

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JANUARY 11, 2024 6:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

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

**Also Present:** Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, Rebecca Del Gaizo.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing to accept public comment on Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2024, “A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 466-A OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW”.

At Supervisor Herrington’s request, the Town Clerk read the complete Notice of Public Hearing into record. The Notice had been posted on the Town website, the Town Hall bulletin board and published in The Eastwick Press.

Councilman Balistreri said this Local Law can help with retention of volunteers.

**VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:**

Councilman Sullivan said he appreciates the firefighters and volunteer efforts. He can’t disagree more with the process from NY. He believes NY has made local municipalities take on the added costs.

**Brian Beaudoin**, 3290 NY 2, Fire Chief of Eagle Mills, agrees with Councilman Sullivan. More of the tax burden is being put on the residents. He said there is millions in property value in town and he would like to see commercial being taxed more than residential.

Councilman Balistreri reiterated Sullivan’s concern is that it’s another state mandate but the financial impact of the town that will shift to non-volunteers will be minimal.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. The public hearing closed at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo  
Town Clerk