

January 7, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of the Town of Harrison, Westchester County, New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison NY, Westchester County, on Monday, January 7, 2021, at 6:45 PM. Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont.....)
Richard Dionisio.....)
Frank Gordon.....).....Fire Commissioners
Lauren Leader.....)
Fred Sciliano.....)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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AMENDING THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM
WHEN SPECIAL RESPONSE RULES ARE IN EFFECT
DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC OF 2020
FOR FIRE DISTRICT #1

On motion of Fire Commissioner Dionisio, seconded by Fire Commissioner Gordon,

WHEREAS; as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law the Town of Harrison established a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighters of the Harrison Water District #1; and,

WHEREAS; Active volunteer firefighters earn Service Award Program service credit under the Service Award Program Point System adopted by Harrison Town Board of the Harrison Water District #1, and,

WHEREAS, in response to the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19 NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY and issued EXECUTIVE ORDER 202 of 2020. In response to the STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY New York Statefire districts, towns, villages, cities and their volunteer fire department/company officials adopted the Special Response Rules restricting volunteer firefighter responses to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned during the STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY, and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Special Response Rules has affected the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn points in service award programs; and

WHEREAS; in recognition of the negative effects these Special Response Rules has on the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn service credit during 2020 under service award program point systems, New York State legislators and Governor Andrew Cuomo enacted legislation intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program service credit during 2020 from failing to earn a year of service award program service credit during 2020 due to the adoption of Special Response Rules; and,

WHEREAS, This legislation, Chapter 113 of 2020 of the Laws of the State of New York, authorizes the Harrison Town Board to adopt a resolution to amend the Harrison Water District #1 Service Award Program point system by adding a new category to the point system under which up to five (5) points per month (prorated for periods of less than one month) may be awarded to active volunteer firefighters during the period when the Special Response Rules are in place; and

WHEREAS, Should the Town Board elect to adopt such resolution, Chapter 113 of 2020 the Laws of the State of New York, provides that the adoption of such resolution does not require approval of Fire Protection District residents at a Fire District election.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That:

By adopting this resolution, the Harrison Town Board, adds the following new category to the Harrison Water District #1

COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020

As a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic of 2020, The Harrison Town Board adopted Special Response Rules under which the activities for which active volunteer firefighters could earn points under the Harrison Water District #1 Service Award Program were reduced by the adoption of the Special Response Rules by the Town Board effective as of October 28, 2020 and all activities restored by the Town Board. From the effective date of the Special Response rules to the effective date that such reductions were rescinded, all active volunteer firefighters of the Harrison Water District #1 shall be awarded 5 points per month with such number of points prorated for periods of less than a complete month. In no event shall points be awarded to active volunteer firefighters in accordance with Chapter 113, after September 7, 2020, unless NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo extends Executive Order 202 of 2020.

As soon as administratively feasible, after the adoption of this resolution by the Harrison Town Board, active volunteer firefighters of the Harrison Water Protection District #1 shall be given a written Notice of Amendment announcing the adoption of, and explaining this additional category to the point system. As soon as administratively feasible, after the Town Board rescinds the Special Response Rules, a second Notice of Amendment shall be given to active volunteer firefighters stating the effective date that Special Response Rules have been rescinded, and indicating the number of points to be awarded to each active volunteer firefighter during the period when the Special Response Rules were in effect.

Since this amendment to the Harrison Water Protection District #1 Service Award Program points system is intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program credit under the Harrison Water District #1 point system during 2020 from failing to earn credit during 2020, the adoption of this resolution will have little if any effect on the annual cost of the Harrison Water District #1 Service Award Program.

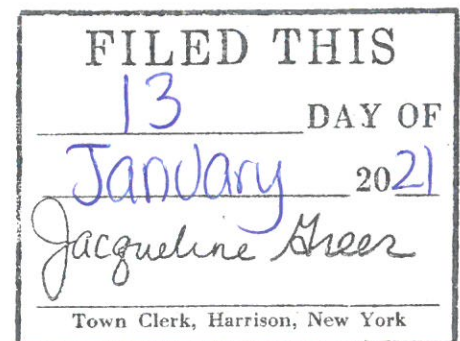
All other provisions of the Harrison Water District #1 Service Award Program shall not change as a result of the adoption of this resolution and the program shall continue to be administered by the Harrison Town Board in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dionisio, Gordon, Leader, and Sciliano
Commissioner Belmont

Nays: None

Absent: None



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AMENDING THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM
WHEN SPECIAL RESPONSE RULES ARE IN EFFECT
DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC OF 2020
FOR FIRE DISTRICT #2

