budget on November 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM, at the Long Lake Town Hall 1204 Main Street. A Special Meeting of the Town Board will immediately follow the public hearing. Copies of the 2024 Preliminary Budget are available at the Long Lake Town Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Elected Officials are hereby specified:

Town Board Members, four, each \$5,669.66

Town Justices, two, each \$14,832.24

Sole Assessor, \$45,941.77

Town Clerk, \$45,941.77

Town Highway Superintendent, \$63,650.42

Town Supervisor, \$55,561.66

BY ORDER OF THE LONG LAKE TOWN BOARD

Amber L. Wamback, Deputy Town Clerk

Dated: October 25, 2023

Motion by Councilman Bird, seconded by Councilman Dechene to approve the resolution to hold a public hearing and special meeting on November 15th, 2023, 7PM at the Long Lake Town Hall and to approve publication of said public notice.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGING BOTH THE LONG LAKE AND RAQUETTE LAKE TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake has appointed the Town Highway Superintendent, Charles Farr as the Transfer Station Supervisor for the Town of Long Lake, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farr has recommended that the hours of operation during off-season months be reduced to save the Town money and allow the Transfer Station attendants two full days off each week, and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Stations operational off-season hours are currently 6 Days a week, 9AM-3PM;

WHEREAS, Mr. Farr has recommended changing the hours of operation during the off-season to Thursday- Monday each week, from 9AM-4PM.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake,

Hereby approve the setting of the off-season hours of operation of the Long Lake and Raquette Lake Transfer Station to 9AM-4PM, Thursday- Monday, between the dates of November 14th, 2023, until May 24, 2024. On May 24th, 2024, the hours of operation will revert to summer hours of operation, 9AM-4PM, seven days a week.

Motion by Councilman Seaman, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to approve the hours of operation change for the Long Lake and Raquette Lake Transfer Stations.

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

RESOLUTION TO SELECT A PROJECT SPECIFIC EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN SEEKING FUNDING THROUGH THE 2023 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP), CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CMAQ) PROGRAM, AND CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM (CRP) FUNDING FOR THE MAIN STREET (NYS ROUTE 30) SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Long Lake published a request for Expressions of Interest to seek funding application support, preliminary and final design, right-of-way acquisitions, construction support and construction inspection services for the Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Project will connect and upgrade the non-ADA-compliant existing sidewalk from School Road to the Long Lake Town Beach; and

WHEREAS, CHA Consulting was one of the three companies that submitted an expression of interest in this project,

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor, upon reviewing the three submissions with the Confidential secretary and Principal Account Clerk, finds that CHA is well qualified, and familiar with our needs in this project due to their other work with the Town of Long Lake; and

WHEREAS, therefore it is recommended by the Town Supervisor that the Town Board accept the Expression of Interest from CHA Consulting to work with the Town on this Project;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake,

Hereby accepts the Expression of Interest from CHA Consulting and to have CHA to assist the Town in seeking funding for this project, produce preliminary and final designs, assist with right-of-way acquisition, and provide construction support and construction inspection services for the Main Street Sidewalk Improvement Project to connect and upgrade the non-ADA-compliant existing sidewalk from School Road to the Long Lake Town Beach. Additionally, the Town Board hereby instructs the Town Supervisor to meet with CHA Consulting to determine the final contract scope of work, deliverable, and other items.

Motion by Councilman Seaman, seconded by Councilman Dechene 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 REQUEST THAT THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGION 2 WORK WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS TO SET SPEED LIMITS ON STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE HAMLET OF LONG LAKE

WHEREAS, the speed limits for State Highway Route 30 and Route 28 that pass through the Hamlet of Long Lake are set by New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, sections of these State Highways(s) are known as Main Street in the Hamlet of Long Lake that pass many municipal facilities, businesses, private residences, churches, and school; and

WHEREAS, NYS Department of Transportation Region 2 engineers recently completed a speed study and set new speed limits on certain sections of those Sate Highways; and

WHEREAS, the new speed zones are resulting in accident near-missed and resident complaints concerning safety; and

WHEREAS, NYS Troopes have suggest that the Town pass a resolution urging the NYS DOT Region 2 to complete a new speed study and work with local stakeholders in determining the speed limits on those State Highways Route 30 and 28 that pass through the Hamlet of Long Lake.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Long Lake,

1. Hereby enjoins the New York State Department of Transportation to acknowledge the reality that New York State Highways that bisect our small Hamlet function as our defacto Main Street. New York State Department of Transportation planners and engineers should work closely with the Town and other local stakeholders to ensure that these highways are designed and maintained to function as a vital Main Street with less focus on their function as high-traffic highways where they are within the Hamlet.
2. Hereby formally request that New York State Department of Transportation Region 2 meet with local stakeholders such as the Town of Long Lake, Long Lake Central School District, Long Lake Fire Department, local businesses, residents along the Route 30/28/28N corridor, New York State Troopers, and Hamilton County Sherrif Office. We ask that they reconsider speed limit zones on specific sections of the State Highways in and around the Hamlet of Long Lake to better ensure safety and environmental concerns of the property owners along the State Highways corridor.

Motion by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Councilman Donnelly to adopt the above resolution requesting that New York State Department of Transportation Region 2 complete a new speed study for the Hamlet of Long Lake and to work with stakeholders in determining the speed limits.

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

COUNCILMAN COMMENT

Councilman Dechene mentioned that the bridge work for Shaw Brook looks great but was wondering why the one side towards the Long Lake Diner wasn't done like the other three sides.

Supervisor Arsenault said he would look into it.

Deputy Town Clerk Comment

1st Deputy Town Clerk informed the Board that the December meeting is scheduled two days after Christmas and wanted to know if the Board would like to keep it for December 27th or move it to December 20th. The Board agreed that the December meeting should be moved to the week before the originally scheduled meeting December 20th, a resolution will be passed at the November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Farrel asked if the Town is required to build the causeway?

Supervisor Arsenault – Not that we are aware.

Brian Castler asked if the state did a speed study in the hamlet of Long Lake?

Supervisor Arsenault informed Mr. Castler that there was a study done.

Motion by Supervisor Arsenault, seconded by Councilman Seaman to adjourn at 7:30 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