

Special Meeting
Chautauqua County Legislature
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Tuesday, October 13, 2020 6:30 p.m.
Mayville, N.Y. 14757

Chairman Chagnon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Clerk Tampio called the roll and announced a quorum present (Absent: Pavlock, Rankin, Vanstrom, Hemmer)

Legislator Scudder delivered the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

1st Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. At this time we have the first privilege of the floor. Kathy, were there any communications for the first privilege of the floor?

Clerk Tampio: There are no communications.

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, thank you. Then the next item on our agenda: Kathy, would you introduce that please?

Clerk Tampio: Local Law Introductory 2-20 entitled A Local Law Authorizing an Override of the Tax Levy Limit for the 2021 County Budget

LOCAL LAW INTRO. 2-20 – A Local Law Authorizing an Override of the Tax Levy Limit for the 2021 County Budget

Chairman Chagnon: Okay, we need a vote to bring this local law proposal to the floor for discussion. We have a motion by Legislator Starks on a second by Legislator Whitford. Any discussion on the motion to bring local law introductory 2-20 to the floor? Hearing none and seeing none, will the Clerk please call the role?

R/C Vote: 15 Yes; 4 Absent – UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to bring Local Law Intro. 2-20 to the Floor.

Clerk Tampio: We have sufficient votes to bring it to the floor.

Chairman Chagnon, Okay, then is there any discussion, debate, questions or comments on this local law intro 2-20?

Legislator Nazzaro: Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all, I am supportive of this, it is necessary that we do this and this will be the first time that we've had to vote on a local law to

override the tax cap levy and there's a couple of factors happening this year that is unique to 2021 besides the pandemic in which we've all been living through. There's a lot of uncertainties happening, of course, in the economy as we go forward, but also the first time in three years the tax cap levy is below the 2% we always hear the 2%. This year the cap is (*inaudible*) inflation is 1.56%.

Another factor that we needed to bring this forward is in the past the tax cap override is a complicated calculation, we had to carry forward from 2019 to 2020 of approximately \$855,000. This year, we have no carry forward. So, besides the pandemic, the uncertainties, the tax cap being below the 2% and not having a carry forward is necessary that we override the tax cap levy, and I just want to point out in any of the scenarios that we've discussed- We had budget hearings last week, whether it be the County Executives budget or the budget that was recommended by the Audit & Control Committee to move to the next step – In any of those scenarios even with the tax rate decrease, it is necessary to override the tax cap. So, thank you for that and I just wanted to let everyone be aware that is here tonight. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you, Chuck that was a very thorough explanation. Thank you. Any other questions, comments or discussion on the proposed local law. I see Kathleen has a hand up in the back. Please come to a microphone.

Mrs. Dennison: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make one minor note we have been saying throughout the budget hearings that there's no carry forward and I gave information to legislative Nazzaro before the meeting, but there is actually a very small carry forward from prior year of \$9,190.

Legislator Niebel: Thank you for that Kathleen.

Legislator Nazzaro: I appreciate you being accurate as always.

Mrs. Dennison: I apologize for not bringing that to our attention earlier, but I just wanted it on the record that, as I said there is in fact a very small carry forward in the calculation. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Thank you. Other questions or comments on the local law?

Legislator Niebel: Yes, I just want to thank Chuck for his explanation. It was very good. Overriding the tax levy limit is not something I've been looking forward to, but I'm not sure that we have a choice, so I will be voting in favor of it this evening. Thank you.

Chairman Chagnon: Anyone else have any questions or comments? Hearing none and seeing none, would the Clerk please call the roll?

LOCAL LAW INTRO. 2-20 – R/C Vote: 15 Yes; 4 Absent – **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION:

201-20 Authorize Center for Tech & Civic Life Grant Award from the Center for Tech Civic Life – UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Chagnon: That brings us to the agenda item for announcements for the good of the order? Hearing none, we will move to the privilege of the floor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chairman Chagnon: Where there any communications received for the second privilege of the floor?

Clerk Tampio: No communications were received.

Chairman Chagnon: Then I would like to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy days and prying yourselves away from your Buffalo Bills celebrations and being with us tonight to conduct this important business that we needed to squeeze into the schedule before our next legislature meeting. Thank you all for coming

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Gould and duly carried the meeting was adjourned. (6:43 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
Kathy K. Tampio, Clerk of the Legislature/ Olivia L. Ames, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature