

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 12, 2022 6:30 p.m.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Christian, Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Balistreri and Councilman Cipperly.

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing to accept public comment on Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2022. The purpose of this proposed introductory local law is to make the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption on real property in the Town of Brunswick, as provided for in Article I of Chapter 139 of the Town Code of the Town of Brunswick, available to additional taxpayers, as authorized by New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 467.

Supervisor Herrington asked the Town Clerk to read the complete Notice of Public Hearing into the record. The Notice had been posted on the Town Website, the Town Hall bulletin board and published in The Eastwick Press.

Ms. Julie Irick, Sole Assessor, explained that this Local Law, if adopted, would amend chapter 139-3 of the Town Code, to extend the eligibility for the Senior Citizens Tax Exemption to more residents. The current income threshold (cap) allowing senior citizens to receive a tax exemption is \$34,400.00. If adopted, the Local Law would raise this to \$37,400.00. This also would align with the income limits set by Rensselaer County.

Supervisor Herrington opened the Public Hearing.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

Councilman Balistreri asked about the Disabled Veterans Exemption on the books. Ms. Irick confirmed that is a separate exemption which is not being changed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Herrington requested a motion to close the public hearing and adjourn the meeting. Councilman Sullivan made the motion which was seconded by Councilman Balistreri. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk