

**PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW TO ADOPT PARTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & AMBULANCE WORKERS
HELD BY THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday February 7, 2023 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested that Legislator Crowley lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Chairman Jonke requested the Clerk to read the Public Notice:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Legislature of the County of Putnam in the Historic Courthouse, 44 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, New York, at 6:30 p.m. on February 7, 2023, concerning:

A LOCAL LAW

Amending in its entirety Chapter 220, Article 10, of the Code of the County of Putnam entitled, "Exemption for Qualified Members of Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps," which amendment was proposed for adoption by the Putnam County Legislature on January 19, 2023, by Resolution #26.

This Local Law:

Amends the Putnam County Code by repealing the implementation of benefits available under New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 466-c and implementing RPTL Section § 466-a to provide an expanded, partial exemption of real property tax for qualified members of volunteer fire departments and ambulance corps in Putnam County.

Copies of the Local Law are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the aforesaid time and place, all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted by mail sent to the above-referenced office address, by electronic mail to putcoleg@putnamcountyny.gov, and by facsimile to (845) 808-1933.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the office of the NYS Secretary of State.

Dated: January 24, 2023
 Carmel, New York

BY ORDER OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Diane Schonfeld

Clerk

Chairman Jonke read the procedure for public comment on the proposed Local Law amending Chapter 220 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled "Taxation" which pertains to a partial Real Property Tax Exemption for members of the Volunteer Fire Departments & Ambulance Corps. He stated that no comments were received by the Legislative Office.

A. Gerald Schramek with the Town of Southeast and Village of Brewster Southeast Joint Fire District stated that he represents the largest fire district in Putnam County that responded to over 3,000 emergency calls in 2022. He thanked the Legislature and the County Executive for having the foresight to honor the people from the various fire services and emergency medical services of Putnam County. He stated that these individuals dedicate themselves, day in and day out, leaving their families behind while they respond to emergency calls to offer their help and expertise to make Putnam County a better place to live, work and raise a family.

There being no other member of the public wishing to comment, at 6:38 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.