

CONDENSED MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Fort Edward, New York, Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

The Board of Supervisors convened in special session at 11:13 AM at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York pursuant to Rule 1 of Rules of said Board.

CHAIRMAN HENKE called the meeting to order and presided.

Mr. Armstrong offered the prayer.

Mr. O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the Fire Safety notice.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 15 Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Moore, Hicks, Idleman, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, LaPointe, Pitts, Shay, Armstrong

ABSENT: 2 Gang, Suprenant

The Clerk read the notice of the Special Meeting.

CHAIRMAN HENKE stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to consider tabled Resolution No. 274 and asked for a motion to take Resolution No. 274 from the table. A motion to take Resolution No. 274 from the table, was moved by Ms. Idleman, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, O'Brien and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 274 October 21, 2016 By Supervisors Campbell, LaPointe, Shay, Suprenant, Idleman, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Hogan – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law "D" of 2016.

Discussion continued on Resolution No. 274. Mr. Haff stated that in order for him to vote to approve this budget there has to be no more than a 1% increase in the tax levy and use no more than \$3.3 million in fund balance in total. Mr. Shaw asked if this decision has to be made today. Roger Wickes, County Attorney informed the Board that this local law doesn't become official until filed with the Secretary of State and the turnaround time is about ten days. A motion to table Resolution No. 274, moved by Mr. Haff but received no second. Mr. Campbell reminded the Board that voting to override the cap says that 1.01% increase in the levy may not be enough and if 2% was really what the cap was, we wouldn't be having this meeting. CHAIRMAN HENKE stated that he feels philosophically that every municipality in the state should vote to override the cap every year.

Resolution No. 274, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Gang, Hicks, O'Brien, Idleman and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 12 Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Moore, Hicks, Idleman, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan,

Shay, Armstrong

NOES: 3 Haff, LaPointe, Pitts

ABSENT: 2 Gang, Suprenant

AYES: 3,354 NOES: 410 ABSENT: 496

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Moore suggested that after budget season, the Chairman should write a letter concerning how the tax cap is figured, adding it is complicated and confusing. Mr. Shaw stated he supports the idea of finding savings in the budget. Mr. Hicks feels there are items that can be cut. Mr. O'Brien recognized Mr. Campbell's work with Supervisors and Department Heads on the 2017 Tentative Budget. CHAIRMAN HENKE stated when the tax cap first came out, he tried to organize a march on Albany but would be happy to do a letter. He also added that he is hoping to see a home rule resolution regarding raising the mortgage tax in the November packet.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk