

TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD MEETING (04)  
FEBRUARY 15, 2024

**Public Hearing:**

7:10pm - Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2024: Providing Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Sec. 466-a

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**MEETING HELD IN PERSON and VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM  
BROADCAST VIA FACEBOOK LIVE**

**CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR, JAMES E QUIGLEY 3<sup>RD</sup>, at 7:00 PM**

**SALUTE TO OUR FLAG**

**ROLL CALL by Town Clerk, Suzanne Reavy:**

TOWN COUNCILMAN CLAYTON VAN KLEECK  
TOWN COUNCILMAN ROCCO SECRETO  
TOWN COUNCILWOMAN ANNA HAYNER  
TOWN COUNCILWOMAN MARYANN DEGROODT  
SUPERVISOR JAMES E. QUIGLEY 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. JA Seyfarth, Police Lieutenant
2. Jason Kovacs, Town Attorney
3. Vincent Maggiore, Wastewater Superintendent
4. Bill Kemble, Daily Freeman
5. Nine+ in-person attendees

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA –**

*Supervisor:* 1. Removes resolution regarding grievance day; and 2. Adds a motion to declare certain materials as surplus.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS - None**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (2024-M-053)**

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**COMMUNICATIONS –**

Correspondence received from Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, dated 2/9/2024, notifying that material collected from our Municipal Recycling Drop Off Center was 2.73% in 2023, the average being 1.55%, the highest rate being 7.61%. Their Recycling Outreach Team invites the town to help “clean the stream”.

**ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS**

2023: \$121,676.95 (2024-M-054)

MOTION: Councilwoman Van Kleeck

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

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February, 2024: \$ 4,872,470.95 (2024-M-055)

MOTION: Councilwoman DeGroot

SECOND: Councilman Van Kleeck

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**New Business:**

**Update on Tax Collection Data to February 15, 2024**

*Reavy:* As of 2/8, town's portion of tax warrant satisfied -- \$ 14,652,643.85. All future collection payments will be made monthly to Ulster County Department of Finance.

**Presentation and Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for the month of January 2024 (2024-M-056)**

MOTION: Councilwoman Hayner

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

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**Presentation and Acceptance of Monthly Supervisor’s Report for the Month of January 2024 (2024-M-057)**

*Supervisor:* Town implemented a new page in monthly cash report that breaks out deposits (where they are, how they are secured, and maturity of time deposits). Trying to earn as much interest income as possible; we will make budget for our interest income (earning 4.75%).

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilwoman DeGroot

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Presentation of the Highway Fund Capital Equipment Reserve Statement of Position as of February 15, 2024**

*Supervisor:* Informational presentation.. Monies available \$360,000 for future capital equipment purchases and intent to use.

**Presentation of Schedule of ARPA Projects and Funding as of February 15, 2024**

*Supervisor:* Commonly referred to as “covid relief”. As the year progresses, we will make commitments to spend.

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**Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to go out to bid for full depth recycling and cold planning for the Highway Department for 2024 and 2025 (2024-M-058)**

*Supervisor:* According to the 284 agreement, intent to put \$1M of blacktop on town roads. This involves grinding and recycling old materials.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Motion to Promote Keith Felton to Water System Operator effective February 25, 2024 (2024-M-059)**

MOTION: Councilwoman Hayner  
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

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**Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Application of Supervisor for Extension of Time for Collection of Taxes to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Ulster until June 1, 2024 (2024-M-060)**

*Supervisor:* Authorized for once we receive said document from Ulster County.

MOTION: Councilwoman DeGroot  
SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Motion to authorize Council Member Anna Hayner and Comptroller Tosca Sweeney to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting & Training School, February 18th -21st in New York City (2024-M-061)**

*Councilwoman Hayner:* Correction, February 18<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>

MOTION: Councilman Van Kleeck  
SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Discussion on Children’s Summer Camp in the Town of Ulster for 2024**

*Councilman Secreto:* Has frequent discussions with the recreation committee, will be meeting again soon. The problem is obtaining counselors. Will communicate as discussions occur.

**Old Business:**

**Presentation of Draft Contract between Town of Ulster and the New York State Thruway Authority for the sale of Water to the Ulster Service Area by the Halcyon Park Water District**

*Supervisor:* Halcyon Park water district taken over in the 1970s, an old steel tank to be replaced due to its condition. Previously presented two grant applications to the Environmental Facilities Corporation to fund the replacement of this tank – unsuccessful. Third application successful, includes increase in tank capacity and indication that it could service the Ulster rest area. Successful in a 60% grant for an \$800,000 project. No bonding or borrowing. Water tank has been finished and water has been deemed sufficient. Negotiated a contract with the NYS Thruway Authority where they will pay 225% of the rates that Halcyon Park district users pay. Thruway Authority is tax exempt and do not pay real estate taxes. Thruway Authority has a board meeting April 9 and requested the signed document one month prior.

**Resolution Authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the Agreement between the New York State Thruway Authority and the Town of Ulster for the Supply of Water to the Ulster Service Area (2024-R-062)**

**Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign Agreement with NYSTA o/b/o Halcyon Park Water District for the Provision of Public Water Service to the Ulster Service Area**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Thruway Authority (“Authority”) operates a service area in the Town of Ulster, Ulster County, New York, known as the Ulster Service Area (“Service Area”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority currently provides for the Service Area’s potable water through its own facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority can obtain reliable water service to the Service Area by connecting to the Town of Ulster’s Halcyon Park Water District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ulster agrees that the Authority may connect to the Halcyon Park Water District as an outside user upon the terms and conditions stated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Authority and the Town of Ulster to document this service of water in a formal agreement; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board wishes to enter into an agreement with New York State Thruway Authority, as annexed hereto and made a part hereof, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney as to form, and hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute and deliver the agreement as described above.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilwoman DeGroot

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Presentation of Modification of the 2024 Town Fee Schedule for Water Rates in the Halcyon Park Water District**

*Supervisor:* Will discuss at next meeting.

**Presentation of Draft Easement Agreement for Construction of the Water Line**

*Supervisor:* NYS Thruway to pay us \$186,000 to provide water to the thruway and town will need to construct a 150' of 8" water line with a master meter. Negotiated in form, a draft easement with a property owner to be signed in the near future.

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**Motion Authorizing the Execution of Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Monies per Section 284 of the New York State Highway Law for 2024 (2024-M-063)**

*Supervisor:* Annual work plan from Frank Petramale, highway superintendent, presents to the town board for capital improvements and capital acquisitions.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**REMOVED -- Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Local Law #1 of 2024: A Law Repealing Local Law 1 of 2020, Grievance Day of the Town of Ulster**

*Supervisor:* Will discuss Grievance Day at a future meeting.

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**Resolution Issuing a Special Use Permit for Timber Harvesting to Valerie and Wayne Marquino, SBL 39.16-1-3, 2150 Ulster Ave, Lake Katrine, NY (26 acres) (2024-R-064)**

*Supervisor:* Listened to audio from last meeting and have the following to present: 1. Informed the town board that he contacted the region 3 regional director of NYSDEC to conduct a public educational session on logging – pros and cons; 2. Listened to Vicki Lucarini presentation re: Cornell. Read the study. Sent an email to ornithology group requesting their assistance and has not heard back. Also sent an email to forestry group, requesting information on pros and cons in logging. Researching the matter and will report back.

**RESOLUTION**  
**TOWN OF ULSTER TOWN BOARD**  
**SPECIAL PERMIT APPROVAL**  
**Timber Harvest, Valerie Marquino and Wayne Marquino**  
**Old Stage Road and Route 9W, S-B-L: 39.6-1-3**

**WHEREAS**, Valerie Marquino and Wayne Marquino have submitted a Special Permit application to allow for a timber harvest on 26 acres in accordance with Section 190-25(E) of the Ulster Town Code. The location of the timber harvest is on a parcel within the R-60 and HC Zoning Districts on Old Stage Road and Route 9W, and is known as Ulster County SBL: 39.16-1-3; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 190-25 (E) of the Town Code, the Town Board has the authority to approve the Special Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing must be held before taking action on the Special Permit request; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject site is situated within the R60 and HC Districts in the Town of Ulster, where forestry operations are allowed subject to Special Permit approval by the Town Board pursuant to §190-25 (E) of the Town of Ulster Town Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board considered the application materials submitted by the applicant and recommended this matter should be referred to the Town Board for the purpose of scheduling a public hearing on this matter; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Town Board held a public hearing on this matter on February 1, 2024 at 7:10 p.m. during which public comment was received concerning the proposed action, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined it has complied fully with the procedural requirements of Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Law; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Ulster Town Board hereby issues a SEQR Negative Declaration and grants Special Permit approval to Valerie Marquino and Wayne Marquino subject to the conditions, limitations and restrictions set forth below.

1. The transport of logs may only occur between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily.
2. A permit from the Ulster County Department of Public Works or the New York State Department of Transportation shall be required to be obtained for access usage onto Route 9W for the duration of the harvesting operation. Access needs to be defined within the extensive pull-off landing area, with a 24-foot wide stone blanket to prevent mud and breaking of the edge of the county / state road.
3. All public roads shall be kept free of dust and debris created by the logging operation. The roadway will be inspected and cleaned by the logger on a daily basis as needed and will be cleaned when required by the Code Enforcement Officer as a result of inspections he may perform.
4. The logger shall obtain and file proof of Vehicle, General Liability Insurance, and Workers Compensation Insurance with minimum liability coverage for personal injury or death of \$1,000,000 and property damage of \$250,000 for logging operations with the Code Enforcement Officer at least two business days prior to commencing any work. Said proof of insurance must name the Town of Ulster as additional insured and be approved by the Town Attorney prior to the commencement of work.
5. Before logging operations begin, the logger shall paint the boundaries of the property in the field or use high-visibility flagging to demarcate the boundaries of the property. Furthermore, a 50-foot buffer area should be established from neighboring properties.
6. As work progresses, the logger shall install diversion ditches and/or water bars as necessary to prevent soil erosion on haul roads, skid trails, and at the landing area.
7. Upon completion of the logging operation, all skid trails, roads and landing areas shall be graded and seeded with rye grass as needed.

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8. The logger shall notify the Code Enforcement Office within five days of completion to coordinate on-site inspections.
9. The logging site shall be subject to periodic inspections by the Code Enforcement Officer and Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation Service representatives at any time during the course of the operation. These inspections will be done during the normal working hours of the logger.
10. Prior to beginning any work on the Property, the logger shall submit a restoration bond to the Town of Ulster Building Department in the amount of \$10,000.00 to guarantee the restoration of the Property. The bond must be acceptable to the Town Board as to form, sufficiency, manner of execution and surety and the bond must be approved by the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Attorney.
11. All fees, including consultant fees, shall be paid.
12. Compliance with all applicable zoning and building laws, rules, and regulations.

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilman Van Kleeck

DISCUSSION:

*Councilman Van Kleeck:* We feel comfortable that the contractor and owner have a long term plan to keep it “wild”. Assured by their comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Resolution declaring an emergency situation under GML 104(4) and authorizing all actions required to meet the deadline for an operating UV Disinfection System (2024-R-065)**

*Supervisor:* NYSDEC disinfection requirement schedule 5/1/ - 10/31 at the wastewater treatment plant. At a prior meeting, the town board approved a contract change order to purchase a different ultraviolet equipment. This equipment needs to be structured and operational before 5/1. Board must avail itself of General Municipal Law 104 (4) and declare emergency to expedite acquiring equipment in the interest of public safety.

