

Board of Trustees  
Village of Black River, New York



Agenda

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2022

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of minutes of the 12/5/22 regular meeting.
- Public Comment.
- Police Department Report.
- Code Enforcement Report & review of related correspondence.
- Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- Superintendent's Report.

Correspondence Received:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A) NYS DOT                         | Re: Shared service agreement         |
| B) NYS Rt. 3 Sewer Board           | Re: Minutes                          |
| C) NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance | Re: Volunteer property tax exemption |
| D) National Grid                   | Re: Ornamental light LED conversion  |

Correspondence Sent:

New Business:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A) David Daily                       | Re: Dugouts at ball field |
| B) Parking regulations E. Dexter St. |                           |
| C) Water/sewer bill adjustments      |                           |

Unfinished Business:

- Reports from Standing Committees.
- Reports from Special Meetings.
- Authorize payment of bills; adjournment.

Mayor Dishaw called the regular meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Francis Dishaw  
Trustee Gary McCullough  
Trustee Randy Lake  
Trustee Bonnie Proven  
Superintendent Les Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer Kristin Williams  
Police Chief Steve Wood

Excused:

Trustee Corey Decillis

The board reviewed the Annual Agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee McCullough to adopt the Annual Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to approve the minutes of the 11/7/22 meeting. The motion was carried.

Public Comment:

Village resident Le Carpenter thanked the Department of Public Works for their work during the snow storm. Dave Leonard, resident, stated that he appreciated Les and his crew for the hours that they put in during the storm.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Wood stated that he did two days of Stop DWI patrols and that he will have another one at the end of the month. He stated that he will participate in Shop with a Cop on Saturday. Police Chief Wood stated that he is working with some other police departments on some policies that are required as part of the police reform law.

Code Enforcement Report: The board discussed the Black River American Legion's request to NY State to change their liquor license. The change would permit the legion to allow patrons who aren't legion members. Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that Code Enforcement Officer James Holland said that the change is allowable under the current zoning because the establishment sells food.

Superintendent Williams stated that he would like to designate the river side of East Dexter Street as no parking. He stated that it is difficult to pass with the plow and that access to the sewer pump station is sometimes obstructed by vehicles that are parked there overnight.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Clerk Treasurer Williams stated that she asked the Village Attorney to review the contract presented by Barton & Loguidice. She stated that he had no major concerns and that it is a standard contract.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee McCullough to adopt the following resolution:  
**Resolved**, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract with Barton & Loguidice for an engineering study of the water system. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Absent

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Williams stated that Levi Brownell declined to take the DPW position. It was decided that the job would not be advertised again until the new budget year. He stated that he would like to hire Hunter Covey as a temporary employee on a call in basis.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that Hunter Covey be hired as a temporary employee at \$18.00 an hour for an amount not to exceed \$2,500. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Absent

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Superintendent Williams stated that the new plow truck has been reprogrammed and has new tires, NCC repaired the water leak on Stafford Dr. and that the Town of LeRay assisted. He stated that the frame broke on the small dump truck, the manlift broke while putting up Christmas decorations. He stated that the Village of Evans Mills let the DPW use their bucket to finish putting up the decorations. Superintendent Williams stated that Public Employee Safety & Health (PEOSH) inspectors inspected the pump stations and will be issuing a report. He stated that new tires have been put on the Bobcat, all of the sidewalks have been opened up and he has picked up the bottles for the PFOA water testing. Superintendent Williams discussed the ban on street parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from April 1 to Nov. 1.

Correspondence Received: The board reviewed a letter from the Black River Fire Department.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to approve the nominations of Officers for the Black River Fire Department. The motion was carried. Trustee Lake abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Proven to approve an amount not to exceed \$500 to purchase a display case for the historian. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee Lake to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the following abstracts of audited vouchers be approved: interim abstract dated 11/9/22 in the amount of \$28,543.54 (General Fund: \$21,354.96 Water Fund: \$7,188.58) interim abstract dated 11/9/22 in the amount of \$510.30 (General Fund: \$510.30) interim abstract dated 11/17/22 in the amount of \$31,023.61 (General Fund: \$27,382.41 Water Fund: \$3,641.20) and regular monthly abstract dated 12/5/22 in the amount of \$58,320.55 (General Fund: \$52,720.33 Water Fund: \$5,600.22). The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Dishaw	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Decillis	Absent

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Proven to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer

**BLACK RIVER/EVANS MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT  
December-22**

	B/R	E/M	TOTAL	Nov-22	Oct-22
ARRESTS -	0	0	0	1	0
COMPLAINTS -	7	5	12	31	11
VEHICLE STOPS -	4	11	15	17	14
TICKETS ISSUED -	3	6	9	11	4
ACCIDENT REPORTS -	1	0	1	1	0
PARKING VIOLATIONS -	0	0	0	1	0
MOTORIST ASSISTS -	0	0	0	3	0
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY -	1	2	3	9	2
ESCORTS -	0	0	0	0	0
VEHICLES TOWED -	0	0	0	2	0
PROPERTY CHECKS -	3	1	4	1	8
INCIDENT REPORTS -	4	4	8	14	8
DOMESTIC REPORTS -	0	0	0	0	0
OFFENSE REPORTS -	0	0	0	1	0
FOLLOW UP REPORTS -	2	0	2	3	1
CRIMES REPORTED -	0	0	0	0	0

**DAYS WORKED PER MONTH - 11/31 DAYS**

**HOURS WORKED - 77 HOURS**

**MILES DRIVEN - 280 MILES**

**EXTRA DETAILS - Stop DWI patrol, Shop W/A Cop, Carthage Holiday Parade**

**POLICE CHIEF, STEVEN C WOOD #2701  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
VILLAGE OF BLACK RIVER/EVANS MILLS NY**

*SC WOOD #2701*

## UTT Report by Date

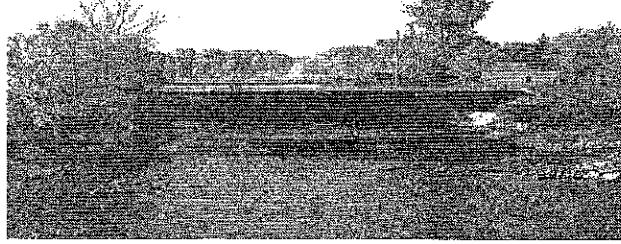
From 12/1/2022 to 12/31/2022

Date	Officer Name	Badge	Case Number	Section And Offense	Status	Location	Local Code
12/31/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G8K7B5	3752A3 NO/INSUFFICIENT TAIL LAMPS	4	LERAY ST @ HENRY ST EM	22BR00483
12/30/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G8GCF7	1180D SPEED IN ZONE	4	S MAIN ST NEAR US 11	22BR00482
12/30/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G8GBSZ	3752A1 NO/INADEQUATE LIGHTS	4	S MAIN ST NEAR US 11	22BR00482
12/30/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G8G56D	1110A DISOBEYED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	4	S MAIN ST @ SCHOOL EM	22BR00479
12/30/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G8FMHH	37540B INADEQUATE OR NO STOP LAMPS	4	LERAY ST @ CHURCH ST EM	22BR00478
12/30/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G8FFKM	37531 INADEQUATE/NO MUFFLER	4	S MAIN ST BR	22BR00477
12/26/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G7ZGV0	1180A SPEED NOT REASONABLE & PRUDENT	7	US 11 @ STEINHILBER RD	22BR00469
12/21/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G7GX9Z	37512AB2 SIDEWINGS/SIDEWINDOWS/NON/TRASNPRNT	7	SR 3 @ S MAIN ST BR	22BR00467
12/18/2022	WOOD S	01	0321G751NR	37512AB2 SIDEWINGS/SIDEWINDOWS/NON/TRASNPRNT	7	S MAIN ST BR	22BR00463

### Summary

Query returned 9 records.

Department of Code Enforcement  
Village of Black River, New York



January 3, 2023

Charles and Grace Biagini  
253 Maples St.  
Black River< NY 13612

Sent Regular mail

Re: 255 Maple St., Black River, parcel number 75.49-1-30.3

**First Notice**

Dear Charles and Grace Biagini,

This letter is in reference to the above referred address and parcel number and a complaint that the Village has received regarding the property. During an inspection of the property the following was found:

1. Accumulation of rubbish and demolition debris over the entire property. The rubbish and debris are causing a nuisance to neighbors. All rubbish and demolition debris must be removed from the property.
2. Building Demolition without a permit. A permit for the demolition of 255 Maple St. must be obtained.

These are violations of the Village of Black River and the New York State Uniform Code. The sections are listed below.

**308.1 Accumulation of rubbish or garbage.**

Exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.

