

**PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW 1 - 4 of 2023
February 2, 2023**

THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2023, IN PERSON AT 1 TOWN HALL WAY, ULSTER PARK ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 - 4 OF 2023.

**Supervisor Danielle Freer
Councilman Evelyn Clarke - absent
Councilman Laura Robinson
Councilman Kathie Quick
Councilman Jared Geuss**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

THERE WERE FOUR WAYS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Attend the meeting in person
2. Call (845) 331-0676 and leave a voicemail
3. Email lreynolds@esopus.com with the subject line "Public Comment"
4. Mail written comments to Town of Esopus P.O. Box 700 | Port Ewen, NY 12466

Proposed Local Laws 1 -4 were introduced on January 19, 2023, and Noticed in the Daily Freeman on January 22, 2023. The proposed laws were available for review in the Town Clerk's Office and available at www.esopus.com. All Board members received copies of the final laws on January 23, 2023.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023, ENTITLED A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION", OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY AMENDING ARTICLE I TO READ SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME AND REMOVING SECTION 109-1 AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL LAW INCREASING INCOME ELIGIBILITY OF SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION AND EXEMPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AT 6:50 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DIANE DINTRUFF MINTURN ST – Was grateful for this this law and the increased income limits.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2023. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LAURA ROBINSON . ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED **Local Law No. 2 of 2023, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION", OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE VI TO AUTHORIZE A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR QUALIFYING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMT WORKERS IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS AT 6:52 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment: none

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2023. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ROBINSON. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED **Local Law No. 3 of 2023, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION", OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY REMOVING SECTION 109-14 AND REPLACING IT WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ALTERNATIVE VETERANS EXEMPTION AT 8:53 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment: none

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON LOCAL LAW # 3 OF 2023. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED **Local Law No. 4 of 2023, entitled A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 109, "TAXATION", OF THE ESOPUS TOWN CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 109-17 ALLOWING A PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS WITH DISABILITY AND SECTION 109-18 LENGTH OF EXEMPTION AT 6:55 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment: none

SUPERVISOR FREER MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON LOCAL LAW # 4 OF 2023. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR: MOTION CARRIED.

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSHOP MEETING FOLLOWED.

Respectively Submitted,

*Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC*