

Town of Newfield  
1/26/2023  
7:00 PM

**Public Hearing # 1: Override the Tax Levey Limit**

Privilege of the Floor

**Public Hearing #2: Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Workers**

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**Town Board Work Session**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

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Communications

Presentations – New software to assist in scheduling and registering youth sports

Action Items

Final Budget Modifications – 2022

Award Administration and Program Delivery Services Contract for CDBG Grant

Repeal Local Law No. 4 of 2022 - A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit

Local\_Law\_2-2023\_Property\_Tax\_Exemption\_for\_Volunteer\_Fire\_and\_EMS\_Personnel

Old Business

Review of Moratorium Language

New Business

Executive Session

Adjournment

TOWN OF NEWFIELD, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK  
LOCAL LAW NUMBER No 1 - 2023

A Local law to repeal Local Law Number 4 of 2022 and to repeal the override of the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

SECTION 1: Legislative Intent – This Local Law shall be known as “Local Law Number 1 of 2023”. It is the intent of this Local Law to repeal Local Law Number 4 of 2022, and to thus reinstate the limits on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Newfield pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-C.

SECTION 2: Effect: This local law hereby thus repeals in its entirety said Local Law Number 4 of 2022, and declares the same of no force or effect, and thus the Town of Newfield repeals the prior tax cap override local law of the Town of Newfield and reinstates the tax levy limits imposed by General Municipal Law 3-C.

SECTION 3: Severability: If any portion this Local Law, or the application thereof to any person, entity, or circumstance, shall be determined by any court or tribunal or competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall be confined in its operation to the invalid part hereof, or in its application to such person, entity, or circumstance as is directly involved in the controversy in which such determination shall have been rendered, and the remainder of the Local law shall not be impaired thereby and such determination shall not be deemed or construed to apply to other person, entities, or circumstances.

SECTION 4: Effective Date: This Local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State

**A Resolution to Adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2023 – A Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Exemption to Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers**

RESOLUTION #2023-2

**Whereas**, the Town of Newfield wishes to encourage its residents to volunteer with the Newfield Volunteer Fire Company (NVFC) as both firefighters and EMS personnel; and

**Whereas**, the leadership of the NVFC has stated to this Town Board that volunteer recruitment and retention stands as a challenge to the NVFC, and that this Board needs to provide incentives for more residents to join and remain with its Volunteer Company; and

**Whereas**, the New York State Legislature enacted and the Governor signed in 2022 an amendment to Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), said amendment providing up to a ten per cent (10%) exemption in residential real property taxes to qualifying volunteers in the firefighting and volunteer ambulance services; and

**Whereas**, this Newfield Town Board has actively encouraged adoption of this amendment to the Real Property Tax Law, and now chooses to implement it in its Town; and

**Whereas**, in accordance with the provisions of Section 466-a of the RPTL, a public hearing was held before this Town Board on January 26, 2023, to hear all persons interested in proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that Local Law No. 2 of 2023, a local law authorizing Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law - A Property Tax Exemption to Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers, is hereby adopted, and applied by the Town of Newfield to grant a 10 per cent (10%) partial reduction in residential property tax assessments to all qualifying volunteer firefighters and emergency medical workers, and do so to the fullest extent as the provisions of Section 466-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law allow; and be it further

**Resolved**, that this Town Board directs the Town Supervisor and officers of the Newfield Volunteer Fire Company to cooperate with the Tompkins County Department of Assessment to implement the exemption authorized by this local law, including, but not limited to, the designation of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for the NVFC, and the AHJ's timely filing of volunteer eligibility lists by the annual March 1 tax status date, or by such other date as the Department of Assessment may designate; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Town Clerk shall file one copy of this local law with the Secretary of State.

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