

Weekly Town Board Meeting
November 13, 2013

The Town Board held their Weekly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT:

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Betty Budney	Councilwoman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman
David Merandy	Councilman

AGENDA

1. Resolution directing that a proposition be submitted at a Special Election to be held December 10, 2013, with regard to the amendment of the defined benefit service award program for the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION #158-2013

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Merandy, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby rescinds Resolution #143-13 of October 3, 2013 pertaining to the special election of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION #159-2013

Councilperson Van Tassel offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN REGARD TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR THE GARRISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, DIRECTING THAT A PROPOSITION BE SUBMITTED AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD DECEMBER 10th, 2013, DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has heretofore established a Defined Benefit Length of Service Award Program for the volunteer firefighters of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department with a Monthly Benefit Amount of \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, along with the Board of Commissioners of the North Highlands Fire District, has heretofore established and approved Defined Benefit Length of Service Award Programs for the Cold Spring,

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Continental Village and North Highlands Fire Departments with Monthly Benefit Amounts of \$20.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enact an amendment to Section 9 of the Plan dated effective January 1, 1996, for said Defined Benefit Service Award Program, changing the Monthly benefit paid at entitlement age from \$10.00 to \$20.00, subject to the approval of the votes of the Garrison Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enact an amendment to Section 9 of said Plan changing the Total Years of Service maximum from 30 years to 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enact an amendment to said Plan allowing the continued accrual and payment of benefits beyond the entitlement age of 65, consistent with Section 217 (n) of the General Municipal Law adopted subsequent to the heretofore established Length of Service Award for the volunteer firefighters of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department, subject to the approval of the voters of the Garrison Fire Protection District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

“BOARD RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 3rd, 2013, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014, OF THAT CERTAIN RESOLUTION PASSED ON JUNE 6, 1996 BY THE TOWN BOARD, AND APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE GARRISON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AT A REFERENDUM HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1996, WHICH ESTABLISHED A DEFINED BENEFIT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE GARRISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; SAID AMENDMENT:

(1) TO ALLOW PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS TO EARN SERVICE CREDIT AFTER ATTAINMENT OF THE ENTITLEMENT AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS;

(2) TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY BENEFIT FROM TEN AND 00/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS TO TWENTY AND 00/100 (20.00) DOLLARS; AND

(3) TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE FROM THIRTY (30) TO FORTY (40);

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BY INCREASING THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF SUCH PROGRAM (INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS), FROM THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 00/100 (\$36,324.00) DOLLARS TO FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 0-0/100 (\$58,674.00) DOLLARS BASED ON THE EXISTING NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS;

BY REDUCING THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST PER PARTICIPANT OF SUCH PROGRAM FROM ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND 00/100 (\$1,545.00) DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND SIXTY-SEVEN AND 91/100 (\$1,067.91) DOLLARS, BASED ON THE EXISTING NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS;

BY INCREASING THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FROM FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 00/100 (\$565.00) DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 00/100 (\$1,356.00) DOLLARS, BASED ON TNHE EXISTING NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS;

STATING THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY BENEFIT SHALL BE E3IGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$800.00) DOLLARS, BASED UPON AN AWARD OF TWENTY AND 00/100 (\$20.00) DOLLARS PERMONTH FOR UP TO FORTY (40 YEARS OF SERVICE BY ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS;

STATING DEATH AND DISABILITY PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORIZED TO COMMENCE UPON THE DATE OF AMENDMENT OF THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM AND REGULAR DEFINED BENEFIT AWARD PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORIZED TO COMMENCE ONE YEAR THEREAFTER;

APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNTS THEREFOR AND STATING THAT THE FAILURE OF THE AMENDMENT TO BE APPROVED BY THE VOTES OF THE GARRISON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WILL INNO WAY AFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM PRESENTLY IN EFFECT;”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby directs that a proposition be submitted at a Special Election to be held on December 10th, 2013, open to all the voters of the Garrison Fire Protection District to determine whether the Town of Philipstown shall amend the service award program as hereinbefore provided; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, an election of the qualified voters of the Garrison Fire Protection District, shall be held at the Garrison Station Two Firehouse, located at 1616 Route 9, Garrison, New York, on December 10th, 2013, at 6:00 A.M., and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 P.M., or as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes. The vote upon the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by paper ballots and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangement for same. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said Election by causing a notice in substantially the form annexed hereto to be published in the Putnam County News and Recorder, a newspaper published in the Town of Philipstown, New York, and having a general circulation with the Garrison Fire Protection District and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication.

The following resident Town Electors, each of whom is a registered voter of the town, are hereby appointed to act as Election Inspectors and ballot Clerks at the aforesaid election:

Michelle G. Clifton

Karen S. Lindros

Diana H. Swinburne

Sue H. Tudor

Said Clerks and Inspectors shall each be paid at the rate of \$115.00 per day for the time necessary to prepare the register and for conducting said election.

The Inspectors of Election shall meet prior to December 10th, 2013, to commence preparation of the register for the December 10th, 2013 Election. In preparing such register, the Inspectors of Election shall comply with the following procedure:

(a) They shall adopt, use or copy from, the registration list certified and supplied by the County Board of Elections, the names appearing thereon of all persons residing in the Garrison Fire Protection District and qualified to vote in such forthcoming election.

(b) The register for the election shall include as a minimum a space for the name of the voter, his or her address within the Garrison Fire Protection District and a space for his or her signature to be signed by the voter on Election Day. The Town Clerk shall furnish the Inspectors of Election, with all necessary registration books, papers, equipment and supplies.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was second by Councilperson Montgomery and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Richard Shea	AYE
Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery	AYE
Councilman David Merandy	AYE
Councilwoman Betty Budney	AYE
Councilman John Van Tassel	AYE

The resolution was declared adopted.

2. Budget review for the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department.

The Town Board proceeded to review the budget with members of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department.

The Town Board adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk