

TOWN OF WILTON

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PUBLIC HEARING LL#1 OF 2018-COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION

7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Johnson asked the Town Clerk to read the public hearing notice.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2018, Real Property Tax Exemption for qualified Cold War Veterans.

SAID PROPOSED LOCAL LAW would amend Local Law No. 5 of 2008 and remove the 10 year limitation (§113-23 of the Town Code) to grant the exemption to qualifying owners of real property as long as they remain qualifying owners.

SAID PROPOSED LOCAL LAW would allow School Districts, as well as Town and County to grant an alternative veterans' exemption in accordance with §458-a and § 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law.

SAID PROPOSED LOCAL LAW is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Wilton Town Hall located on 22 Traver Road in the town at which time all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Supervisor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:01 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING LL#2 OF 2018-EXEMPTION OF GOLD STAR PARENTS

7:01 P.M.

Supervisor Johnson asked the Town Clerk to read the public hearing notice.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2018, Real Property Tax Exemption for Alternative Veteran's Exemption-Gold Star Parent.

SAID PROPOSED LOCAL LAW would allow School Districts, as well as Town and County to grant an alternative veterans' exemption in accordance with Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law and Cold War Veterans' Tax Exemption in accordance with Section 458-b of the Real Property Law.

SAID PROPOSED LOCAL LAW is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:01 p.m., at the Wilton Town Hall located on 22 Traver Road in the town at which time all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Supervisor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-February 1, 2018

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Steve Streicher-Councilman
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
John Lant-Deputy Supervisor Streicher
John McEachron-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Jeff Reale, Comptroller and Town Counsel, Mark Schachner.

Supervisor Johnson said there are guests in the audience who are here observe the meeting and would like to recognize Pack 4013, Schuylerville Webelos AOL, Tristan, Jonathan, Ronald and Jeanine, Troop Leader.

Public Comment Session

There was none.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #73

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2018 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Cold War Veterans Exemption-Law #1 of 2018

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #74

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2018

COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton grants a partial real property tax exemption to qualified Cold War veterans pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law §458-b (2)(c)(iii) has been amended to remove the 10-year limitation on the exemption;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that §113-23 of the Town Code shall be amended as follows:

§113-23 Duration.

The exemption shall be granted to qualifying owners of real property as long as they remain qualifying owners.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring on or after the effective date of this resolution.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Streicher, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Exemption of Gold Star Parents- Local Law #2 of 2018

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #75

LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2018

EXEMPTION OF GOLD STAR PARENTS

The Town of Wilton finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to provide for an exemption for Gold Star Parents as is set forth in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a(7).

The New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a(7) allows a qualified owner of qualified property to have a reduction in the real property tax on their primary residence under certain circumstances.

The Town of Wilton will hereby add Article IX – *Exemption for Gold Star Parents*. Said Article IX is added as follows:

- . A “Gold Star Parent” is defined as a person who is the parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war.
- . A “Gold Star Parent” who is the owner of real property and said real property is their primary residence is hereby considered a “qualified owner” as said “qualified owner” as defined in Section 458-a(1)(c) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.
- . “Qualifying residential real property” is property owned by a “qualified owner” which is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not so used exclusively for residential purposes but is used for other purposes, such portion

shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section.

In accordance with the New York State Property Tax Law Section 458-a, subdivision 2(a) the exemption for qualified residential real property owned by a qualified owner is as follows:

Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property; provided however that such exemption shall not exceed twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) or the product of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph 1, above, where the child of the "Gold Star Parent" dies in a combat theater or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Naval Expeditionary Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal or Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property; provided however that such exemption shall not exceed eighteen thousand (\$18,000) multiplied by the latest State Equalization Rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the class ration, whichever is less.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, as provided in the Municipal Home Rule Law.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Canyon Run Extension Drainage District

Supervisor Johnson said there was a public hearing held last month and Town Counsel, Mark Schachner has prepared a resolution and final order for the Canyon Run Extension Drainage District. **Supervisor Johnson** asked if there were any questions before the board entertains a motion. There were none.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #76

WHEREAS, a Petition dated October 5, 2017, requesting that a groundwater drainage district to serve the proposed 44-lot Canyon Run Subdivision (the "Subdivision") be established in the Town was duly presented to the Wilton Town Board (the "Town Board") in accordance with New York Town Law Article 12; and

WHEREAS, the Petition was accompanied by an Engineer's Report ("Report") prepared by Environmental Design Partnership, LLP ("EDP") concerning the proposed Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the Report was filed in the Town Clerk's Office and made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Report delineates the boundaries of the proposed Drainage District, a general plan of the proposed system, a report of the proposed method of operation, all outlets and the terminus and course of the proposed drainage system discharge and is consistent with, so far as possible, any comprehensive plan for sewers developed and maintained pursuant to General Municipal Law §99-f; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to the typical property has been filed with the Town Clerk as a part of the Report, and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2017, subsequent to the filing of the Report with the Town Clerk, the Town Board adopted an Order (the "Public Hearing Order") reciting (a) the boundaries of the proposed District; (b) the proposed improvements; (c) that the developer of the Subdivision (Petitioners) will pay all amounts to be expended for the improvement; (d) the estimated cost of hook-up fees (if any) and the cost of the District to the typical property and the typical one or two family home (if not the typical property); (e) the proposed method of financing to be employed; (f) the fact that the Report describing the improvement is on file in the Town Clerk's office; and (g) the time and place of a Public Hearing on the proposed District; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Public Hearing Order were duly published and posted and were filed with the office of the State Comptroller, all as required by law; and

