

**PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2025
A LOCAL LAW ALLOWING THE INSERTION OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS
IN CERTAIN TAX BILLS MAILED BY THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168
NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by **Supervisor P. Roder** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder

(X) Council Diana Clark

(X) Council Kyle Kidney

(X) Council John E. DeFreest Jr.

(X) Council Tammy Madden

(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

(X) Alden Goodermote, Highway Superintendent

(X) Jennifer Van Deusen, Assessor

A quorum (x) was () wasn't established.

6 from the Public were present

- **PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED: A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A FEE TO BE CHARGED BY THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN TO SEND A DELINQUENT TAX NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY § 987, SUBDIVISION 1, OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reminders to All Participants who would like to speak: (this meeting is on Live Stream and is being recorded)

- *Raise your hand prior to speaking*
- *Announce your name and the Town you reside in.*
- *There is a 3-to-5-minute window for each speaker per Resolution 1 of the fiscal year*
- *Any disruptive conduct will be addressed at any meeting if the Town Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible. The Chair (Town Supervisor) may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its business.*

Note: This local law has been requested by the Department of Taxation.

T. Dormady questioned and expressed concerns around the content of the material being put in with the tax bills, and the content that could potentially be put in with the language being vague.

Supervisor Roder and Council DeFreest, Jr. explain and read the purpose and intent of the purposed local law.

Highway Superintendent Goodermote asked if all Towns were enacting these local laws.

Town Clerk Hoffman reported that there is oversight by NYS Tax laws and this practice has been taking place for many years with several town. This was requested by the Director of Tax Services that all localities put these laws in place.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:10 PM

MOTION BY: KIDNEY

SECONDED BY: DEFREEST, JR.

VOTES OF: 5 AYE

0 NAY

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, December 15th, 2025** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

Stephanie M. Hoffman

Town Clerk