

## **Town of Dresden – Special Town Meeting**

**Date:** Friday, October 24, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Dresden Town Hall

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### **Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Roll Call
2. **Purpose of the Meeting**

The purpose of this special meeting is to introduce two proposed local laws and to address additional town business related to financing, insurance, and the upcoming budget year.
3. **Introduction of Proposed Local Laws**
  - a. **Proposed Local Law – Amendment to the Sewer Use Law for Huletts Landing Sewer District No. 1**
  - b. **Proposed Local Law – To Override the Tax Cap for the 2026 Budget Year**

Both local laws will be introduced for consideration, and the Town Board will schedule a public hearing to be held at a **Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM** at the Dresden Town Hall.

The **draft local laws** and **draft resolutions scheduling the public hearing** are posted on the Town’s website in conjunction with this agenda for public review.

4. **Authorization to Seek Financing**
  - Authorization for the Town Supervisor to pursue financing consistent with the Town’s 2024 allowance of up to **\$200,000** for the Sewer Burial Project.
5. **Financing Options**
  - Discussion of available funding mechanisms for sewer and capital improvement projects.
6. **Insurance Options**
  - Review of employee and town insurance coverage options, including potential plan changes and buyouts.
7. **Budget Workshop**
  - Discussion of the preliminary 2026 Town Budget, including updates to revenues, appropriations, and cost forecasts.
8. **Executive Session**
  - Discussion regarding collective bargaining negotiations with the Teamsters Union.
9. **Adjournment**

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DRESDEN  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. \_\_\_ of 2025

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

who moved its adoption

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW  
1 OF 1993 TITLED**

**“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE  
USE OF THE HULETT’S LANDING SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1”**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board (the “Town Board”) of the Town of Dresden (“Town”) has the authority, pursuant to the Town Law and Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, to adopt local laws regarding its affairs and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed its current Local Law 1 of 1993 which established rules and regulations for the Hulett’s Landing Sewer District No. 1 and wishes to amend same to clarify appointment of a superintendent and the role of the sewer board thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, a draft local law amendment said local law 1 of 1993 has been drafted and reviewed by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Board in the Town Law and the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board wishes to proceed with the holding of a public hearing concerning the proposed local law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed local law amending local law 1 of 1993 is hereby accepted for introduction to the Town Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing shall be scheduled for the consideration of this proposed local law to be held by Town Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 at \_\_\_ pm, at the offices of the Town of Dresden; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes delivery of the local law to the members of the Town Board via email in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is direct to post and publish a notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town, and post same on the Town's website, five (5) days before the hearing; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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Marci Wilbur, Town Clerk

Town of Dresden

**TOWN OF DRESDEN**  
**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LOCAL LAW No. \_\_\_\_ of 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 OF 1993 TITLED**  
**“A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE**  
**USE OF THE**  
**HULETT’S LANDING SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1”**

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

**§1. Legislative Intent and Authority.** The Town Board finds it in the public interest to (i) allow the Town to designate a sewer system Superintendent either by appointment of an individual or by contract with a qualified entity, including but not limited to a limited liability company, and (ii) restructure the Sewer Board to avoid Town Board quorum issues and to clarify appointment authority and scope of powers. This local law is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Board of the Town of Dresden in the Town Law and Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

**§2. Amendments.** Local Law 1 of 1993 titled “A Local Law Establishing Rules and Regulations Concerning the Use of the Hulett’s Landing Sewer District No. 1” (hereinafter “LL 1 of 1993”) is amended as follows

- a. **Amendment 1:** The definition of “Superintendent” set forth in Section 201 of LL 1 of 1993 is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

**Superintendent** -- shall mean the person designated by the Town Board, either by appointment or by contract, to operate, maintain, and oversee the Town’s sewer systems, including any present or future sewer district of the Town. Such designation may be an individual, partnership, corporation, or limited liability company under contract with the Town. The Superintendent, whether appointed or contracted, [OPTIONAL] shall be required to possess or employ individuals possessing the qualifications necessary to oversee POTW operations in compliance with state and federal requirements. Any reference in this law to the acts or duties of the

Superintendent shall include the Superintendent's duly authorized employees, deputies, agents, subcontractors, or representatives acting within the scope of such designation or contract. For purposes of interpretation, the term "Superintendent" shall be construed broadly to encompass both an appointed officer of the Town and a contracted service provider.

- b. Amendment 2:** Section 104 of LL 1 of 1993 is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

**§104 Superintendent; Sewer Board Established**

- (1) The Town Board shall designate a Superintendent for the Town's sewer systems, either by (a) appointing an individual directly or (b) entering into a contract with a qualified person, firm, or entity, including but not limited to a limited liability company, to perform the duties of Superintendent. The Superintendent shall be responsible for, among other things, the inspection, operation, and maintenance of the sewer system, as well as enforcement of this law as provided herein. The Superintendent, whether appointed or contracted, shall be required to possess or employ individuals with qualifications necessary to oversee POTW operations in compliance with applicable state and federal requirements. A Superintendent designated by contract shall not be deemed a Town officer or employee; the relationship shall be governed exclusively by the contract approved by the Town Board. Such contract shall set forth, at a minimum, the scope of services, compensation, insurance, indemnification, reporting obligations, and term and termination provisions. The authority of a contracted Superintendent to act on behalf of the Town shall be limited to the express terms of the contract and this law.
  
- (2) A Sewer Board of not more than five (5) members is hereby established, to serve in an advisory capacity regarding the regulation and use of the sewer system. All members shall be appointed by the Town Supervisor, with no more than two (2) members concurrently serving as members of the Town Board, one of which may include the Supervisor. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor unless the Town Board sets specific terms by resolution. The Sewer Board shall not constitute a quorum of the Town Board and shall have no independent authority to bind the Town. Its role shall be limited to providing recommendations to the Town Board regarding operations, capital planning, budgets, rates or equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) schedules, and policy. Any decision-making authority over rates, expenditures, enforcement, or contracts shall remain vested exclusively in the Town Board.

**§3. Severability:** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not

affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**§4. Effective date:** This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DRESDEN  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ of 2025  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_  
who moved its adoption

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW  
TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-c  
AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING THEREON**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 10 of Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Dresden (the “Town”) has the authority to adopt local laws; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c, the Town Board of the has the authority to adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year by adopting a local law by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the total voting power of the Town Board to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed Local Law has been prepared, a copy of which is attached hereto, to override said tax levy limit for the 2026 fiscal year for the period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is desirous of proceeding with the review and consideration of this proposed Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the proposed Local Law is hereby accepted for introduction to the Town Board. A public hearing shall be scheduled for the consideration of the proposed Local Law to be held by the Town Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 at \_\_\_\_ p.m. at the Town Hall. Copies of the Local Law shall be available at the Town Hall and otherwise posted in accordance with law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is directed to post and publish a notice of said public hearing in official newspaper of the Town at least five (5) days before the hearing; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the consideration and proposed adoption of this Local Law is an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Town Board hereby declares that this action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(23) and (33) and declares that the action does not have a significant impact on the environment and the action is hereby precluded from further environmental review; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Attest:

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Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk

(SEAL)



**TOWN OF DRESDEN**  
**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LOCAL LAW No. \_\_\_\_ of 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED**  
**IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C**

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

**Section 1. Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Dresden pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the Town of Dresden to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 2. Authority:** This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the total voting power of the Town Board.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override:** The Town Board of Town of Dresden, County of Essex is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2015 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. Severability:** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective date:** This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.