**Resolution Declaring Emergency and Time-of-the-Essence Regarding Replacement of Ultra-Violet Disinfection System**

Whereas, the Ulster Sewer District owns and operates a Wastewater Treatment Facility on Dogwood Lane Extension; and

Whereas, compliance with SPDES Permit Limits is required by state law and regulations, and vital to the surface waters of the Esopus Creek; and

Whereas, the Ulster Sewer District is required to have in place an operable disinfection system for final treatment of plant effluent from May 1 through October 31; and

Whereas, the current ultra-violet disinfection system is not capable of meeting the requirements of the SPDES Permit; and

Whereas, a new ultra-violet disinfection system must be operable by May 1, 2024; and

Whereas, time is of the essence with respect to the replacement of the ultra-violet disinfection system and normal procurement policies would delay the replacement until well beyond May 1, 2024; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 103(4), hereby declares that an emergency exists and all work related to the replacement of the Ultra-Violet Disinfection System will be performed under this declaration.

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MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

DISCUSSION:

*Councilman Van Kleeck:* Even with this change, we are still under the cost of the initial engineered expected cost. Important to note that we know this system will be effective.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**Motion to Declare St. Patrick's Day Parade Materials as Surplus (2024-M-066)**

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

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**Public Hearing:**

7:10pm - Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2024: Providing Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Sec. 466-a

*Supervisor:* We are re-numbering this as Local Law No. 1 – not No. 2. Original law was passed with a LOSAP link (Length of Service retirement plan – volunteers earn credit by service hours – with a time and attendance tracking), which only two out of five fire districts participate. We shorted three of the districts that did not participate. Revision in law continues to maintain a service eligibility, but is certified by the chief of the fire district in which the volunteer serves.

**Motion to Open Public Hearing 7:29 PM (2024-M-067)**

MOTION: Councilwoman Hayner

SECOND: Councilman Secreto

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

Public Comment:

1. Regis Obijiski, town resident and townofulstercitizens.org  
Work of volunteers is noble, necessary and kind. Applaud the measures. Law is airtight and speaks to generosity of the town board.
2. MJ Turner  
September, hired by Bloomington fire district. Very little members. Is 49 years old. There is no encouragement to get kids to join department. Thank you.
3. Laura Hartmann, town resident and townofulstercitizens.org  
This law encourages volunteers. Great idea.

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**Motion to Close Public Hearing 7:34 PM (2024-M-068)**

MOTION: Councilman Secreto  
SECOND: Councilman Van Kleeck

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

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**Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Local Law #1 of 2024: Providing Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law Sec. 466-a (2024-R-069)**

*Supervisor:* Renamed Local Law “1” (not 2, as originally labeled). Law effective when filed by the NYS Secretary of State. Reason for passing this tonight is because March 1 is the deadline for exemption applications.

**Resolution Authorizing Adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Ulster of Local Law No. 1 of 2024: A Local Law Entitled “Providing Real Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law § 466-a”**

WHEREAS, an introductory Local Law entitled Local Law No. 1 of 2024: A Local Law Entitled “Providing Real Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law § 466-a” was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Ulster on January 18, 2024, and upon notice duly published and posted, a hearing was held on February 1, 2024 before the Town Board,

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WHEREAS, public discussion was heard at such hearing concerning the merits and environmental significance of said introductory local law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the adoption of the introductory local law entitled Local Law No. 1 of 2024: A Local Law Entitled “Providing Real Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law § 466-a” is hereby determined to be a Type II SEQR action, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ulster hereby adopts said Local Law No. 1 of 2024: A Local Law Entitled “Providing Real Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law § 466-a,” a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and he hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Ulster, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

**TOWN OF ULSTER**  
**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2024**

**PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO  
NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 466-a**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ulster that the Town Code is amended as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose.** The Town Board finds that volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers provide essential emergency services to our community and that it is in the best interests of the Town of Ulster to encourage this exceptional volunteerism. The Board further finds that providing real property tax exemptions to qualified workers would be an incentive to attract new volunteers and help combat an alarming decline in the number of volunteers serving as active responders to fire and medical emergencies. This Local Law adopts the real property tax exemptions provided for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers under NYS Real Property Tax Law § 466-a. Local Law No. 2 of 2023 is hereby repealed in its entirety and is replaced and supplanted with this Local Law.

