

TOWN OF GOSHEN
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2022
Minutes

A Special Town Board Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Goshen was held on the 5th day of January 2022 at 4:30 pm via Zoom.

Present:	Joseph Betro	Supervisor
	Douglas Bloomfield	Councilmember
	Philip Canterino	Councilmember
	Richard Florio	Councilmember
	George Lyons	Councilmember

Also Present:	Rory Brady	Town Attorney
	Mary Riso	Town Clerk

Note the purpose of such meeting was to approve the resolution giving the Town Assessor authority to grant exemptions on the 2022 Town Assessment Roll.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Canterino, seconded by Councilmember Lyons, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to open the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Whereupon, there was a discussion on the resolution. Alan Eskew, Town Assessor, joined by telephone to answer questions posed by the Board.

Hearing no objection, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, does hereby direct the Town Assessor of the Town of Goshen to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll in accordance with the Resolution attached hereto.

Resolution
Town of Goshen, New York

Town Assessor – Authority to Grant Exemptions on the 2022 Town Assessment Roll
WHEREAS, on November 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No.

11, declaring a state disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this State disaster emergency has resulted in limited hours in municipal offices in the Town of Goshen and rendered senior citizens and individuals with disabilities residing in Goshen homebound. These factors combined have made it difficult, if not impossible, for many in these populations to file their real property tax exemption applications in person and many, further, lack the ability to file such applications online; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the above problems caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No. 11. This extension of the Governor's Executive Order modifies subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit (i.e., the Town Board of the Town of Goshen) to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (i.e., senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the governing body of said assessing unit, in any such Resolution, at its option, to include procedures by which its Town Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Executive Order, the Town Board of the Town of Goshen wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Town Assessor of the Town of Goshen to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Town Assessor of the Town of Goshen the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discussed above, utilizing procedures outlined below;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the Town Board of the Town of Goshen hereby directs the Town Assessor of the Town of Goshen to:

1. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;

2. The Town Assessor may, in his sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with his office if he has reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If the Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, he shall notify the owner of the subject property of such requirement by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, with such notice shall containing instructions on how to file the renewal application. Said renewal application may be returned by certified mail or by making an appointment to drop same off at the Town Assessor's office, 41 Webster Ave., Goshen, New York 10924.

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Lyons, seconded by Councilmember Bloomfield, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to approve resolution as presented.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Vote: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

VOTE BY PROPER MOTION, made by Councilmember Bloomfield, seconded by Councilmember Florio, the Town of Goshen Town Board moved to close the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Betro	Aye	Councilmember Bloomfield	Aye
Councilmember Canterino	Aye	Councilmember Florio	Aye
Councilmember Lyons	Aye		

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

Submitted by Mary Riso, Town Clerk