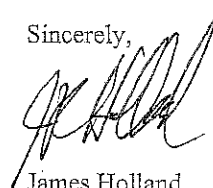
**Village Code Section 85-3 Building Permits**

Building Permits are required. No person shall commence any work for which a building permit is required without first having obtained a building permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

You are hereby ordered to take corrective action immediately upon receipt of this letter. Failure on your part to make the repairs and correct the violations within thirty (30) days will result in the Village seeking legal action in your name in a court of competent jurisdiction.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the Village Office.

Sincerely,



James Holland  
Code Enforcement Officer

ATTCH: Photos of the violations  
CC: Mayor and Village Board of Trustees

107 Jefferson Place  
Black River, NY 13612

[www.blackriverny.org](http://www.blackriverny.org)

(315) 773-5721 off  
(315) 773-5726 fax





**Department of  
Transportation**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**MARIE THERESE DOMINGUEZ**  
Commissioner

**KENNETH M. BIBBINS, P.E.**  
Regional Director

December 9, 2022

Village of Black River  
107 Jefferson Place  
Black River, NY 13612  
Attn: Francis Dishaw  
Mayor

Dear Mr. Dishaw:

The New York State Department of Transportation is committed to assisting our Municipal partners in responding to emergencies that affect the transportation system. In the instance a local Highway System is impacted by an event, NYSDOT forces can normally only offer assistance when a Governor's Emergency Declaration has been made.

In the absence of a Governor's Emergency Declaration and/or suspension of Highway Law §55, NYSDOT forces can assist local Municipalities with issues on the local Highway System if a Shared Services Agreement has been entered into between the Municipality and New York State. By executing an Agreement beforehand, emergency needs on your Highway System can be addressed without having to wait for paperwork to be processed or an Emergency Declaration to be enacted.

You currently have an Emergency Shared Service Agreement which has expired or will expire in the next year.

In order to have continued coverage of said agreement, we are inviting you to renew at this time. A new blank Shared Services Agreement form is attached. On page one under Item #4, please check your preferred term of agreement (check box 2- or 4-year), the start & end dates, then sign and date under the "MUNICIPALITY" at the bottom of the page. Schedule A on Page 2 can be left blank, as the emergency event would dictate what information is placed here.

Please return the signed Agreement to me at the following address:

New York State Department of Transportation  
ATTN: Mark Catalina, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dulles State Office Building  
317 Washington St.  
Watertown, NY 13601



Once all signatures have been made an executed copy will be returned for your records.

If you have any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact me at:

Phone: (315) 221-5424

Email: [Mark.Catalina@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Mark.Catalina@dot.ny.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Catalina". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Catalina, P.E.T.

Operations Division, Region 7

Enclosure: Shared Service Agreement

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**Between**  
**NYSDOT and the Village of Black River**

THIS AGREEMENT, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, is between the People of the State of New York, hereinafter referred to as "State" or "NYSDOT" and the Village of Black River, hereinafter referred to as "Municipality." Pursuant to Section 99-r of the General Municipal Law, the State and the Municipality wish to share services, exchange or lend materials or equipment which shall promote and assist the maintenance of State and Municipal roads and highways and provide a cost savings by maximizing the effective utilization of both parties' resources. Shared Services shall mean any service provided by one party (Provider) to another party (Recipient). The State and the Municipality agree to share services as follows:

1. Description and Cost of Services, Materials or Equipment to be shared: Provide details of the services, materials or equipment to be shared in the attached standard Schedule A. The total amount of the agreement shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). If applicable, indicate that the return exchange will be determined at a later date.
2. The Provider's employees shall remain under full supervision and control of the Provider. The parties shall remain fully responsible for their own employees for all matters, including but not limited to, salary, insurance, benefits and Workers Compensation.
3. If the borrowed machinery or equipment is damaged or otherwise needs repair arising out of or in connection with the Recipient's use, the Recipient shall be responsible for such repairs.
4. The Municipality agrees to defend and indemnify the State for any and all claims arising out of the Municipality's acts or omissions under this Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall be for two (2)  or four (4)  years from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. The parties will endeavor to provide no less than thirty (30) days' notice of its intent to extend the Agreement. Either party may revoke this Agreement by providing sixty (60) days written notice of such revocation. Upon revocation, any outstanding obligations of the parties must be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of such revocation.

