

September 28, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing to Consider Tax Exemption for Volunteer Fire and EMS Workers. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman James Gerstner – Absent
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman Kevin Shuback

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow – Absent

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on September 20, 2023.
(Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)


Supervisor Sweeton – The purpose of the hearing is to consider replacing our current provisions we had for our partial tax exemption for Volunteer Fire Fighters. The State of New York passed new legislation the beginning of the year and it requires municipalities to revisit and replace the current policies that they have. The intent is the local law that's before the Board would provide this partial exemption up to 10% for Volunteer Fire Fighters and EMS. The goal is to keep the volunteer services alive, so the taxpayers don't have to provide that in a paid service. All the studies show the volunteer services save the taxpayer money, so this local law will add provisions for line of duty death for volunteers, there's requirements for the volunteer service whether it's fire or EMS to report the service that the volunteers do provide. I will now open it up for public comment if you would like to make comment on that legislation, please come to the podium give us your name and we will take that testimony.

There were no comments from the public.

Supervisor Sweeton – We will take written comment on the local law for 10 days and potentially enact on this enactment in October.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Shuback that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (4 ayes, 0 nays & 1 absent Councilman Gerstner) 7:18 p.m.

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Eileen M. Astorino, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick will hold a public hearing to consider Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2023 entitled "Tax Exemption for Volunteer Fire and EMS workers". Said Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:15pm or soon thereafter as the matter be heard at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

DATED: September 20, 2023

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK
Eileen M. Astorino
Town Clerk**