

**TOWN OF HUME  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023  
7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hume Town Board; Allegany County; Fillmore, New York was held at the Town of Hume Museum/Courtroom. Officials in attendance were: Supervisor Darlene Mason, Councilmen Christopher Austin, Peter Hopkins (7:05), and Town Clerk Dawn Bentley, absent was Bruce Hinz.

Others in Attendance: Steve Thomas, Rose Marie Goi, Joel Stroud, Angela Babbitt, Herb Williams, Garrett Luckey, Stephan Schilke, Andy Peet

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mason

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by councilman Austin to accept September 13, 2022 meeting minutes as written.  
Second by Councilman Clark.            3 ayes            0 noes            So Carried

**LEGAL**

7:17 pm

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins to open Public Hearing regarding Local Law #1 to Override the Real Property Tax Cap Levy.  
4 ayes 0 noes            So Carried

Questions asked regarding Local #1:

How much are they going over? Board stated they don't think they will be going over, but they need to have the law in place just in case.

All questions answered by board, to most of everyone's satisfaction.

Motion made by Councilman Clark, Second by Councilman Hopkins to Pass Local Law #1 Tax Cap Override but will not exceed 2.5%.            4 ayes            0 noes            So Carried

7:50 pm

Motion made by Councilman Austin, Second by Councilman Hopkins to close the Public Hearing for Local law #1.            4 ayes            0 noes            So Carried

**SEE ATTACHED**

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Stephan Schilke – looking at parking in the Village of Hume Post Office – he is looking to possible purchase the building. Board will speak with Highway Superintendent and get back to him.

Angela Babbitt – would like sewer bill reduced because they had a pool leak and had to refill it twice in the last couple of weeks. Tabled until October meeting, as new water/sewer bills have not come out yet.

Andy Peet – still waiting for property to be fixed after water improvement project.

Steve Thomas – looking for when water might be going up Music Way. Darlene will talk to Shawn Bray.

Rose Marie Goi – Comprehensive plan meeting report – they worked on weaknesses and strengths – pretty much just a workshop.

**SUPERVISOR** – Darlene Mason

Fun Fest – Desperate for a new banner that stretches across Main Street. They have a quote for a 30' x 20' banner. After some discussion, maybe Funfest could pay a portion of the cost.

Motion made by Councilman Austin to pledge \$800 towards purchase of the new banner.  
Second by Councilman Hopkins. 3 ayes 0 noes 1 abstain (Darlene Mason) So Carried

8:22 pm

Supervisor Mason made motion to go into Executive Session, Second by Councilman Hopkins.  
4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

8:58 pm

Motion made by Councilman Austin to come out of Executive Session, Second by Councilman Hopkins 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Motion made by Councilman Austin to accept MRB new financial proposal, Second by Councilman Hopkins. 4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

Motion made by Councilman Austin to adjourn the meeting, Second by Supervisor Mason.  
4 ayes 0 noes So Carried

The above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Next meeting October 11, 2023 at the Town of Hume Museum/Courthouse @ 7:00 pm

Dawn Bentley  
Town Clerk

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2023**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP LEVY  
ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-c.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUME, as follows:

**Section 1. 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 Hume, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c, and to allow the Town of Hume to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2024 that requires a tax levy increase in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

**Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is 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 a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.**

The Town Board of the Town of Hume, County of Allegany, State of New York, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. This override is necessary to deal with the following increased costs:

- a. increased health insurance costs and other fringe benefit costs incurred pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the Town is obligated to pay pursuant to the State Taylor Law;
- b. increased wages for Town employees pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the Town is obligated to pay pursuant to the State Taylor Law;
- c. increased wages for non-union Town employees;
- d. to offset increased operating costs that impact critical and necessary operations of the Town of Hume; and
- e. to cover a possible shortfall in 2024 General Fund.

**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 adjudged 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 5. Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

