

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Thursday evening, November 6, 2014 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road, Ballston Spa.

PRESENT:	Patrick Ziegler	-----	Supervisor
	Timothy Szczepaniak	-----	Councilman
	William Goslin	-----	Councilman
	Kelly Stewart	-----	Councilwoman
	John Antoski	-----	Councilman
	Carol Shemo	-----	Clerk
	James Walsh	-----	Counsel

Supervisor Ziegler opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

The Town Clerk read the following legal ad for the public hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ballston Town Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ballston Town Hall, Ballston Spa, New York concerning proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2014. Proposed Local Law No. 3 would override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Ballston. A full copy of the proposed Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and may be reviewed during the Clerk's regular office hours.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested parties will be heard at this time and place.

Dated: October 28, 2014

Carol R. Shemo

Town Clerk

The following people spoke at the public hearing:

Mr. Merchant asked if everyone was paying their fair share on hookups and the water fund was straightened out the way it should be, would the tax cap be necessary.

Supervisor Ziegler replied the Town used the connection fees to pay for water operations and the maintenance fee in water. The Town used unexpended fund balance to keep the tax levy down. That was permitted since we are required not keep a large fund balance in water. The Town taxed \$400,000 in water in 2011 and 2012 and just over \$200,000 in water in 2013. This year we need to levy \$311,000 in water which is over 2% tax cap.

Highway Superintendent Joseph Whalen stated the connection fees should go to a capital reserve fund to pay for capital improvements such as the new pump station and the painting of the water tower. Water operations and maintenance need to be self-supporting.

Mr. Engle asked with the new tax levy will everyone's bill increase.

Councilman Goslin responded that you are only taxed on the services you benefit from.

No one else wished to speak concerning the tax cap override. The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo
Town Clerk