

Special Districts

Enterprise	36-40	\$	2,454.96
Street Lighting	2-2	\$	24,983.38
Solid Waste	4-4	\$	1,257.04

MINUTES – A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor Monaghan spoke regarding the following subjects:

- The Coastal Flood warning approaching Thurs into Friday. The highway department is aware and preparing for the impending storm.
- The great success the town had with the Military Banner Program last year. The town will be opening the program up again and will begin accepting applications for new banners on March 1st. There are limited spots available.
- March 1st is the last opportunity for the Enhanced Star Renewal Applications to be submitted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

Public Hearing – Local Law Cold War-Veterans Exemption

The following Public Hearing Notice was published:

**PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF STONY POINT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, on **February 27, 2018** at **7:00 P.M.** at Rho Building, 5 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, New York for the following matter:

Amend Town Code, Chapter 194 - Cold War Veteran’s Tax Exemption

The Town Board for the Town of Stony Point is considering enacting a new provision of the Town Code amending Chapter 194 by removing the 10-year limitation on the Cold War Veteran’s tax exemption as authorized by NYS Real Property Tax Law 458-b(c)(iii).

The full text of the proposed Local Law will be on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, 74 East Main Street, Stony Point, New York, no later than February 19, 2018 and may be obtained by any interested parties from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

By Order of the Town Board dated February 13, 2018.

Joan Skinner - Town Clerk - February 22, 2018

Open Public Hearing

At 7:18 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to open this public hearing.

Supervisor Monaghan discussed removing the 10 year limit concerning Cold War Veterans Exemption.

Public Input - None

Close Public Hearing

At 7:19 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to close this public hearing.

Resolution

The following resolution was duly offered by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present, to wit:

RESOLUTION 2018/9

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF STONY POINT
ADOPTING THE LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 194 OF THE TOWN CODE
CONCERNING COLD WAR VETERANS EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Stony Point (“Town Board”) hereby desires adopt a Local Law to amend the Town Code regarding the Cold War Veterans Exemption pursuant to Section 458-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law (“Section 458-b”) authorizes the adoption of a local law to provide tax exemptions from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who served in the military, under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 290 of the laws of 2017 of New York State, which amended Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of Subdivision 2 of Section 458-b, authorizes the Town to exceed the application of the ten-year limitation to the Cold War Veteran Exemption; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 290 of the Laws of 2017 also provides for a Town, by adoption of a Local Law, to remove the 10-year limit on such exemption; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly published and held on February 27, 2018 at the Rho Building, located at 1 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, after having given an opportunity to the public to provide an comments, now wishes adopt the Local Law that would remove the 10-year limitation on Cold War Veterans Exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved by the Town Board as follows:

Section 1. All “WHEREAS” paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Local Law amending Chapter 194 of the Town Code to remove the 10-year extension period of the Cold War Veterans Exemption, as attached, be and hereby is adopted as Local Law No. 2 of 2018 of the Town of Stony Point.

Section 3. The Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Stony Point, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York and to take all steps to process and file said Local Law amendment with the State of New York.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2018

TOWN OF STONY POINT

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2018

AMENDING CHAPTER 194 OF THE TOWN CODE
CONCERNING THE COLD WAR VETERAN EXEMPTION
IN THE TOWN OF STONY POINT, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW to amend Chapter 194 of the Town Code of the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, New York, pursuant to Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

BE IT ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Section 458-b, Subdivision 2, Section (a) of Real Property Tax Law.

Section 2. Title and Purpose

This law shall be known as and may be cited as “Local Law No. 2 of 2018.”

The purpose of this Local Law is to remove the ten-year limitation on the exemption provided for by Local Law 10 of 2007 which allowed a real property tax exemption to Cold War veterans who meet the requirements set forth in Section 458-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

Section 3. Amendment

[Pursuant to the authorization by Chapter 290 of the laws of 2017, which amended Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of Subdivision 2 of Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law, the following language shall be incorporated into Article VI as Section 194-27.1 of the Town Code of the Town of Stony Point:]

§ 194-27.1 Duration of Exemption

Notwithstanding the ten-year limitation imposed by Section 458-b (2) (c) (iii) of the Real Property Tax Law, the exemption authorized by this Local Law shall apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners, pursuant to Chapter 290, Section 1 of the Laws of 2017.

