Minutes of a Public Hearing to present Local Law # 3 of 2026 Providing for Partial Exemption from Taxation of Real Property Owned by Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes was held at the Town Hall, 7578 County Route 333 on the 18th day of February, 2026 at 6:50 p.m.

Present: Town Supervisor: Michael Volino
Town Council: Daniel Gee, Noel Sylvester
Assessor: Diana Dixon
Highway Supervisor: Alan Crooker
Absent: Jennifer Hargrave, Holly Chase

Visitors: Darlene Chase, Desiree Fisk, Jeff Sweeney, Lisa Hargrave, Tim Hargrave, Eva Turner, Neil Henshaw, Rick Loucks Jr., Mary Marseglia, Dolores Crooker, Sam Dick

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

This public hearing was published in the official newspaper as required as well as being posted on the website and the official Town Bulletin Board.

Diana Dixon gave a brief explanation of the Local Law and said our intent is to follow Steuben County's sliding scale based on annual income for exemptions. The lower your income, the higher the percent of exemption a resident might be eligible for. Diana noted that a resident can only use one of the exemptions presented, either the disability or the senior citizen one.

There was a brief discussion with the residents who were present where Diana Dixon answered questions on how the sliding scale works. Diana noted these local laws are different from the STAR exemption which is managed solely by New York State. She said once a resident applies once, they will be sent a reminder each year, but must renew each year. After three years, income is no longer requested. Proof of income is required during the initial three year time frame of application.

There being no further public comment, motion was made by Noel Sylvester and seconded by Dan Gee that public comment be closed. Motion unanimously passed by those members present.

Motion was made by Dan Gee and seconded by Noel Sylvester that the public hearing be adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion unanimously passed by those present.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Conklin, Town Clerk