

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
TOWN BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 27, 2021

The Town Board of the Town of Washington held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the Town of Washington Town Hall. Supervisor Gary Ciferri called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following present: Councilmen Stephen Turletes, Robert Audia and Michael Murphy and Town Clerk Mary Alex.

At 6:05 PM, on a motion made by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Audia the Board moved into Executive Session to interview four candidates for the vacant Town Council position. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE  
Councilmen Turletes AYE  
Councilman Audia AYE  
Councilman Murphy AYE

At 8:30 PM, on a motion made by Councilman and seconded by Councilman the regular meeting resumed. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE  
Councilmen Turletes AYE  
Councilman Audia AYE  
Councilman Murphy AYE

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Audia, moved the adoption of this Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.83 which, among other things, gave local governments the **option** to adopt a resolution extending the senior citizen tax exemption and the individual with disabilities and limited income exemption from 2020 through 2021 without the need for an application to the assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 28, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed into law the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 which **required** local assessors to extend to the 2021 assessment roll the exemptions on the 2020 assessment roll for individuals age sixty-five or older and for certain persons with disabilities and limited income without the need for a renewal application **unless** the local government adopted a local law or

resolution which required a renewal application in certain defined circumstances;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assessor of the Town of Washington is hereby authorized to require an application for renewal of a real property tax exemption for persons age sixty-five or older and also for certain persons with disabilities and limited income in accordance Real Property Tax Law Sections 467 and 459-c, and any other applicable sections of law, when the Assessor has reason to believe that the owner who qualified for such exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Assessor shall make available renewal applications through postal mail or electronic means for people who had such an exemption on the 2020 assessment roll and cannot require any person submitting such a renewal application to appear in person to file the application; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution takes effect immediately and expires on May 1, 2021 and the Town Clerk is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Assessor electronically.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri	AYE
Councilmen Turletes	AYE
Councilman Audia	AYE
Councilman Murphy	AYE

**RESOLUTION TO REVIEW & ACCEPT THE 2020 FINANCIAL  
RECORDS OF THE BOOKKEEPER, COURT CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR &  
TOWN CLERK**

Councilman Audia, seconded by Councilman Murphy, moved the adoption of this Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Washington has annually reviewed the books of the Bookkeeper, Court Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2021, the Bookkeeper, Court Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Clerk presented the annual record keeping, bank accounts, deposit slips and notes for the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Washington performed a review of all records and documents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Washington does hereby accept the records of the Bookkeeper, Court Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Clerk for the year 2020.

The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE

Councilmen Turletes AYE

Councilman Audia AYE

Councilman Murphy AYE

There being no other business, on a motion made by Councilman Turletes and seconded by Councilman Audia the meeting was closed. The vote was as follows:

Supervisor Ciferri AYE

Councilmen Turletes AYE

Councilman Audia AYE

Councilman Murphy AYE

DATED: Millbrook, New York

January 28, 2021

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MARY ALEX, Town Clerk  
Town of Washington