Section 4. Repeal, Amendment, and Supersession of Other Laws

All other Resolutions, Ordinances or Local Laws of the Town of Stony Point, which conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded or repealed to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect.

Nothing in this Local Law shall be deemed to reduce any benefit of Local Law 10 of 2007 to which a property owner would otherwise be entitled to.

Section 5. State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (20) and (27), this Local Law is classified as a Type II action which requires no further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Section 6. Severability

If the provisions of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee – NR School District

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Javenes and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to approve sponsorship of the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee at a cost to the Town of \$500.

License Agreement with Suez Water New York, Inc

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve the License Agreement with Suez Water New York to extend the contract for use of the Muni Pool on Bulsontown Rd. for an additional 20 years at \$1 per year.

Approve Eagle Scout Project

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present to approve an Eagle Scout Project for Matthew Lombardoni, a member of Troop 10 who will be building a bench next to the handicap swing at Lowland Park.

2018 Community Block Grant

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to accept the recommendation that the Town of Stony Point apply for a Community Development Block Grant to purchase appropriate tables and chairs for the Senior Citizens Room at the Rho building for exclusive use by the Senior Citizens Group by accepting the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2018 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Board accepts the recommendation of the Community Development Advisory Committee to seek Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Town of Stony Point in the amount of sixteen thousand, two hundred dollars and 25/100 (\$16,200.25) for purchasing appropriate tables and chairs for the Senior Citizens Room at the Rho Building for exclusive use by the Senior Citizens Groups.
2. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute any and all documents necessary for the submission of such 2018 CDBG Application.
3. The Town Clerk and any other officer or employee, as directed by the Supervisor, is authorized to take any and all actions to carry out the provisions of this resolution.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Bids For Senior Bus

A motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for a 14 seat Senior Bus using the 2017 Community Block Grant Award.

Resolution Opposing Congestion Pricing in Manhattan

The following resolution was duly offered by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and unanimously carried by a voice vote of those board members present, to wit:

RESOLUTION 2018/11

RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONGESTION PRICING IN THE TOWN OF STONY POINT

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo has previously convened a panel known as “Fix NYC” in order to study transit issues in New York City; and

WHEREAS, such panel has recently released their recommendation to implement congestion pricing, with a specific proposal for a toll be placed on vehicles entering the area of Manhattan south of 60th Street that would range from \$11.52 for a car up to \$25.34 for a truck; and

WHEREAS, the people of Town of Stony Point (“Town”) suffer from a lack of available public transit options as compared to other areas within the Metro-North Service Area, receiving less back in services than they pay into the system; and

WHEREAS, automobile commuters and other travelers going into New York City from the Town already face the highest tolls of any Hudson River crossing on the George Washington Bridge; and

WHEREAS, charging automobile operators additional tolls without first providing increased or improved mass transit options leaves those automobile operators no alternative but to simply pay increased costs out of pocket and cannot actually reduce congestion; and

WHEREAS, such a congestion pricing plan would place an undue financial hardship on working class residents of the Town and neighboring municipalities alike, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has made clear his intent to encourage the passage of legislation effecting this panel’s recommendation by the New York State Legislature during the current legislative session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clause as shall be incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. The Town Board of the Town of Stony Point hereby opposes any congestion pricing plan or toll around the island of Manhattan or any portion thereof, to include this specific proposal.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Hon. David Carlucci, Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Senators; Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Jr., Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, and Hon. James G. Skoufis, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New

York State Senate and Assembly; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in her discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:27 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Monaghan, seconded by Councilman Basile and **unanimously carried** by a voice vote of those board members present to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel & legal issues. No further votes were taken.

ADJOURN

The February 27, 2018 Stony Point Town Board meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Skinner, Town Clerk