

The Town of Moriah Town Board held a Public Hearing on Thursday June 8, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Town of Moriah Court House, 42 Park Place, Port Henry, NY on proposed Local Law #1 of 2023; Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers.

Present:	Thomas Scozzafava	Supervisor
	Paul Salerno	Councilman
	Tom Anderson	Councilman
	Matt Brassard	Councilman

Absent:	Nathan Gilbo	Councilman
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Others Present: Bill Trybendis, and Rose French-Town Clerk

Supervisor Scozzafava called the public hearing to order at 5:30pm; he then read the legal notice calling for the public hearing.

The Supervisor gave a brief history on the legislation that was passed in 2022. The Volunteers/Workers have to be 2 years active. The Chiefs have given the Supervisor lists of people who they think meet the criteria. The Supervisor did a rough estimate and he feels it will be less than \$300,000 off the tax roll. He fully supports it; anything we can do to encourage volunteers. The Supervisor asked the Board how they feel and they all support it. Councilman Brassard asked if it was for auxiliary members also and the Supervisor said no. Councilman Anderson asked if they have to be certified and the Supervisor said yes; Bill Trybendis stated it takes about 3 months to become certified. The Supervisor stated they have to own their own property. Councilman Anderson asked if it was on their primary residents and the Supervisor said yes. The Supervisor stated this exemption does not apply to school tax, the school would have to pass their own Resolution. The Supervisor stated there is a resolution at the regular board meeting regarding this exemption. Councilman Brassard asked about the lists that the Chief's gave the Supervisor, Chief's determine who is active? The Supervisor stated it is in the NYS legislation, up to the person to fill out application and then the Assessor's will review; final decision rests with them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.

Town Clerk