

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

March 20, 2023

Commissioner K. Thompson called the public Hearing to order on March 20, 2023 at 6:50pm.

All commissioners present: K. Thompson, M. Chura, D. Rafkis, M. Malone and C. LaPrease. J. Root, W. Dwyer, A. Speech, J. Corcoran, D. Dwyer, T. Eckel, B. Raymond-LaPrease, C. Curtis, Pac B,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

K. Thompson read the following notice:

This is the public hearing regarding the proposed resolution for the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District to adopt the volunteer firefighter real property tax exemption. Real Property Tax Law §466-a requires that local government entities wishing to confer the benefits of said statute on enrolled volunteer firefighters serving within their boundaries hold a public hearing. This public hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the resolution to confer the volunteer firefighter real property tax exemption.

The Secretary of the Fire District has filed with this District an affidavit stating that the notice of this public hearing was published or posted at least once ten (10) days before the date specified for the hearing in:

The Syracuse Post Standard, the official newspaper of the Fire District.
The official bulletin board of the Town of Lysander
The official bulletin board of the Fire District
The website of the Town of Lysander
The website of the Fire District

The Notice of Public Hearing specified the time and date when and the place where this public hearing would be held.

The Fire District Secretary also made available for inspection, at least five days before the public hearing, by any interested person during district office hours copies of the proposed resolution to confer the volunteer firefighter real property tax exemption.

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public to make comments on the resolution to confer the volunteer firefighter real property tax exemption. Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the resolution to confer the volunteer firefighter real property tax exemption. Please note that this is only a proposed resolution until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the resolution for the volunteer firefighter real property tax exemption.

Chairperson K. Thompson presented a summary of the proposed resolution to confer the volunteer firefighter real property exemption. Copies of the resolution and procedures were posted prior to the public hearing and also provided this evening.

K. Thompson then opened the floor to public comments; stating that the board will hear comments in favor or against the volunteer firefighter real property exemption but the board may not comment until the end of the public comments period.

There were no comments from the public or by the board members.

K. Thompson asked for additional comments and there were none. This public hearing regarding the proposed resolution to confer the volunteer firefighter real property tax exemption of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District is declared closed. Can I receive a motion from a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners?

M. Chura made the motion to close the public hearing and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried. The public hearing closed at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Speach, Fire District Secretary