

COPAKE TOWN BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2008

At a public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Copake the following were present: Supervisor Crowley, Councilperson Kiernan, Councilperson Tompkins, Councilperson Sacks, Highway Superintendent Proper, and Town Attorney Kevin Thiemann. Councilperson Gabaccia absent due to illness.

Supervisor Crowley opened the hearing at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the hearing is to review proposed Local Law # 1 for the year 2008 amending Section 204-2 of the Town Code establishing a maximum income level and schedule of partial exemption levels for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons with Limited Income with regard to real property tax assessments.

Motion made by Councilperson Sacks, seconded by Councilperson Tompkins the hearing be closed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Tompkins to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Tompkins, seconded by Councilperson Kiernan to close executive session at 7:16 pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Kiernan, seconded by Supervisor Crowley to return to executive session to discuss litigation with town attorney at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilperson Kiernan, seconded by Councilperson Tompkins to close executive session at 7:28 pm. Motion carried.

Supervisor Crowley opened the regular meeting at 7:30 pm.

Supervisor Crowley explained the increase in income limits for senior citizen and disability exemptions over the next three (3) years.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Tompkins and seconded by Councilperson Kiernan.

WHEREAS, by Local Law No. 1 of the year 2008, which was passed by the Copake Town Board on December 11, 2003, the Town of Copake amended Section 204-2 of the Town Code to establish a maximum income level and schedule of partial exemption levels for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons with Limited Income with regard to real property tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, by legislation enacted in 2006 the State of New York authorized an increase in said income limits for the 2008,2009, and 2010 tax roll years; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend the Copake Town Code to incorporate the increased income limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that with regard to the 2008 property tax roll, beginning on July 1, 2007, the maximum income level for the 50% exemption for senior citizens and for disabled persons with limited incomes is established at \$27,000.00 and the following

partial exemptions are established for persons with income greater than \$27,000.00 but less than \$35,400.00:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
More than \$27,000.01 But less than \$27,999.99	45%
More than \$28,000.00 But less than \$28,999.99	40%
More than \$29,000.00 But less than \$29,999.99	35%
More than \$30,000.00 But less than \$30,899.99	30%
More than \$30,900.00 But less than \$31,799.99	25%
More than \$31,800.00 But less than \$32,699.99	20%
More than \$32,700.00 But less than \$ 33,599.99	15%
More than \$33,600.00 But less than \$34,499.99	10%
More than \$34,500.00 But less than \$35,399.99	5%

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that with regard to the 2009 property tax roll, beginning on July 1, 2008, the maximum income level for the 50% exemption for senior citizens and for disabled persons with limited income is established at \$28,000.00 and the following partial exemptions are established for persons with income greater than \$28,000.00 but less than \$36,400.00:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
More than \$28,000.01 But less than \$28,999.99	45%
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But less than \$29,999.99	40%
More than \$30,000.00 But less than \$30,999.99	35%
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More than \$32,800.00 But less than \$33,699.99	20%
More than \$33,700.00 But less than \$34,599.99	15%
More than \$34,500.00 But less than \$35,499.99	10%
More than \$35,500.00 But less than \$36,399.99	5%

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that with regard to the 2010 property tax roll, beginning on July 1, 2009, the maximum income level for the 50% exemption for senior citizens and for disabled persons with limited income is established at \$29,000.00 and the following partial exemptions are established for persons with income greater than \$29,000.00 but less than \$37,400.00:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
More than \$29,000.01 But less than \$29,999.99	45%
More than \$30,000.00 But less than \$30,999.99	40%
More than \$31,000.00 But less than \$31,999.99	35%
More than \$32,000.00 But less than \$32,899.99	30%
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More than \$33,800.00 But less than \$34,699.99	20%
More than \$34,700.00 But less than \$35,599.99	15%
More than \$35,500.00 But less than \$36,499.99	10%
More than \$36,500.00 But less than \$37,399.99	5%

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a local law amending the Town Code to incorporate these changes shall be prepared and filed with the Secretary of State.

Dated: February 22, 2008

Supervisor Crowley	Yes
Councilman Tompkins	Yes
Councilman Kiernan	Yes
Councilman Sacks	Yes
Councilman Gabaccia	Absent

Motion made by Councilperson Sacks, seconded by Councilperson Kiernan to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,