

TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Special Meeting  
February 23, 2023  
AGENDA

Supervisor Gary Ciferri:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Request a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on the Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Rescue Squad Workers
- Request a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Increasing the Income Level for Persons with Disabilities and Low Incomes
- Request a Motion to Close the Public hearing on the Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Rescue Squad Workers
- Request a Motion to Adopt the resolution on the Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Rescue Squad Workers

**RESOLUTION CREATING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2023**

Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a authorizes municipalities to create a real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such volunteer's primary residence within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, said exemption may be created by local law, ordinance of resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Washington intends to create such exemption within the limits required by RPTL Section 466-a; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held to address this issue on February \_\_, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Town of Washington Town Hall;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby classifies this action as a Type II action for SEQRA purposes pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26) and any other applicable subsection; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby creates and provides for a real property tax exemption of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of the primary residence within the Town of Washington for a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who is an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer

ambulance service that serves the Town of Washington provided that such volunteer has a minimum of two years of such service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Assessor may rely upon a list or other certification provided by such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service which certifies such volunteer's enrollment and length of service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the said real property must be used exclusively for residential purposes and, in the event that any portion of such real property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided for in this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any such enrolled member who accrues more than twenty (20) years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service shall be granted this ten percent (10%) exemption as authorized by this Resolution for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Town of Washington and, further, that this exemption shall continue for the unmarried surviving spouse of such volunteer; and be it further

RESOLVED any exemption granted hereunder shall in no event exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the Town of Washington.

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

Supervisor Ciferri	_____
Councilman Audia	_____
Councilwoman Heaney	_____
Councilman Murphy	_____
Councilman Rochfort	_____

DATED: February 23, 2023

- Request a Motion to Close the Public Hearing on Increasing the Income Level for Persons with Disabilities and Low Incomes
- Request a Motion to Adopt the Resolution on Increasing the Income Level for Persons with Disabilities and Low Incomes

## **RESOLUTION**

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, who moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, a local law was introduced entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOMES PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 459-c; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing in relation to said local law was held on February 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was given pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, said local law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Washington for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Washington as follows:

### **TOWN OF WASHINGTON LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE YEAR 2023**

Section 1. Local Law No. 1 of 2019, which amended Section 2(a) of Local Law No. 2 of 2008, is hereby amended so that the reference in Section 2(a) thereof to “\$29,000 (“Maximum income”)” is changed and increased to “\$37,400 (“Maximum Income”)” as permitted by RPTL §459-c.

Section 2. The remainder of Local Law No. 1 of 2019 remains the same.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall file a certified original of this local law in the office of the Town Clerk and one (1) certified copy in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of New York.

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

Supervisor Ciferri	_____
Councilmember Audia	_____
Councilmember Heaney	_____
Councilmember Murphy	_____
Councilmember Rochfort	_____

February 23, 2023

Recreation Director Szalewicz:

- RFP Professional Services
- Interviews for Maintenance Person

Town Clerk Alex:

- General Code – authorization to move forward with Zoning Code

Supervisor Ciferri:

- Request a Motion to Claims as Presented
- Any other Town Business
- Public Comments
- Request a Motion to Close the Meeting