

TOWN OF CONCORD TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Public Hearing  
Local Law #1 of 2023 – Firefighters Property Tax Exemption

March 29, 2023

6:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR

PRESENT: PHILIP DROZD, SUPERVISOR  
CLYDE M. DRAKE, COUNCIL MEMBER  
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCIL MEMBER  
WILLIAM F. SNYDER, III, COUNCIL MEMBER  
KIMBERLY S. KRZEMIEN, COUNCIL MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: STEPHANIE A. BACON, Deputy Town Clerk  
BRIAN F. ATTEA, Town Attorney  
MARC GENTER  
ERIC TUBERDYKE  
GEORGE DONHAUSER

At 6:00 o'clock p.m. (prevailing time) or shortly thereafter, the Deputy Town Clerk stated that a Public Hearing had been called for this meeting at the Town Hall, in said Town, in the County of Erie, New York to discuss the real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

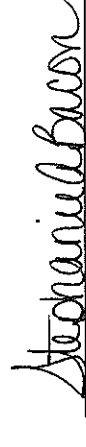
The Supervisor stated that the Public Hearing on Town of Concord Local Law #1 of 2023 was now open and asked if there was any interested person who desired to be heard.

George Donhauser asked if this exemption only covered Mortons Corners and East Concord Fire Departments. Supervisor Drozd said that it would also cover the Springville Fire Department. Mr. Donhauser asked why they would also receive it since the Village of Springville has already adopted this law for their tax. Supervisor Drozd said that those in the Village of Springville also pay Town taxes so this would be an exemption on those taxes.

Mr. Donhauser then asked how many firefighters are eligible. Supervisor Drozd gave those numbers and stated that many won't take this exemption because it would preclude them from taking the \$200 deduction on their State income taxes. Mr. Donhauser asked whether a life member of the fire companies would be able to claim this exemption. Supervisor Drozd said that anyone who is a life member now would not, but a current active member with 20 years or more who later becomes a life member would be eligible. An un-remarried spouse of a deceased eligible member would also be eligible. The total maximum cost to the Town of Concord is approximately \$1512.78.

The following persons appeared in opposition to the Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers: No one appeared in opposition.

The Supervisor inquired as to whether there were any other persons present who wished to be heard. No one appeared, whereupon the Supervisor declared the public hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.



Stephanie A. Bacon  
Deputy Town Clerk