

February 14, 2023

Schultzville, NY

A public hearing on proposed local law No. 2 of 2023 was held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Whitton, Councilmen Dean Michael, Eliot Werner, Katherine Mustello and Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin. Councilman Chris Juliano was absent. There were 40 people in the audience.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

At 7:10 PM, Supervisor Whitton called the public hearing to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

The Town Clerk read aloud the Public Hearing Notice.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Whitton: New York State recently passed legislation allowing Towns to increase their exemptions on property taxes for senior citizens. The exemptions are based on income, with a sliding scale. The largest exemption of 50% is for those making \$50,000 or less. The top end of the scale will give a 5% exemption to those making less than \$58,400. Please contact the tax assessor for the entire scale, after this change is enacted in February. The Assessor is also required to send a mailing to all taxpayers informing them of this exemption. He opened to public hearing to comments.

Ray Rivard - supports the law, the increase is a big deal.

Lynn Miceli - there was a petition signed by 50 residents to support the medical reimbursement clause. Asks the Board to reconsider including the medical reimbursement in the law. Governor Hocu has increased the firefighters and ambulance members exemptions; the County is increasing theirs too. Asked if there are any provisions made to drop off paperwork being the Assessor's hours are limited. Supervisor Whitton said you can drop forms to the Town Clerk.

Sue Rivard - supports the law; thanked the Board.

At 7:14 PM, there being no further comments, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to close the public hearing. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:15 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Michael to adjourn the meeting. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol-Jean Mackin". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Carol-Jean Mackin,  
Town Clerk