NYSDOT – Region 07

MUNICIPALITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Resident Engineer Jefferson County

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

NYSDOT – Region 07

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Director of Operations

**SCHEDULE A**

NYSDOT

Description of  services,  materials, or  equipment (Check All that apply) to be shared:

*Emergency Services for Undeclared Emergencies to be Determined*

Estimated Cost/Value of  services,  materials, or  equipment (Check All that apply):

*To Be Determined*

Total NYSDOT Cost/Value: \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY

Description of  services,  materials, or  equipment (Check All that apply) to be shared:

*To be Determined*

Estimated Cost/Value of  services,  materials, or  equipment (Check All that apply):

*To Be Determined*

Total MUNICIPALITY Cost/Value: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: NYS ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR SEWER BOARD

FROM: Christina Vargulick, Secretary

DATE: December 13, 2022

RE: Minutes of December 12, 2022 meeting

**Present:** F. Dishaw, G. Eddy, B. Peck and R. Taylor

**Others:** B. Nutting, C. Fout and C. Vargulick

The NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board met on Monday, December 12, 2022 at the T/Champion Municipal Building. G. Eddy called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

The Board reviewed the minutes for September 12, 2022. Motion by R. Taylor, seconded by B. Peck to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

### **Operating Report**

The period summary for September 2022 was distributed to the Board. The sewer flow was 5.9MG. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of the total budgeted revenues were received. Expenses year-to-date were seventy-seven percent (77%) of the total budgeted. Net cash of \$165,230.07 remained at the end of the period. The reserve account balance was \$154,094.90.

The period summary for October 2022 was distributed to the Board. The sewer flow was 6.2MG. Ninety percent (90%) of the total budgeted revenues were received. Expenses year-to-date were ninety percent (90%) of the total budgeted. Net cash of \$111,632.00 remained at the end of the period. The reserve account balance was \$154,241.95.

The period summary for November 2022 was distributed to the Board. The sewer flow was 7.8MG. One hundred percent (100%) of the total budgeted revenues were received. Expenses year-to-date were ninety-three percent (93%) of the total budgeted. Net cash of \$213,079.74 remained at the end of the period. The reserve account balance was \$154,384.42.

### **2023 Budget Adoption**

Motion by B. Peck, seconded by F. Dishaw to adopt the preliminary budget as the 2023 adopted budget. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

Board members considered a request from Ellie Walsh, St. John's Episcopal Church Warden, to reduce the sewer charges for the period June-August 2022 due to a water leak that did not go into the sewer system. Motion by G. Eddy, seconded by B. Peck to reduce the sewer charge to the minimum charge(\$94.75). Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Certificates of Deposit**

B. Nutting advised the Board that the term of a current certificate of deposit with Carthage Savings & Loan expires 12/24/2022. The terms offered are one year@3.5% or six months@3.25%. Erica Belt also recommends investing an additional \$68,000. Motion by G. Eddy, seconded by B. Peck to rollover the certificate of deposit for a term of one year@3.5% and open an additional certificate of deposit in the amount of \$68,000 for a period of six months@3.25%. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by G. Eddy, seconded by R. Taylor to authorize the Development Authority to negotiate on their behalf for a higher rate of return on existing certificates of deposit. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**O&M Agreement**

RESOLUTION offered by F. Dishaw (V/Black River), seconded by B. Peck (T/Champion);

RESOLVED, that the NYS Route 3 Corridor Sewer/Development Board hereby approves the 2023 Operations/Maintenance & Administrative Service Agreement between the Board of Commissioners for the Route 3 Sewer System and the Development Authority of the North Country and authorizes the Chairman to execute the agreement, as presented.

Roll call vote:

Brian Peck; for T/Champion	Aye
Ronald Taylor; for T/LeRay	Aye
Scott Allen; for T/Pamela	Absent
Gary Eddy; for T/Rutland	Aye
Frank Dishaw; for V/Black River	Aye

Resolution adopted.

Motion by F. Dishaw, seconded by B. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:43pm.

**The next scheduled meeting of the NYS Route 3 Sewer/Development Board will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 4:30pm at the T/LeRay Municipal Building.**

*Christina Vargulick*

Christina Vargulick, Secretary  
NYS Route 3 Sewer Board of Commissioners



December 15, 2022

## **Taxing jurisdictions that offer property tax exemptions to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers must transition to a newly authorized statewide exemption within three years.**

As the Chief Executive Officer of a taxing jurisdiction that may be offering a property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, you should be aware that recently enacted legislation, Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022, has changed the applicable law and may require action on the part of your jurisdiction.

