## PUBLIC HEARING 2/15/2024

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Parish Town Board held February 15, 2024 at 2938 E. Main Street, Parish, NY in the Village Gym. Supervisor Bernys called the Public Hearing to order at 6:15 pm.

**PRESENT:** 

Doug Houghton, Councilor Gary Wood, Councilor John Horning, Councilor Jim Bernys, Supervisor Kelly Reader-Petit, Town Clerk

Absent/Excused: Robin Eaton-Novak, Councilor

**ALSO PRESENT:** L.J. Harvey, Fire Chief; Paul Baxter, Tug Hill Rep.; Bob Genant, Town Attorney; and John Dunham, Planning Board Member.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear all comments regarding Local Law #1 of 2024-A local law allowing eligible Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers to receive a real property tax exemption under Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a.

## PUBLIC HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

The exemption is to support a state program put forward to help volunteer fire departments with recruitment programs.

Fire Chief Harvey commented that there are 7 Volunteer Firefighters in the town and 2 in the village that would be eligible for the exemption.

The county has passed a law for the exemption and the school is looking into the proposal.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Supervisor Bernys, seconded by Councilor Wood to adjourn at 6:26 pm. Roll taken...All in favor...Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Reader-Petit Parish Town Clerk