

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, in the Village Hall. Mayor Dodge opened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. Also present were Deputy Mayor Conley, Trustee Blumrick, Trustee McAvoy, Trustee Barr, Coordinator Bobbitt, Police Chief Swick, Sgt Johnson, and Clerk-Treasurer VanBuren.

Darren Burdick, Kellie LePard, and Renee' Holly-Eberhard also attended the meeting.

Trustee Blumrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Blumrick introduced the following proposed Local Law.

## **LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2024**

### **VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT**

### **COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW YORK**

#### **A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Middleport as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

It is the intent of this Local Law to allow the Village of Middleport to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2024, 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 Board of Trustees of the Village of Middleport is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2024, 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 the filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Conley, and seconded by Trustee Barr, to authorize a Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c" to be held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Village Hall. Carried, with all present voting aye.

The Board reviewed the projected revenues for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and General Fund. The projected revenue from sales tax for the upcoming fiscal year was set at \$315,000. This figure was reduced based on this year's revenue-to-date. There was discussion as to what should be budgeted for account code A2610 in the General Fund. This is for the court fines and fees received from the Town of Royalton. The Village Board and Chief Swick decided to estimate \$22,500 be budgeted. Coordinator Bobbitt suggested \$1,500 be budgeted for account code A2665 (Sale of Excess Equipment). He is planning on selling the old sewer truck along with some other old equipment.

The Board reviewed the projected expenditures for the 2024-2025 Fiscal year in the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and General Fund. Clerk VanBuren asked the Board to consider purchasing tax collection software which would increase A1950.4 from \$2,500.00 to \$9,250.00. Coordinator Bobbitt requested a couple of changes be made in the General Fund projected budget as well. He increased A8560.2 from \$250.00 to \$400.00 and A8560.4 from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00.

The next budget meeting will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 9 a.m.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Trustee Barr, and seconded by Trustee McAvoy, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Carried, with all present voting aye.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Lisa M. VanBuren*  
*Clerk-Treasurer*