**Section 2. Grant of exemption.** Residential real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary

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ambulance service shall be exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the Town to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the requirements set forth in this Article.

**Section 3. Eligibility.** Such exemption shall not be granted unless:

- A. The applicant resides in the Town which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;
- B. The property is the primary residence of the applicant;
- C. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Article; and
- D. The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an "enrolled member in good standing" who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two years. The applicant must submit such certification together with the tax exemption application.
- E. An "enrolled member in good standing" is defined by each incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service's current bylaws and/or procedures as adopted by that specific incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service each year.
- F. Each incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service shall timely submit to the Town of Ulster Town Assessor on an annual basis the current adopted by-laws and/or procedures along with a list of "active members in good standing" according to those adopted by-laws and/or procedures.
- G. Final decision as to the exemption shall be at the sole discretion of the Town of Ulster Town Assessor, subject to the provisions of this local law.

**Section 4. Grant of lifetime exemption.** Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than

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20 years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption authorized by this Article for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within Ulster County.

**Section 5. Un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty.** The property tax exemption authorized by this Article and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member who was killed in the line of duty;
- B. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years; and
- C. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

**Section 6. Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers.** The property tax exemption authorized by this Article and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member;
- B. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty (20) years; and
- C. Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

**Section 7. Application.** Application for such exemption shall be filed with the Assessor on or

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before the taxable status date of each year on a form as prescribed by New York State.

**Section 8. No diminution of benefits.** No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article 4 of the state Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this local law shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Article.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** This Local Law shall take effect upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates on or after December 31, 2023.

MOTION: Councilwoman DeGroot

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Councilman Van Kleeck* asks Supervisor to comment on Quail Drive update

*Supervisor:* Police vehicle was authorized to be stationed on Quail Drive for three days. Supervisor sat there for one hour. No tickets issued. Conversation with Ulster County planning department (Dennis Doyle) to place a traffic counter there. Discussion with Frank Petramale and he suggests to wait until end of plow season. Any recommendations on the use of this road are the discretion of the highway superintendent. Trying to find UPS safety officers to see if their drivers may be coming through that way. Will discuss all when Frank returns from vacation.

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1. Regis Obijiski

Thanks supervisor for presentation on each of the agenda items, making it easy to understand. Re: traffic on Quail Drive – appreciates the response. Law enforcement presence is regarded. Surprised by neighbors in that some admitted going through the wrong way. Unsafe and illegal. More to come.

*Supervisor:* Recalls a similar situation in Hillside Acres. Outcome proved that residents were largest percentage of the violators.

Supervisor congratulates Obijiski as chairman of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

~ END OF PUBLIC COMMENT ~

**Motion to Enter Executive Session 7:44 PM: (2024-M-070)**

The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person

Supervisor: To discuss two medicals and one financial issue, regarding personnel.

Return from Executive Session (8:31 PM) – nothing to report and no actions taken

**MOTION to adjourn 8:31 pm (2024-M-071)**

MOTION: Councilman Secreto

SECOND: Councilwoman Hayner

Town Councilwoman DeGroot	-Yes
Town Councilwoman Hayner	-Yes
Town Councilman Secreto	-Yes
Town Councilman Van Kleeck	-Yes
Supervisor Quigley	-Yes

*CARRIED*

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Reavy  
Ulster Town Clerk