

Special meeting of the Trustees, Village of Lyndonville was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 by teleconference via Zoom, the meeting opened at 2:03 PM

PRESENT via Zoom:	Mayor:	John Belson
	Deputy Mayor:	Danny Woodward Jr.
	Trustees:	Andrew Cousins - Absent
		Kimberly Kenyon
		Darren Wilson
	Clerk-Treasurer	Teri Woodworth
	Supt. of Public Works	Terry M. Woodworth
	Code Enforcement Officer	Dan Wolfe - Absent
	Attorney	Katherine Bogan - Absent
	Fire Chief	Ben Bane - Absent
	Public:	

ON MOTION of Trustee Woodward Jr., seconded by Trustee Wilson, to open the public hearing of a local law 2020-1 to override the tax levy limit established in general municipal law 3-c at 2:05pm.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Belson, Kenyon, Wilson Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

- Mayor Belson asked if there was any discussion from the Board.

ON MOTION of Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Woodward Jr., to close the public hearing of a local law to override the tax levy limit established in general municipal law 3-c at 2:06pm.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Belson, Kenyon, Wilson Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

RESOLUTION 2020-42

LOCAL LAW 2020-1 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c.

ON MOTION of Trustee Woodward Jr., seconded by Trustee Kenyon to adopt a Local Law 2020-1 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Belson, Kenyon, Wilson Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

ON MOTION of Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Kenyon, to open the public hearing of the tentative budget of the Village of Lyndonville for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020 at 2:07pm.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Belson, Kenyon, Wilson Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth read public comment email received from Village Resident James Tuk at 80 South Main St:

“I wish to have these comments entered into the record for the public hearing:

The proposed 2021 budget increase will be the ninth one in the last ten years. This tax rate increase will result in my village property tax being \$2452.00 versus \$1355.00 in 2012. Trustee Wilson considers this a small increase for an average homeowner but I do not have an average home. Maintenance and upgrading things are a constant concern and expense. And for that the village takes full advantage of an increase in the assessment to charge more for a property that has been here since 1906.

The question is what has the village done to warrant the increase? From my viewpoint, nothing especially in the last four years.

Every new dollar out of my pocket for taxes must be replaced in another manner. Being on fixed incomes means one day you will run out of our money. You are not the only people making life unaffordable here.

I am not looking forward to the next four years under this leadership if nothing is to be done to control spending or get business to take root and add to the tax base. I will not allow my property to be like some in the village. However, I will avoid making any more major improvements for the town to increase my assessment. Do something positive for the village that all of you call home.” Jim Tuk

Mayor Belson asked if the Board had further comments.

ON MOTION of Trustee Woodward Jr., seconded by Trustee Wilson, to close the public hearing of the tentative budget of the Village of Lyndonville for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2020 at 2:10pm.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Belson, Kenyon, Wilson Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

RESOLUTION 2020-43

2020-2021 BUDGET

ON MOTION of Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Kenyon to accept the 2020-2021 tentative budget as written with the real property tax rate of \$15.167 per 1000.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Belson, Kenyon, Wilson Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

Trustee Woodward Jr. thanked the department heads and Clerk-Treasurer Woodworth for all their work on the budget and thanked Mr. Tuk for his comments.

ON MOTION of Trustee Woodward Jr., seconded by Trustee Kenyon, to adjourn the meeting at 2:13PM.

Vote: 4 Ayes (Belson, Kenyon, Wilson Woodward Jr.); 0 Nays; 0 Abstain

Teri M. Woodworth
Clerk-Treasurer