

July 12, 2022

Schultzville, NY

A public hearing on proposed local law No. 3 of 2022 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. Chris Juliano was absent. There were three people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:30 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 explained this is a public hearing concerning the adoption of a local law updating the senior citizen exemption. This law is going to update the income requirements for seniors looking to qualify for a property tax exemption. The exemptions vary based on a sliding scale of income. Our current law allows seniors with incomes of \$32,400 or less to receive an exemption. This proposed law will raise the threshold by \$5,000 to less than \$37,400. Municipalities have the option to permit seniors to subtract from their incomes all medical and prescription drug expenses that are not reimbursed or paid by insurance. After discussions with our Tax Assessor and Town Attorney, I have left that option out, as it would put an undue burden on part time employees, while benefitting a relatively small number of residents. We had a very generous offer from a resident willing to volunteer to do perform that job, unfortunately our Town Attorney believes that there are legal hurdles preventing us from allowing a volunteer to perform those tasks.

He opened the floor for comments and there were none.

At 6:35 PM, there being no comments, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to close the public hearing. All aye except Councilman Juliano who was absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 PM, MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner 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".

Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk