

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

A special meeting of the Town Board was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with the following members present: Richard Rowland, Supervisor; Daniel Pemrick, Peter Coseo, Thomas Kinsella and Daniel Cochran, Councilman. Also present was Highway Supt. Walter Barss.

At 7:20 PM a public hearing opened on Proposed Local Law #1-2009 – Cold War Veterans Exemption. Clerk presented proof of legal publication. Albert Janik, King Road - Mr. Janik stated that he was in general opposition to any exemptions that transfer the tax obligation to another taxpayer within the Town. He would be more than happy to give up his Veterans Exemption if someone could come up with a formula that provides some sort of relief to those people who can not afford their taxes. Mr. Janik also asked why the Board was choosing to grant a 15% exemption with a \$12,000. cap. He stated that this was the maximum that the County and State allowed. He noted that the Vietnam Veterans and other Combat Veterans receive a \$20,000. exemption from the Town. The County give them \$60,000. The Town of Greenfield is giving their combat veterans one third of what the County allows and yet they are proposing to give the Cold War Veterans the identical exemption that the County is giving. He was not opposed to recognizing the veterans, he just did not feel that this made sense. Mr. Janik estimated that the \$12,000. exemption would save the veterans approximately \$12.00 per year. There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:22 PM.

At 7:42 PM the Board reconvened the Special Meeting. On motion of Coseo, C. and seconded by Cochran, C., the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss UDAG Loans. Town Clerk was not present for session and no minutes were filed. On motion of Pemrick, C. and seconded by Cochran, C, the Board returned to regular session at 8:15 PM.

On motion of Coseo, C. and seconded by Cochran, C., the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

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Town Clerk