

The Town Board of the Town of Brighton has ordered a referendum (see below) be held on the abolition of the service awards program for former volunteer firefighter members of the West Brighton Fire Department. This referendum will be held on **JUNE 14, 2022** from **12PM until 7PM** at the **FIRST BIBLE CHURCH**, located at **1095 EAST HENRIETTA ROAD**.

PROPOSITION

FOR SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS OF THE WEST BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

REFERENDUM ON THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR FORMER VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE WEST BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON MAY 25, 2022 AUTHORIZING, AS REQUIRED BY COURT ORDERED STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11-A OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, A PUBLIC REFERENDUM OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE WEST BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. THE REFERENDUM SEEKS APPROVAL OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE DEFINED BENEFIT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1990 AND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE TOWN OF BRIGHTON FOR FORMER VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE WEST BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. SUCH RESOLUTION FURTHER SEEKS APPROVAL TO: PAY THOSE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED A FULLY NONFORFEITABLE RIGHT (I.E. THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED A 100% VESTED STATUS IN THE PROGRAM) A ONE-TIME LUMP SUM EQUAL TO A PROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF THE ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF THEIR ACCRUED MONTHLY SERVICE AWARD TO THE EXTENT FUNDED BY TRUST FUND ASSETS, LESS ANY SERVICE AWARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PAID. AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THE PROGRAM FUNDED RATIO WAS 68%.

IF APPROVED, THE ABOLISHMENT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 AND BEGINNING IN 2022 THERE WILL NO LONGER BE AN ANNUAL COST OF THE PROGRAM. THE ONE TIME COST PAYABLE BY THE TOWN FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS NECESSARY TO FORMALLY AND COMPLETELY ABOLISH THE PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NYS GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWN BOARD ON MAY 25, 2022 IS \$11,500.

THEREFORE, SHALL THE STATED RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE WEST BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BE APPROVED?