

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 7:00 PM
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Public Hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Eugene D. Morgan.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mayor Eugene D. Morgan. Roll call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Falsetta.

Present: Mayor Eugene D. Morgan
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon
Trustee Charlene Caramore
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer
Nathan D. VanWhy, Attorney for the Village
See attached attendance list

A MOTION was made by Trustee Caramore, seconded by Trustee Gotthardt, voted and carried to approve the March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. *2017-038
Minutes Approval*

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Shannon, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$9,755.42 *2017-039
Abstract Approval*

The Regular Monthly Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Village Clerk's Office.

The Monthly Department Meetings will be held on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month at 10:00 PM at the Village Clerk's Office.

The May 2017 Regular Meeting was rescheduled to May 15, 2017.

The Following Resolutions were presented:

**RESOLUTION 2017-4
Designating Depositories**

*2017-040
Resolution 2017-4
Designating Depository*

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined that the Village Law 4-412(3) (2) requires the designation of banks or trust companies for the deposit of all village monies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees designates the following institutions as

depositories of all monies received by the Village Clerk/Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes. Names of institutions: NBT Bank.

Section 2. That this resolution shall be effective immediately.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Eugene D. Morgan	yes
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes
Trustee Charlene Caramore	yes
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2017-5
Mileage Allowance**

2017-041

*Resolution 2017-5
Mileage Allowance*

WHEREAS The Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage reimbursement to Village officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official Village duties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of .533 per mile.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Eugene D. Morgan	yes
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes
Trustee Charlene Caramore	yes
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2017-6
Advance Approval of Claims**

2017-042

*RESOLUTION 2017-6
Advance Approval of Claims*

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit claims for public utility, postage, freight and express charges; and

WHEREAS all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and

WHEREAS the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of

claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring of approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Eugene D. Morgan	yes
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes
Trustee Charlene Caramore	yes
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

RESOLUTION 2017-7
Joint Sale of Tax-Acquired Property By
Village of Hancock & Delaware County

2017-043
RESOLUTION 2017-7
Agreement w/County for
Tax Foreclosures

WHEREAS the County of Delaware has proceeded to foreclose on the following properties in the Village of Hancock; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the Village of Hancock and the County of Delaware to work together to protect the Village tax lien;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Delaware sell the interest of both municipalities. The proceeds from said sale shall be divided in proportion to the taxes owed each entity for the years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017**. Each parcel to be treated individually.

(*Each property should be listed with the amount of 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 taxes with penalty and interest due by July 2017)

The properties affected are listed on the attached page(s).

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Eugene D. Morgan	yes
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes
Trustee Charlene Caramore	yes
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

Mayor Morgan appointed Trustee Dawn Gotthardt as Deputy Mayor.

The following appointments were offered:

Official Newspaper	1 year term – The Hancock Herald
Clerk/Treasurer	2 year term – Phyllis Falsetta
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	1 year term – Demi Travis
Code Enforcement Officer	1 year term – vacant
Planning Board – 1 member	5 year term – Linda Kulikowski
Zoning Board of Appeals	3 year term – Patricia Morgan Rosas
Attorney for Village	Monthly – Coughlin & Gerhardt

A MOTION was made by Trustee Shannon, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the above appointments as presented.

2017-044

Appointments

Mayor Morgan appointed the following committees:

- Police	Trustee Picozzi
- DPW	Trustee Shannon
- Water & Sewer	Trustee Shannon
- Fire Department/Rescue Squad	Deputy Mayor Gotthardt
- Planning	Deputy Mayor Gotthardt
- Youth & Recreation	Mayor Morgan
- Village Clerk's Office	Mayor Morgan
- Health Insurance	Trustee Caramore & Trustee Picozzi
- Personnel Policy	Trustee Caramore & Trustee Picozzi
- Health & Safety	Trustee Caramore

**VILLAGE OF HANCOCK
RESOLUTION 2017-7
APPROVING LOCAL LAW No. 2-2017**

2017-045

RESOLUTION 2017-8

LL 2-2017 Tax Cap Override

At a departmental meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Hancock, held at the Village Hall, 85 East Front Street, Hancock, New York on the 10th day of April 2017, the following resolution was

OFFERED BY: Deputy Mayor Gotthardt

SECONDED BY: Trustee Shannon

WHEREAS, the Village of Hancock ("Village Board") scheduled a public hearing for April 10, 2017 for Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2017 ("Local Law No. 2") entitled "**A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**"; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village, and posted on the Village Clerk's sign board, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held at the Village Hall, 85 East Front Street,

Hancock, New York on the 10th day of April 2017 at 7:00 p.m. 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, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act)(“SEQRA”) the Village Board hereby declares itself lead agency and determines that adoption of the proposed Local Law does not constitute an action, as defined, and can be considered without further regard to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board hereby adopts said Local Law as Local Law No. 2-2017 entitled “**A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

THEREFORE, the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to remove David Lester from the HFD membership roster as he has moved from the area.

2017-046

D Lester Removal from HFD

Roster

The Hancock Fire Department offered the following Officers to the Board of Trustees for approval:

Chief – Rolland Bojo, Jr.
1st Asst. Chief – George Barnes
2nd Asst. Chief – Chris Geer
3rd Asst. Chief – TJ Rosengrant
Captains – Greg Gill, Frank Stanton & Jeremy Barnes
Lieutenants: Shaun Shannon, Patrick O’Boyle, Blaise Bojo,
Chris Fico, Ralph Fico, Sarah Sherburn & Steven Bolster
Secretary – Ann Ostrander
Treasurer – Frank Stanton
Chaplain – Brad Esolen

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve the Hancock Fire Department Officers as presented.

2017-047

HFD Officer Approval

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to recognize Paul Joseph Rotzler for his 40+ years as Secretary to the Hancock Fire Department.

2017-048

Recognition of P Rotzler

40+ Years of HFD Service

**VILLAGE OF HANCOCK
RESOLUTION 2017-8
APPROVING LOCAL LAW No. 2-2017**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Hancock, held at the Village Hall, 85 East Front Street, Hancock, New York on the 10th day of April 2017, the following resolution was

OFFERED BY: Deputy Mayor Gotthardt
SECONDED BY: Trustee Caramore

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THEREFORE, the Village Clerk be and hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State.

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Eugene D. Morgan	yes
Deputy Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes

Trustee Charlene Caramore	yes
Trustee Dawn Gotthardt	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

A Budget Hearing was scheduled for May 15, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Shannon, voted and carried to enter into executive session to discuss:

2017-049

Executive Session

- Matters which, if disclosed, will imperil the public safety
- Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
- Information regarding current or future investigations or prosecutions of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed
- Discussion proposed, pending or current litigation
- Collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law
- The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation
- The preparation, grading, or administration of examinations
- The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by the public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof

The Regular Meeting was reconvened with no action taken.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Gotthardt, seconded by Trustee Caramore, voted and carried to approve comp time for WWTP Bernard Wormuth not to exceed 80 hours per fiscal year pending NYS regulations.

2017-050

B Wormuth Comp Time

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer