

**Town of Ancram
Town Board
Public Hearing
Local Law # 2 of 2023- Volunteer Firefighter Property Tax Exemption
February 16, 2023**

Present: Supervisor Arthur Bassin Councilman Hugh Clark
Councilman David Boice Councilwoman Amy Gold (Via Zoom)
Councilwoman Bonnie Hundt Town Clerk Monica Cleveland
Highway Superintendent James Miller

Supervisor Arthur Bassin called the public hearing for the proposed Local Law #2 of 2023- Volunteer Firefighter Property Tax Exemption to order.

Mr. Bassin asked Councilman Boice to give the Fire Departments thoughts on the proposed law. Mr. Boice said that the department is working through who will be eligible to participate within the law. Mr. Boice urged the town board to adopt the law.

Councilwoman Hundt asked how many members own their homes. Mr. Boice replied that that there are many exclusionary parts to the exemption, per the State. The fire department is of the understanding that if the home owner has a business from their home, they don't qualify. Spouses are not included. Once all of those are taken into consideration, the department feels only about a third of the department will qualify.

There being no more public comments, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hundt and seconded by Councilman Clark to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Monica R. Cleveland
Ancram Town Clerk