

**Town of Henderson
12105 Town Barn Rd.
Henderson, NY 13650
Public Hearing / Town Board Meeting
January 9, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Henderson, County of Jefferson and the State of New York was held at 12105 Town Barn Rd. at 7:00PM, on the 9th day of January 2024.

PRESENT:	Edwin Glaser	----	Supervisor
	Matthew Owen	----	Councilperson
	Torre Parker Lane	---	Councilperson
	David Poulin	---	Councilperson
	Lindsay Witmer	---	Councilperson
	Wendy Flagg	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Glaser opened the Public Hearing for Local Law # 1 regarding a partial real property tax exemption for volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance workers at 7:01PM. Supervisor Glaser gave a brief explanation as to what the exemption was about and why the Town is offering it.

Fire Chief William Griffith spoke of what is currently offered to volunteer firefighters by the State but feels things can change at any time and the credit may not be offered someday. He believes this is the best way to make sure some form of exemption is always available for the fire fighters and first responders. The exemption will be available to reward members who put in and volunteer so much time.

A letter of support from Gary Rhodes was received and reviewed by all Board members.

Donald Behner, Ambulance first responder, believes this would be a nice gesture by the Town in support of the exemption as a thank you to members for their service.

Several other members of the public spoke in support of the Fire Department / First Responders for the terrific job they do and thanked them for their service.

MOTION

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion of Councilperson Parker Lane, second by Councilperson Owen following motion was.

ADOPTED	Ayes 5	Glaser, Poulin, Owen, Witmer, Parker Lane
	Nays 0	

Motion to Close the public Hearing for Local Law #1 Fireman / First Responders Exemption.

Old Business Public Comments: Ginger Cook – Nexamp solar project on Military Rd. when will it be connected and operational. Waiting for approval from National grid. Enforcement Officer, Eric Sheldon, will be asked to reach out again to Nexamp to see if they have any update from National grid and can be discussed at February meeting.

MOTION

MINUTES

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Glaser, Owen, Parker Lane
 Nays 0
 Abstain Poulin, Witmer

Motion to approve minutes from December 28, 2023, Town Board year end meeting.

MOTION

MINUTES

On a motion of Councilperson Owen, second by Councilperson Parker Lane following motion was.

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Glaser, Owen, Parker Lane, Poulin, Witmer
 Nays 0

Motion to approve minutes from January 2, 2024, Town Board Organizational meeting with amendments.

MOTION

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion by Supervisor Glaser, seconded by Councilperson Parker Lane, the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Glaser, Witmer, Poulin, Owen, Parker- Lane
 Nays 0

Motion to authorize payment of abstract #1 include vouchers 24-00001– 24-00034 for a total amount of \$100,587.81.

Summary by Payable Account

<u>Payable Acct</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
General	\$23,940.12
Highway	\$68,741.95

Water Dist. 1	\$3050.20
Water Dist. 2	\$3050.19
Special Lighting Dist.	\$565.83
Trust & Agency	\$1049.52
Sewer Capital Fund	\$190.00

Henderson Eclipse report letter supplied by Gail Smith with updates with information on events around the area. The board is concerned with safety, bathrooms and parking / traffic control. Councilperson Parker Lane will get with Gail Smith for more discussion at the February meeting.

RESOLUTION # 2024-01-09-001

LOCAL LAW #1 FIREMANS/FIRST RESPONDERS EXEMPTION

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, seconded by Councilperson Parker Lane, the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Glaser, Owen, Parker- Lane, Poulin, Witmer
 Nays 0

Board resolved the following:

RESOLUTION #01 OF 2024

**Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and
 Ambulance Workers on portion of Real Property
 Taxes**

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Henderson, New York has devoted considerable time and attention to tax exemptions, especially those for volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers; and

WHEREAS, the New York Real Property Tax Law (NY RPTL) §466-a provides for a limited 10% exemption from real property taxes for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers in respect to residential Real Property where that taxpayer resides in the residential property within the Town of Henderson and meets all eligibility requirements pursuant to RPTL §466; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers within the Town must complete RP-466-a-vol form (a copy attached hereto) to ensure eligibility and provide to the Assessor prior to March 1 of the given year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Henderson is interested in providing this limited exemption to its Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board for the Town of Henderson, New York as follows:

1. The forgoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth hereafter.

2. The Town Board hereby adopts the exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers pursuant to the guidelines set forth at New York Real Property Tax Law (NY RPTL) §466-a.

3. The 10% property tax exemption shall apply to property used exclusively for residential purposes by the firefighter and/or ambulance worker.

4. If a portion of the property is used for non-residential purposes, or by another person for residential purposes, then the exemption shall apply only to that part used for residential purposes by the firefighter and/or ambulance worker.

5. The firefighter and/or ambulance worker shall be eligible for a permanent residential partial exemption after at least twenty (20) years of cumulative service. This exemption shall continue for a surviving spouse that does not remarry.

6. The firefighter and/or ambulance worker shall meet a minimum service requirement of at least five (5) consecutive years before this exemption shall apply.

7. The Mayor for the Town of Henderson, the Town Clerk, their respective agents and/or employees are hereby authorized to sign all documents and take all steps necessary to provide full force and effect to this resolution.

8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member, Owen, and seconded by Board Member, Parker Lane, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Ed Glaser, Supervisor	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew Owen	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Torre Parker-Lane	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
David Poulin	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Lindsay Witmer	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Dated: January 9, 2024

Wendy Flagg, Town Clerk

Town of Henderson

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2024

Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers on portion of Real Property Taxes

1. The Town Board hereby adopts the exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers pursuant to the guidelines set forth at New York Real Property Tax Law (NY RPTL) §466-a.
2. The 10% property tax exemption shall apply to property used exclusively for residential purposes by the firefighter and/or ambulance worker.
3. If a portion of the property is used for non-residential purposes, or by another person for residential purposes, then the exemption shall apply only to that part of the structure used for residential purposes by the firefighter and/or ambulance worker.
4. The firefighter and/or ambulance worker shall meet a minimum service requirement of at least five (5) consecutive years before this exemption shall apply.

5. The exemption shall continue after twenty (20) years of cumulative service. This exemption shall continue for the life of the firefighter and/or ambulance worker, together with the life of the surviving spouse of such person so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry.

Appointments for the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Board of Assessment Review were discussed. The Board would like to enter into executive session to discuss further.

MOTION

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENTER

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, seconded by Councilperson Parker Lane, the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Glaser, Witmer, Poulin, Owen, Parker- Lane
Nays 0

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss candidates for Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Assessment Review openings.

MOTION

EXECUTIVE SESSION EXIT

On a motion by Councilperson Owen, seconded by Councilperson Parker Lane, the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Glaser, Witmer, Poulin, Owen, Parker- Lane
Nays 0

Motion to exit executive session.

MOTION

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Councilperson Parker Lane, seconded by Councilperson Witmer, the following motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Glaser, Witmer, Poulin, Owen, Parker- Lane
Nays 0

Motion to appoint the following candidates to the following positions:

Planning Board - Dan Queri

Planning Board Alternate – Karen Richmond

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jaclyn Wenschhof

Board of Assessment Review – Karen Richmond

Discussion of proposed zoning laws to hold public hearing at February Meeting. Public Hearing will be held on February 13, 2024, meeting at 7:00PM.

Discussion to have a collective group of Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Town Board members to review and update the solar laws. Committee will be set up.

FOIL of appeal filed by Gary Rhodes was reviewed by the Board. All materials have been provided by email to Mr Rhodes.

Councilperson Poulin reminds everyone of the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night for sewer discussion.

February workshop/meeting will be held to discuss water system and Town government practices.

Public Comments: Karen Richmond – How do we find meetings on the website? Working on getting dates listed. Can we keep facebook site up? Working on setting up social media page. What type of control does Town have on eclipse? Will work with committee to discuss.

Robert Whiteman – Gail Smith, head of the eclipse committee, posted a report that Mr. Whiteman read. Park managers don't want people hanging around after the eclipse. Traffic control may be an issue.

Lincoln Woods – Will glasses for eclipse be available to buy someplace? We will need more available.

Ginger Cook – We need a committee on the eclipse to be involved with the event.

No further business to discuss a motion by Councilperson Parker Lane second by Councilperson Owen the meeting was adjourned. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Flagg / Town Clerk/Collector

All Town meetings held at
12105 Town Barn Rd., Henderson, NY 13650

Jan 17	(Wednesday)	Zoning Board Meeting	6:00PM
Jan 18	(Thursday)	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00PM
Feb 06	(Tuesday)	Planning Board Meeting	5:00PM
Feb 13	(Tuesday)	Town Board Meeting	7:00PM
Feb 14	(Wednesday)	Town Board Workshop	7:00PM
Feb 19	(Monday)	Town Office Closed for Holiday	
Feb 21	(Wednesday)	Zoning Board Meeting	6:00PM
Feb 22	(Thursday)	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00PM
March 05	(Tuesday)	Planning Board meeting	5:00PM
March 12	(Tuesday)	Town Board Meeting	7:00PM
March 20	(Wednesday)	Zoning Board Meeting	6:00PM
March 21	(Thursday)	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:00PM