

**HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

*In the matter of amending the Service Award Program for the
volunteer firefighter members of the Hughsonville Fire Company*

WHEREAS; in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, resident voters of the Hughsonville Fire District approved a proposition to establish the Hughsonville Fire District Service Award Program effective January 1, 1990, to be administered by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District, for active volunteer firefighter members of the Hughsonville Fire Company; and,

WHEREAS; under the current Program provisions, for each year of Service Credit earned under the Point System, including five calendar years preceding January 1, 1990, a Participant earns a \$20.00 lifetime monthly Service Award commencing at the Entitlement Age of 62, up to a maximum accrued monthly Service Award of \$400.00 for 20 years of Service Credit earned; and,

WHEREAS; a Program Participant becomes 100% vested upon earning five years of Service Credit, attaining the Entitlement Age, being awarded a Total and Permanent Disability, or dying while an active volunteer firefighter member of the Hughsonville Fire Company; and,

WHEREAS; Article 11-A authorizes the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District to seek voter approval for amendments to the Service Award Program; and,

WHEREAS; many of these amendments are intended to enable the Fire District to improve the Service Award Program benefits to active volunteer firefighter members; and,

WHEREAS; such improvement in Service Award Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help recruit and retain active volunteer firefighter members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Hughsonville Fire District, in an election to be held on May 10, 2016 - 6-9pm determine whether the Hughsonville Fire District Service Award Program shall be amended