Generally speaking, the new law gives municipalities, school districts and fire districts throughout the State the option to provide a property tax exemption of up to 10% to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. Any such exemption would be valid only on property used exclusively for residential purposes. If a portion of a volunteer's property is used for other purposes, the exemption would be prorated accordingly. In order to be eligible for this partial exemption, volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers must live in the community served by their volunteer organization and meet a minimum service requirement of between two and five years, as set by the respective taxing jurisdiction. Additionally, at local option, a lifetime exemption may be provided to volunteers with at least 20 years of service as long as they maintain their primary residence in the county they have served. Taxing jurisdictions may also allow unremarried surviving spouses of eligible volunteers to retain the exemption.

The specific terms of the new exemption are set forth in new § 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law as enacted by Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022, a copy of which is attached for your convenience.

It is important to note that, if your taxing jurisdiction has been offering a similar exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers under one of the pre-existing statutes (*i.e.*, current RPTL § 466-a through § 466-k), it must adopt a local law, ordinance or resolution to conform to the new Statewide exemption statute no later than December 9, 2025 (*i.e.*, three years from the effective date of Chapter 670; see subdivision 8 of the newly-enacted § 466-a). On that date, all of the "old" exemption statutes will be repealed.

We encourage you to discuss the implications of this new law with your municipal attorney.

**Cc:** Assessor, County Director of Real Property Tax Services

**Enc:** Real Property Tax Law § 466-a

# Sample Local Law

Local Law No. \_\_ of 20 \_\_  
A Local Law Amending Chapter \_\_ of the Code of  
the *[name of your municipality]*  
Enacting\*\* a Property Tax Exemption  
for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers  
Pursuant to Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law

## Section 1.

A new Article \_\_ of Chapter \_\_ of the Code of the *[name of your municipality]*, entitled "Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption," is hereby enacted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a, to read as follows:

### Article \_\_ Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption

#### Grant of exemption.

An exemption of *[state an amount not to exceed 10%]* \_\_% of assessed value of property owned by an enrolled member as set forth below, or such enrolled member and their spouse, is hereby granted from taxation with respect to the real property taxes of the *[name of the municipality]* as long as eligibility requirements are met.

#### Eligibility requirements.

Such exemption shall be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service provided that:

- A. The property is owned by the volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker;
- B. The property is the primary residence of the volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker;
- C. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes;
- D. The volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker resides in the *[name of your municipality]* and the *[name of your municipality]* is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;
- E. The volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker is certified by the authority having jurisdiction as an enrolled member of such an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and
- F. The volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker meets the minimum service requirement established by *[name of your municipality]*, which is hereby established as *[state a number between two and five]* years.



**Application.**

A volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker must annually, on or before the applicable taxable status date, file an application for such property tax exemption with the assessor responsible for preparing the assessment roll for the *[name of your municipality]*, on a form as prescribed by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The *[name of your municipality]* must maintain written guidelines, available upon request, as to the requirements of an enrolled volunteer member relating to this exemption.

**Certification.**

The *[governing body]* must annually file with the assessor, prior to the applicable taxable status date, a list of the active volunteer members who are certified to meet the minimum service requirement. Such list must provide, as of the applicable taxable status date, the number of years of service served by each such enrolled member and such enrolled member's address of residence.

**No diminution of benefits.**

An applicant who is receiving any benefit pursuant to Article 4 of the Real Property Tax Law as of the effective date of this article shall not have any of those benefits diminished because of this article.

***[The following three provisions, relating to a lifetime exemption, an exemption for an un-remarried spouse of a volunteer killed in the line of duty, and an exemption for an un-remarried spouse of a deceased volunteer, are OPTIONAL provisions for the governing body to consider when enacting this local law.]***

***Grant of lifetime exemption.***

*Any eligible enrolled member who accrues more than 20 years of active volunteer service (as certified by the authority having jurisdiction) shall be granted the 10% exemption as authorized by this article for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the [name of your municipality].*

***Un-remarried spouse of enrolled member killed in the line of duty.***

*The un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased enrolled member killed in the line of duty, as certified by the authority having jurisdiction, is qualified to continue to receive an exemption, as long as the deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years and had been receiving the exemption at the time of his or her death.*

***Un-remarried spouse of deceased enrolled member.***

*The un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased enrolled member, as certified by the authority having jurisdiction, is qualified to continue to receive an exemption, as long as the deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least 20 years and the deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption at the time of his or her death.*

**Section 2.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law is declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

**Section 3.** This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27.

***\*\* This local law may also be used by a municipality that had previously enacted such an exemption pursuant to a special act of the State Legislature to replace their existing local law, as required by Section 466-a(8) of the Real Property Tax Law. However, to do that you must include a section making it clear that you are repealing the old law and replacing it with this one.***

## Instructions

### General information

#### What is the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit?

The volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit is available to full-year New York State residents who are active volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers for the entire tax year for which the credit is claimed.

