

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:30 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present: Sean Mahoney Supervisor
David Kukle Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza Councilman

Lara Hamrah-Poladian Secretary to the Supervisor
Plus, all names on attached listing.

Absent: Raymond Legg Councilman
Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Supervisor Mahoney opens the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

S. Tuomey recommends Section 4(Service Award Program) should be removed. The training requirements should be left up to the fire departments. G. Slutzky agrees.

Supervisor Mahoney believes the intent is that the Chief would submit a list of active members.

Discussion on the requirements of being an “active” member, surviving spouses, names on deed.

Supervisor Mahoney states that exemption is for 10% of assessed valuation , applicants would have to do the math to determine which favors them more, this or the income tax exemption of \$200.00. He adds that edits will be made which will require a second public hearing and this will have to be used in 2024.

S. Tuomey states that the Governor signed this just in December so nobody was expecting this to work for this year.

Supervisor Mahoney suggests changing Section 4 to read that a certified list of all eligible members shall be submitted to the Town Assessor each year by the fire company and there will be a minimum of two years of active service.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to amend Section 4 to take from the Greene County adoption of eligibility Section 3, the applicant shall maintain continual eligibility for the exemption by being continuously active member of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, fire district, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service. An active member shall meet the requirement of active service as defined by each company, department, or corporation. Annual attestation by such company, district, or corporation is required to maintain this exemption. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Legg)

Supervisor Mahoney states this change will be made and will be posted to the website and a public hearing will be held in the near future. He adds that the Town Board appreciates all that the fire companies do for the community.

Councilman Semenza states he spoke with Bradley Thorpe and the part needed for the town vehicle could take up to two months to get in stock.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 7:16 PM Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Legg)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter