TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner Supervisor

Patricia Gardner Town Clerk TOWN COUNCIL: Claire LaPine Bryan Garvey James LaForest Gretel Schueller

October 12, 2017

Public Hearing, Local Law #1-2017 6:15

Supervisor opened the hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk could not find the advertising for the public hearing that was posted but not in the paper. The posted notice was that there would be a public hearing on October 12, 2017 concerning the adoption of Local Law 31 of 2017 entitles "A Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Law §3-C".

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to the members of the audience. With no response he closed the hearing at 6:20.

Town Board Meeting

Supervisor Gardner opened the meeting at 6:30 pm leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Councilperson LaPine	Х
Councilperson Garvey	Absent
Councilperson LaForest	Х
Councilperson Schueller	Х
Supervisor Gardner	Х

Supervisor Gardner offered the floor to those in attendance. Colleen VanHoven asked the board to consider the Library's request for additional money (From \$12000 to \$15,000) in the town budget. She explained the increase in cost associated with the new employment laws and other increase in operating the library. Supervisor Gardner explained that it will be taken into consideration, that the request was received after the Tentative Budget.

Motion made by Claire LaPine and seconded by Gretel Schueller to accept the minutes from September 14, 2017.

Roll Call:	Yea	Nay
Councilperson LaPine	Х	-
Councilperson Garvey	Absent	
Councilperson LaForest	Х	
Councilperson Schueller	Х	
Supervisor Gardner	Х	

Motion by Claire LaPine and seconded by James LaForest to accept the minutes from the Tentative Budget Meeting on October 5, 2017.

Roll Call:	Yea	Nay
Councilperson LaPine	Х	,
Councilperson Garvey	Absent	
Councilperson LaForest	Х	
Councilperson Schueller	Х	
Supervisor Gardner	Х	

Resolution 57-59

Supervisor Gardner asked the Town Clerk to read a letter from James VanHoven. In his letter he states that effective December 31, 2017 he is resigning from the position on the Planning Board and as Chairman. Claire LaPine suggested, that he could stay on for another term, but she also understood and thanked him for his service. Mr. VanHoven responded that he would like to stress to the board the comments in the latter part of the letter concerning have a new committee to redo the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Essex, that it has been 16 years since the current one was adopted. Supervisor Gardner also thanked Jim for his services, he will be missed and that he hopes Jim may again work on the Comprehensive plan in the future.

Supervisor Gardner reported that Donald Doyle, a long-time employee at the Transfer Station has resigned from this position due to his health. Don has been a faithful employee and we wish him well and thank him for his service.

Resolution 59-2017 is being offered in appreciation to Donald Doyle

WHEREAS: Donald (Don) Doyle, a long-time resident of the Town of Essex; and

WHEREAS: Donald (Don) Doyle, at the age of 66, in May of 1997, started working for the Town of Essex at the Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS: Donald (Don) Doyle, has been a dedicated employee for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS: Donald (Don) Doyle, has been an employee who always has a kind word and smile; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Essex by this resolution does hereby thank Donald (Don) Doyle for his steadfast service to the Town of Essex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Town Board, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded Donald (Don) Doyle.

Motion Made By: Edward Gardner All In Favor: Councilperson LaPine Councilperson LaForest Councilperson Schueller Supervisor Gardner Second: Gretel Schueller

Resolution 57-2017

October 12, 2017

Whereas: North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc., is a no-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

Whereas: The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

Whereas; the people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton and St. Lawrence counties receive a vital emergency medical service for critically ill and seriously injured patients, and, therefore municipal governments area asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Town Board of the Town of Essex hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a contract with the North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of <u>\$500.00</u> which represents the Town's share for 2017; and be it

Further Resolved; That the sum of <u>\$500.00</u> is hereby appropriated to Account 45404.01 for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc.

Resolution 57-59 Roll Call:

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	Х	
Councilperson Garvey	Absent	
Councilperson LaForest	Х	
Councilperson Schueller	Х	
Supervisor Gardner	Х	

Resolution 58-2017 is being offered to ament the 2017 Highway Budget as follows:

Transfer: \$5,000 from Highway General Repairs PS (5110.1) to Highway General Repairs CE (51104.03)

Increase: \$12,043.06 from State Aid CHIPS (3501.03) and Highway Permanent Improvement EQ (3501.03) for anticipated funds from storm recovery money.

Motion Made by: James LaForest Seconded by: Gretel Schuller		
Roll Call Vote:	YES	NO
Councilperson LaPine	Х	
Councilperson Garvey	Absent	
Councilperson LaForest	Х	
Councilperson Schuller	Х	
Supervisor Gardner	Х	

The Town Clerk presented a letter from NYS Dept. of Financial Services in regards to an informational session to be held in Queesnbury on October 19th from 3:30 to 5. A motion made by James LaForest and seconded by Claire LaPine to allow travel for the Town Clerk to attend this session.

Roll Call Vote:	YES	NO
Councilperson LaPine	Х	
Councilperson Garvey	Absent	
Councilperson LaForest	Х	
Councilperson Schuller	Х	
Supervisor Gardner	Х	

Gretel Schueller asked about the phone issues with the water tower. Supervisor Gardner responded that when Verizon put in a new relay box here in Essex, somehow the link between the water tower and the pumps failed to work. She had a company come in, after Verizon checked lines, to test the system. It definitely is a Verizon problem that would require time for them to repair. A two-way radio system has been suggested to take care of this issue.

A motion was made by James LaForest and Seconded by Gretel Schueller to pay Abstract 2017-10.

A motion by Gretel Schueller and seconded by Claire LaPine to accept the Town Clerks Report. Roll Call:

Councilperson LaPine	Yes
Councilperson Garvey	Absent
Councilperson LaForest	Yes
Councilperson Schueller	Yes
Supervisor Gardner	Yes

Resolution 57-59

A motion made by Gretel Schueller and seconded by James LaForest to accept the Supervisors Report.Roll Call:Councilperson LaPineYesCouncilperson GarveyAbsentCouncilperson LaForestYesCouncilperson SchuellerYesSupervisor GardnerYes

James LaForest made the motion to adjourn, seconded by all.

Respectfully Submitted Patricia Gardner Town Clerk