

**MANCHESTER TOWN BOARD –
Budget Workshop & Public Hearings: Local Law # 2 of 2020 -
Exemptions Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law
September 21, 2020 – 4:30 P.M.**

A 2021 Budget Workshop Meeting and Public Hearing of the Manchester Town Board was held today, September 21st, 2020, at the Manchester Town Hall, beginning at 4:30 P.M. with the following members present:

Jeffery Gallahan	Supervisor
Kevin Blazey	Councilman
David Phillips	Councilman
Jaylene Folkins	Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Jill Havens, Town Clerk; Steve DeHond, Code Enforcement Officer; Jason Lannon, Highway Superintendent; and Willie Murphy, Deputy Highway Superintendent; Jennifer Fagner, Assessor; Janis Catalano, Bookkeeper

ABSENT: Isaac VanBortel, Councilman

CALL TO ORDER: **Supervisor Gallahan** called the September 23rd budget workshop meeting to order at this time, 4:33 p.m.

Note: The budget workshop meeting and public hearing was published in the Daily Messenger and was posted at the Town Hall.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: **Supervisor Gallahan** opened the Public Hearing re: the Exemptions Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Shall Not Be Applicable Within The Town of Manchester at this time, 4:30 p.m. and read the legal notice which was posted at the Town Hall and published in the Daily Messenger as follows:

TOWN OF MANCHESTER – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Manchester on the 21st day of September, 2020, at 4:30p.m., at the Manchester Town Hall, 1272 County Road 7, Town of Manchester, New York, regarding the adoption of a Local Law entitled “A local law To Provide That Exemptions Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Shall Not Be Applicable Within The Town of Manchester”. This local law would remove the exemption, provided by the NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 487 for any solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage system, or fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating system whose construction begins after the effective date of this local law.

Any resident of the Town of Manchester shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Manchester Town Hall, 1272 County Road 7, Town of Manchester, New York.

This by Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Manchester.

Jill Havens, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED / BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING RESUMED: **Supervisor Gallahan** asked if anyone wished to be heard re: The Exemptions Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487 Shall Not Be Applicable Within the Town of Manchester. Repeated three (3) times, hearing none, Closed the Public Hearing and resumed the Regular Meeting at this time, 4:36 p.m.

Supervisor Gallahan opened the Budget Workshop meeting and continued with conducting a page by page review of the proposed 2021 tentative budget.

Supervisor Gallahan shared a handout that was received from the Office of the State Comptroller’s report on the Current Fiscal Stress Assessment for the Town of Manchester. In 2017 – the reported Fiscal Stress Score for the Town of Manchester was 6.7, year 2018 was 3.3 and in 2019, which is the most recent report received the measurement of Fiscal Stress for the Town of Manchester was 0.0. (See Minute Attachment Book in the Town Clerk’s Office for a copy of the report)

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Brief discussion was held regarding the current budget deficits facing all of New York State at this time due to the impact of COVID-19 shutdown. The Town of Manchester employees will not be receiving any salary increases this year unless there is a merit increase due to the employee or what is necessary due to the increase in statewide minimum wage. There will also be no increase in the Town of Manchester's contribution to employee medical benefits.

*** Specific Health Insurance Policy information was not discussed at this time***

Proposed changes were made to:

- ❖ DB5110.4 - Contractual (Highway) from: \$245,000.00 to \$200,000.00
 - ❖ DB5130.2 – Equipment/Capital Outlay from: \$135,000.00 to \$180,000.00 for equipment purchase(s)
- Total Transportation Expense to remain the same at \$1,536,028.00

The Schedule of Salaries of Elected and Appointed Officers & Employees was also reviewed at this time.

The following positions had a range of pay (\$13.00 - \$15.00) added to them:

- ❖ (2) Compactor Operator P/T
- ❖ (2) Crossing Guard P/T
- ❖ Laborer F/T

Other Changes Made to Pay and Salaries:

- ❖ The Laborer/Assessor P/T Placeholder Photos increased to \$13.00/hr.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no other business regarding the Budget Workshop before the Board at this time, Supervisor Gallahan moved to adjourn the meeting, 6:37 p.m., seconded by Councilman Blazey, unanimously APPROVED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill A. Havens, Town Clerk

****Next Meeting(s):**

- **Regular meeting:** **October 13, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**
- **Regular meeting:** **November 10, 2020 -6:00 P.M.**
- **Regular meeting:** **December 8, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**