WHEREAS, prior to publication of the Public Hearing Order, a detailed explanation of how the estimated cost of hook-up fees (if any) and the cost of the District to the typical property and typical one or two family home (if not the typical property) were computed was filed with the Town Clerk for public inspection as part of the Report; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the proposed District was duly held on January 4, 2018, and the Town Board has considered the evidence given thereat together with other information; and

WHEREAS, the permission of the State Comptroller is not required pursuant to Town Law Section 194(6); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to establish the proposed Drainage District as requested in the Petition and detailed in the Report, all in accordance with Town Law Article 12,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED:

1. That the Town Board hereby makes the following determinations:
 - a. The Petition is signed, and acknowledged or proved, or authenticated, as required by law and is otherwise sufficient;
 - b. All of the property and property owners within the proposed District will be benefited thereby;
 - c. All of the property and property owners benefited are included within the boundaries of the proposed District; and
 - d. It is in the public interest to grant in whole the relief sought in the Petition, being establishment of the District.
2. That the Board hereby approves the establishment of the District as the boundaries are set forth in the Report and authorizes and approves construction of the proposed improvements in the District by the Petitioners, at their sole expense, and the providing of service within the District, all as set forth in the Report, subject to obtaining any necessary permits or approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
3. That the proposed improvements, including costs of rights of way, construction costs, legal fees (including reimbursement of the Town's legal fees) and all other expenses shall be borne solely by the Petitioners;

AND IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED:

1. That the Town of Wilton Canyon Run Subdivision Drainage District be established as described in the Report and the improvements described in the Report be constructed and the service within the District be provided upon the required funds being made available or provided for by the Petitioners.
2. That the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution and Order to be duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of Saratoga County and to be filed in the office of the State Department of Audit and Control in the time and manner required by law.
3. That the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Counsel to take all other actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Tournament Parking Fees-Gavin Park

Supervisor Johnson said a request for a fee increase for tournament parking at Gavin Park was received by our Recreation Administrator, Mark Marino along with the Park and Rec Commission. The fees are currently \$650 and would increase to \$700. The fees are for outside events and are charged back to the applicants not to local residents. **Councilman Streicher** said Mr. Marino and the Park and Rec Commission think it is a good idea. He said he agrees with is and it may offset some of the increased costs at the park.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #77

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the fee increase for event/tournament parking at Gavin Park to \$700 per day.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Resignation-WWSA

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #78

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Jamie Green from the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, with regret, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Resignation-Ethics Advisory Board

On a motion introduced by Councilman Streicher, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #79

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Keith Burger from the Ethics Advisory Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, with regret, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Appointment-WWSA

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #80

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Evan Schneider as a member of the Wilton Water and Sewer Authority for the remainder of Jamie Green's term, 2/1/2018-12/31/2019

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Councilman McEachron said Scott Dussault, Greenfield Fire Commissioner has been assigned to the Wilton Town Board meetings as a liaison and is present tonight.

Councilman Streicher said we have been looking into creating a park in the northern portion of town off Northern Pines Road in the South Glens Falls School District. He said he would like to put together a small committee to include himself, Councilman Bogardus, Larry Gordon, Mike Myers and Dan Warren. Special assistance would be from Ryan Riper, Mark Marino and Kirk Woodcock. We would like to look into it and a small pocket park would be a great addition to the town. It may have a small pavilion, playground, barbeque area and maybe an all-purpose field.

Deputy Supervisor Lant said on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 there will be another meeting on the new court building and senior center.

Deputy Supervisor Lant thanked Highway Superintendent Woodcock for keeping the roads clear this winter.

Deputy Supervisor Lant thanked the Wilton Bicentennial Committee for the great job they have done over the past year getting everything together. We had our first event last Saturday and it was a great kickoff. The rest of the events will be just a good. **Supervisor Johnson** said the Gala was a great event and we have many more events during the course of the year. The details are available at wiltonbicentennial.com. We will certainly recognize the folks on the committee. **Councilman Streicher** said the committee worked very hard and thank you to all.

Supervisor Johnson said the Saratogian had a front page story about a Wilton family that was burned out of their home last March. It was a husband and wife with three grandchildren. They all escaped unharmed but they lived in a camper for the next nine months on the mobile home site. Rebuilding Together Saratoga was able to obtain a grant and purchase a new mobile home for the family. It was placed on the site where the other home burned down. Rebuilding Together Saratoga does a great job for area residents. The town is sending a letter of support for future funding for them. **Supervisor Johnson** said our Town Clerk, Sue Baldwin is a volunteer for Rebuilding Together Saratoga and helped put the family in touch with the organization.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2017 Final Budget Transfers and Budget Amendments

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #81

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 budget transfers and amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller’s 2/1/2018 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor Lant duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Personnel

a.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor Lant the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #82

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, accept the resignation of Tracey Kubis, Assistant Recreation Administrator.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Streicher, with regret, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

On a motion introduced by **Councilman Streicher**, seconded by **Councilman McEachron**, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

_____ Deputy Supervisor, John Lant

_____ Councilman, Steve Streicher

_____ Councilman, John McEachron

_____ Councilman Bogardus