

**TOWN OF ARGYLE  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2018**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OPT-OUT OF SECTION 487 OF THE NYS REAL PROPERTY  
TAX LAW CONCERNING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN ENERGY SYSTEMS  
IN THE TOWN OF ARGYLE**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Argyle, as follows:

**Section 1.      Purpose.**

It is the intent of this Local Law opt-out of all of the real property tax exemptions from taxation for the increase in assessment due a taxpayer for those certain energy systems as authorized in NYS Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

**Section 2.      Exemption from taxation.**

No exemption from taxation shall be available within the Town of Argyle for the increase in assessment which may result from the installation or construction of any solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy systems, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, or electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage system by any taxpayer to or on their property within the Town of Argyle.

**Section 3.      Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately after filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the NYS Municipal Home Rule Law.

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Patrick Sullivan  
Richard Ayers  
Duane Flower  
Kevin Hayes

The Town of Argyle held its monthly board meeting on February 14, 2018

Motion made by Councilman Hayes and second by Councilman Flower to  
adopt Local Law 1 of 2018

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Hayes      Aye

Councilman Flower      Aye

Supervisor Henke      Aye

Carried 3 ayes

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a record on file in the  
office of the Argyle Town Clerk. In witness whereof, this certificate has  
been duly signed and sealed by the Town Clerk, Town of Argyle,  
Washington County.

2/15/18  
Date

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## Argyle Highway Presents 5-Year Plan

By Aaron Jansson

The Argyle Town Board met on Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, at 7:00pm. Two members were absent, but a quorum was still present.

### Bills:

\$55,762.55 Prepaid and \$224,545.51 To Be Paid: Approved.

**Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2018:** To opt-out of 787 of NYS Real Property Tax Law.

Town Supervisor Robert Henke gave the Public Hearing open at 7:02pm. He explained that the purpose of this proposed Local Law is to exempt certain properties that have installed small, personal-use alternative energy systems from assessments. "State law says that... we have to exempt various small" systems, so as not to lower property values. "The law provides that we can exempt ourselves from this state law." Henke asked for comments from the public three times, with no response from those assembled. He therefore announced "Having asked three times and having heard no response, I declare the public hearing closed.

**Local Law #1 of 2018:** Passed.

**January Minutes and Reports:** Passed.

### Recreation

Councilman Kevin Hayes reported that "The pancake breakfast Saturday was pretty well received." He also reported that baseball signups are beginning, and the basketball program is winding down. And "The other thing is I got a call from... over in Salem. They have actually a youth - private youth" program, "and they (the private program) want to join the Town as a Commission like we have. They want us to

come along and answer some questions... since we've had it so long." Henke commented on the topic of insurance; Hayes replied "That's the main concern." After discussion, it was determined that representatives would attend an informational meeting as requested. Supervisor Henke offered to also attend, but he and Councilman Hayes concluded that there's no real need.

### Finance

The Board and a member of the public briefly discussed the \$350,000 BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) used for the Highway Department 'salt shed.' The opinion is that the first payment may be made in May, and there was more talk of different payment options. Supervisor Henke clarified that these funds are coming from an existing Equipment Fund "that isn't being used for anything else... Taxpayers shouldn't see the effect of that new building at all." There was a separate question about Highway Department overtime, especially given the recent storms; Henke (who is also the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors) reported that Argyle's amount of overtime is "... about comparable around the County."

### Supervisor

Supervisor Henke announced "Congrats to (Highway Superintendent) Bob Humiston, he's the President of the Washington County Highway Supervisor's Association." At the County level, Henke also acknowledged recent disruptions: "At the County, about all we've been doing is worrying about the Highway Department, because both the Supervisor

are leaving on Friday... Anyway they're both leaving at the same time, and there's going to be some thrashing around. We're still in the midst of winter." As for the question of promoting from within or hiring out, he said "I'm opting heavily for hiring a replacement."

Lastly, Henke did some housekeeping: "I need a motion to accept the audits that we did at 6:00pm," before this night's meeting. These are routine annual audits. "The one that's most critical is the Judicial Audit, because it we don't get that done the state's all over us about it." All passed.

### Highway

Superintendent Robert Humiston told the Board that "I gave you the updated version of the 5 Year (Purchasing) Plan. I'm submitting it tonight for you folks to look at it," to vote on next month. He went over some of the numbers, including the current available money for Capital Expenditures (including the \$214,075.13 budget amount from 2018 and \$31,773.42 in the Machinery Reserve), as well as detailing 'New or used equipment needing to be replaced during the five-year plan.'

Humiston's Plan also detailed expected purchases for each of the five years of the plan. (In 2018, for example, this includes 'One new or used pickup truck \$45,000 new;' '1 new stainless Steel Combination Dump Body for Truck #23;' and 'Carry over of equipment not purchases in 2017.') On the need for such purchases, Humiston told the Board that (for example) the new stainless steel dump body "...has seen its last full winter... I don't believe

And anyway, financially, he added that "I believe we're in a position where we can get these two items this year."

As for selling some decades-old vehicles that are nearing the end of their useful lives, Humiston explained that "We have six front line trucks, and I'd like to keep a spare or two... Right now I'm a hoarder." (During the ensuing mirth, Supervisor Henke added that "Every time he gets rid of a truck we have to put a little money in the budget for grief counseling.")

Henke told Humiston that, for the Board, "Being able to plan (budgets) with that five-year plan has been a Godsend. It was a horrible thing to start" in the beginning, but they were able to make it work.

Humiston also reported that Advocacy Day is on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. "It's probably the most important... lobby day we've had," he said. This is basically a time for municipal leaders to make their needs known to the Governor and his staff. The amount of difference this makes is not overly gigantic, but - as Humiston made clear - every little bit helps. This winter so far, he elaborated, "They thought last year was bad... (This year) if it doesn't snow another flake it's already worse than last year" in terms of fuel and overtime. The possible amount of additional funding that could be gained (\$44,000?), "Give or take, in plain English for us, is it's a half mile of road... a half mile of paving." And more representation is better: "Anybody that can go," he concluded, "from the County or Supervisors... that's a very important day."