You **cannot claim** the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit if you receive a real property tax exemption that relates to your volunteer service under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), Article 4, Title 2. However, if the property has multiple owners, the owner(s) whose volunteer service was not the basis of the exemption may be eligible to claim the credit.

If the credit exceeds your tax for the year, any excess will be refunded without interest.

#### Definitions

*Active volunteer firefighter* means a person who has been approved by the authorities in control of a duly organized New York State volunteer fire company or New York State volunteer fire department as an active volunteer firefighter of the fire company or department and who is faithfully and actually performing service in the protection of life and property from fire or other emergency, accident or calamity in connection with which the services of the fire company or fire department are required.

*Volunteer ambulance worker* means an active volunteer member of a New York State ambulance company as specified on a list regularly maintained by the company for purposes of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law.

#### How do I claim the credit?

File Form IT-245 with your Form IT-201, *Resident Income Tax Return*. If your filing status is ③, *Married filing separate return*, and both you and your spouse qualify for the credit, each spouse must file a separate Form IT-245 with Form IT-201.

Do not submit this form with your return unless you are claiming the credit.

### Specific instructions

See the instructions for your tax return for the *Privacy notification* or if you need help contacting the Tax Department.

#### Step 2 – Determine eligibility

If your filing status is ① *Single*, ③ *Married filing separate return*, ④ *Head of household*, or ⑤ *Qualifying widower*, complete lines 1 and 2. If your filing status is ② *Married filing joint return*, complete lines 1, 2, and 3.

**Line 2** – If you received a real property tax exemption under the RPTL that relates to your volunteer service, mark an **X** in the *No* box.

**Line 3** – If your filing status is ②, *Married filing joint return*, and your spouse received a real property tax exemption under the RPTL that relates to his/her volunteer service, mark an **X** in the *No* box.

#### Step 3 – Enter qualifying information

If you are an active volunteer for both a fire company/department and an ambulance company, enter the qualifying information for either the fire company/department or the ambulance company. Do not enter the information for both.



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**From:** Egeberg, Jennifer L. <Jennifer.Egeberg@nationalgrid.com>  
**Sent:** 19 December, 2022 1:41 PM  
**To:** clerktreasurer blackriverny.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Village of Black River- LED Conversion Decorative Lights

Sounds good- thanks you too!

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**From:** clerktreasurer blackriverny.org <clerktreasurer@blackriverny.org>  
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Thank you. I will get this to the board for their review in January.

Merry Christmas!

Kristin Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Black River  
315-773-5721

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**From:** Egeberg, Jennifer L. <Jennifer.Egeberg@nationalgrid.com>  
**Sent:** 19 December, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** clerktreasurer blackriverny.org <clerktreasurer@blackriverny.org>  
**Subject:** Village of Black River- LED Conversion Decorative Lights

Kristin,

Good afternoon. I have attached the Net Book Value(NBV) proposal letter. I have also attached some additional information about LED Conversion and cost comparison. The NBV cost of \$491.14 would need to be paid upfront/at beginning of the project. The EE Incentive payment of \$1,250.00 would be paid as a refund check upon completion of the project. This NBV proposal is good for 180 days. If the Village wants to move forward with LED Conversion of the decorative lights, please send a commitment letter (on Village letterhead). Please review and let me know if any questions.

Thank you,

Jennifer Egeberg  
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**165-15 Parking prohibited at all times.**

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule XI (165-38), attached to and made a part of this chapter. All parking is prohibited on Village of Black River streets from November 1 through April 15 with the exception of funeral and church services and school functions. Vehicles parked on village streets during these hours will be towed away at the owners' expense and a fine will be imposed.

**165-38 Schedule XI: Parking Prohibited at All Times.**

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Location</b>
East Dexter St.	South	East 500 from Public Square to end of street.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acct.#</u>	<u>Water Credit</u>	<u>Sewer Credit</u>	<u>Total Credit</u>
Dillon	01200	\$64.10	\$53.42	\$117.52
Doll	05204	\$242.07	\$201.71	\$443.78
Shuhart	03010	\$158.91	\$132.41	\$291.32
Lillie	05530	\$117.40	\$0.00	\$117.40

Total credit for Water Adjustments: \$582.48

Total credit for Sewer Adjustments: \$387.54

Total Water and Sewer Adjustments: \$970.02