

Nov. 4, 2021 Cape Vincent Town Board Public Hearing on Local Law #2, 2022 Preliminary Budget and Special Meeting

Present: Supervisor Edward Bender, Councilman Paul Aubertine, Councilman Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Alan Wood and 4 visitors.

Supervisor Bender called for the pledge of allegiance

Councilman Wood made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding Local Law #2 of 2021 The Tax Cape Override at 6:00pm, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Supervisor Bender called for public comments, there being none, he explained that the budget has an increase of \$137,227.00 which will make the budget over the tax cap limit.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn the Local Law #2 of 2021 public hearing at 6:05pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE.

Councilman Mason made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2022 Preliminary Budget at 6:05pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members voted AYE

Supervisor Bender called for public comments:

Kathleen Pierce – Kathy said that she wanted to know where on the budget it shows what the tax rate will be. She asked how will the public know what the tax rate is. She said that she was told it will be .39 cents for the ambulance and .65 cents for the town. She said that she thinks this needs to be a little clearer in the budget.

The board agreed with this, and Councilman Wood said that they will have it done for next year. Tina Maloney said it could appear on the summary page. Kathy said that it should appear on the final budget as the tax payers should know the rate.

Councilman Aubertine said that moving forward they will make this happen.

Kathy also suggested that the board request a profit and loss statement from the ambulance.

Councilman Wood said that he would like to have a liaison on the ambulance board, or at least attend the meetings

Tina Maloney said that the ambulance contract should state that proper information is given to the town board before any money is handed over. She said that the comptroller goes over the AUD line by line and they will see the budget increase.

Councilman Wood asked her if this would cause the town to be audited. She said it could.

Jarrod Radley – Jarrod said that the board needs criteria for handing over the extra \$100,000.00. He asked if they will have to show where the other funds have gone. He said that the ambulance will be asking for the additional \$100,000.00, and they are counting on it.

Councilman Wiley said that in good faith the ambulance board will keep the budget amount requested low. He said that they will have to show where they need it.

Councilman Aubertine said that Jarrod is driving a point home. They need to give the board more information.

Councilman Wood made a motion to close the Budget Public Hearing at 6:20pm, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #65

Resolution #65 was moved by Councilman Mason, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #65 is to authorize the Supervisor to pay the Jefferson County chargebacks the amount of \$14,615.88 for the 2021 fiscal year.

There was no discussion. All members voted AYE.

Resolution #66

Resolution #66 was moved by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #66 is the adoption of the 2022 Preliminary Budget, and salaries.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Mason said that he would like to show that the salary for the Dog Control Officers is split 4 ways.

All members voted AYE.

Resolution #67

Resolution #67 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wood. Resolution #67 is the adoption of Local Law #2 of 2021 Tax Cap Override.

There was the following discussion. Councilman Mason said that by overriding the tax cape it will affect the school and village budgets.

Roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Bender	AYE	Councilman Aubertine	AYE	Councilman Mason	AYE
Councilman Wiley	AYE	Councilman Wood	AYE		

Councilman Wiley made a motion to pay DGM appraisal for the Club Street Marinas, and Anchor Marina/River Marine, properties owned by Ron Trottier for a fee not to exceed \$5,500.00, and that this fee will be split 60% town and 40% village, and that the towns portion be paid from the General Fund, seconded by Councilman Aubertine.

There was the following comment;

Councilman Mason asked if the village is on board with paying for this. Councilman Wiley said that they are and he read an email that he received from Mayor Golden stating the village is on board.

All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to sign the agreement with Attorney Jeffrey Reisner for services to create the ambulance district, and that a retainer fee of \$3,000.00 be paid, and that the town will be billed according to the scope of work done, seconded by Councilman Wood.

There was the following discussion.

Councilman Wiley said that the Attorney will consult with the town before each task is performed, and any unused portion of monies agreed to will be returned.

All members voted AYE.

Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn at 6:45pm.