On motion of Fire Commissioner Dionisio, seconded by Fire Commissioner Gordon,

WHEREAS; as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law the Town of Harrison established a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighters of the Harrison Fire District #2; and,

WHEREAS; Active volunteer firefighters earn Service Award Program service credit under the Service Award Program Point System adopted by Harrison Town Board of the Harrison Fire District #2; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY and issued EXECUTIVE ORDER 202 OF 2020. In response to the STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY New York State fire districts, towns, villages, cities and their volunteer fire department/company officials adopted Special Response Rules restricting volunteer firefighter responses to emergency responses and/or restricting the holding of activities for which points could be earned during the STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Special Response Rules has affected the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn points in service award programs; and

WHEREAS; in recognition of the negative effect these Special Response Rules has on the ability of active volunteer firefighters to earn service credit during 2020 under service award program point systems, New York State legislators and Governor Andrew Cuomo enacted legislation intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program service credit during 2020 from failing to earn a year of service award program service credit during 2020 due to the adoption of Special Response Rules; and,

WHEREAS, This legislation, Chapter 113 of 2020 of the Laws of the State of New York, authorizes the Harrison Town Board to adopt a resolution to amend the Harrison Fire District #2 Service Award Program point system by adding a new category to the point system under which up to five (5) points per month (prorated for periods of less than one month) may be awarded to active volunteer firefighters during the period when the Special Response Rules are in place; and

WHEREAS, Should the Town Board elect to adopt such a resolution, Chapter 113 of 2020 the Laws of the State of New York, provides that the adoption of such resolution does not require approval of Fire Protection District residents at a Fire District election.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That:

By adopting this resolution, the Harrison Town Board, adds the following new category to the Harrison Fire District #2

COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020, The Harrison Town Board adopted Special Response Rules under which the activities for which active volunteer firefighters could earn points under the Harrison Fire District #2 Service Award Program were reduced by the adoption of the Special Response Rules by the Town Board effective as of March 1, 2020. Such reduction in activities continued until the effective date the Special Response Rules were rescinded and all activities restored by the Town Board. From the effective date of the Special Response dates to the effective date that such reductions were rescinded, all active volunteer firefighters of the Harrison Fire District #2 shall be awarded (5) points per month with such number of points prorated for periods of less than a complete month. In no event shall points be awarded to active volunteer firefighters in accordance with Chapter 113, after September 7, 2020, unless NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo extends Executive Order 202 of 2020.

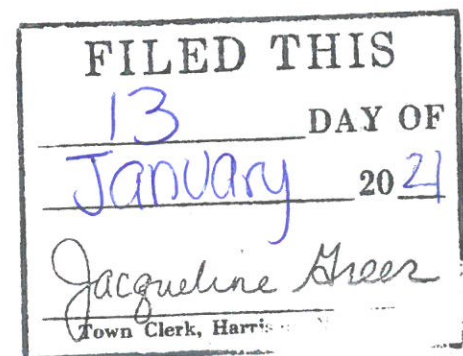
As soon as administratively feasible, after the adoption of this resolution by the Harrison Town Board, active volunteer firefighters of the Harrison Fire District #2 shall be given a written Notice of Amendment announcing the adoption of, and explaining this additional category to the point system. As soon as administratively feasible, after the Town Board rescinds the Special Response Rules, a second Notice of Amendment shall be given to active volunteer firefighters stating the effective date that the Special Response Rules have been rescinded, and indicating the number of points to be awarded to each active volunteer firefighter during the period when the Special Response Rules were in effect.

Since this amendment to the Harrison Fire District #2 Service Award Program points system is intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program credit under the Harrison Fire District #2 point system during 2020 from failing to earn credit during 2020, the adoption of this resolution will have little if any effect on the annual cost of the Harrison Fire District #2 Service Award Program.

All other provisions of the Harrison Fire District #2 Service Award Program shall not change as a result of the adoption of this resolution and the program shall continue to be administered by the Harrison Town Board in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dionisio, Gordon, Leader, and Sciliano
Commissioner Belmont
Nays: None
Absent: None



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APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH
SANDLEWSKI ARCHITECTS

On the motion of Commissioner Sciliano, seconded by Commissioner Dionisio,
it was

RESOLVED, to accept the request by Chief of Fire District #2, Ralph Straface, to approve the contract with Sandlewski Architects in the amount of \$479,000, plus \$10,000 reimbursable expenses.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Law Department is subject to make modifications to the contract prior to the Supervisor signing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Law Department, the Purchasing Department and Fire District #2.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Dionisio, Gordon, Leader, and Sciliano
Commissioner Belmont

Nays: None

Absent: None

