

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, February 7, 2023
AT 4:30 p.m., E.S.T.

Board called to order by Chairman Kusnierz.

Roll call was taken. PRESENT –Joseph Grasso, Philip C. Barrett, Jonathon Schopf, Eric Butler, Michael Smith, Kevin Veitch, Arthur M. Wright, Kevin Tollisen, Mark Hammond, Scott Ostrander, Theodore Kusnierz, Sandra Winney, Matthew E. Veitch, John Lant - 14.

ABSENT – Eric Connolly, Diana Edwards, Jean Raymond, Thomas Richardson, Willard H. Peck, Thomas N. Wood, III, Tara Gaston, Edward D. Kinowski, John Lawler - 9.

On a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Grasso, the meeting was ratified unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. K. Veitch, Resolution 23 was adopted by a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 23 - 2023

Introduced by Real Property Tax: Supervisors Ostrander, Barrett, Edwards, Lawler, and Wright

INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW IDENTIFIED AS INTRODUCTORY NO. 1, PRINT NO. 1 OF 2023, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2006 TO MODIFY THE PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS, AND UN-REMARRIED SPOUSES OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS, AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law section 466-a a taxing jurisdiction may provide, upon the adoption of a resolution or local law, a partial exemption from taxation on real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, or the un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker; and

WHEREAS, recent enactments to amend Real Property Tax Law section 466-a require a taxing jurisdiction to establish yearly eligibility requirements to receive the real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors approved Local Law 3 of 2006 that granted a partial exemption from county taxation to the extent of ten per centum on the assessed value of real property which is owned by enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service in Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Real Property Tax Committee and the Law and Finance Committee of this Board to amend Local Law 3 of 2006, to establish eligibility criteria for the real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers, provide a lifetime tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with at least twenty

years of active service, and expand the eligibility for the tax exemption to un-remarried spouses of a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker; and

WHEREAS, that a proposed Local Law, identified as Introductory No. 1, Print No. 1 of 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2006 TO MODIFY THE PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS, AND UN-REMARRIED SPOUSES OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS," requires a public hearing pursuant to Real Property Tax Law section 466-a[1]; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors shall hold a Public Hearing on February 15, 2023 at 4:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, New York 12020, on the proposed Local Law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall publish notice of the Public Hearing in the official County newspapers in the manner prescribed by law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Butler, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Connolly
Clerk of the Board