

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Johnson called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear all persons for or against the adoption of Local Law 2 of 2018 – Update to Chapter 164 Taxation in the Sweden Town Code – Making Permanent Cold War Veterans Exemption.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Kevin G. Johnson, Councilperson Patricia Hayles, Councilperson Robert Muesebeck, Councilperson Mary Rich and Councilperson Lori Skoog. Also present were Finance Director Leisa Strabel, Town Architect David Strabel, Town Attorney Jim Bell, Superintendent of Highways Brian Ingraham and Town Clerk Karen Sweeting.

Visitors present were Joan Hamlin, Christine Hamlin, Susan Smith, Laurence Vaughan, Pat Leonard, Ken and Dorothy Reid, John Zima, Wayne Zyra, Charles and Dottie Scott, Charles Sanford, Deputy Village Mayor Bill Andrews and Village Trustee Annie Crane.

Supervisor Johnson asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspaper. Notice was read.

Mr. Johnson opened the floor for comments.

Resident Laurence Vaughan asked if the veteran passes, does the exemption stay with the surviving spouse and are there any benefits if both (husband/wife) are veterans.

Resident John Zima indicated he is also a Vietnam Veteran and agrees with the local law. He asked if a veteran already has submitted paperwork to the assessor, does it have to be done again.

Supervisor Johnson encouraged anyone with these types of questions to contact the Town Assessor, Tammy Baker. Discussion.

Resident Charles Sanford said he is a Vietnam Veteran and when he came home from the war, veterans were not treated well. He is in favor of both local laws. Mr. Sanford asked about other exemptions for veterans.

Supervisor Johnson explained that this local law pertains to the cold war exemption only.

No other comments.

Supervisor Johnson asked everyone in attendance to applaud the veterans that were in the room. He thanked them for their service and offered a special thank you to Ken and Dorothy Reid.

Supervisor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting
Town Clerk