

Village of Millbrook
Resolution of the Board of Trustees

*In the matter of amending the Service
Award Program for active volunteer firefighters
of the Millbrook Fire Department*

WHEREAS; residents of the Village of Millbrook approved a proposition on December 16, 2002 to establish a Defined Contribution Service Award Program, effective January 1, 2003, for active volunteer firefighters of the Millbrook Fire Department/Millbrook Engine & Hook & Ladder Company No. 1, in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law; and,

WHEREAS; such Service Award Program is administered by the Village of Millbrook provides that an active volunteer firefighter earns a \$360 Service Award contribution and a year of service credit for each calendar year, beginning on or after January 1, 2003, during which the volunteer firefighter earns 50 or more points under the Service Award Program Point System; and,

WHEREAS; active volunteer firefighters shall earn points under the Point System, as defined in General Municipal Law §217(c), for attending approved training courses, attending drills, responding to alarms, holding an elected or appointed position, attending meetings, and other miscellaneous firematic-related activities; and,

WHEREAS; a participating volunteer firefighter's account is the sum of the Service Award contributions earned by the participant, plus investment income earned or allocated to the participant's account, less any investment related expenses and other administrative expenses associated with the participant's account; and,

WHEREAS; a participant shall become fully vested in his or her account after earning at least five (5) years of service credit, attaining age 55, being awarded a total and permanent disability, or dying while an active volunteer firefighter; and,

WHEREAS; a participant shall be entitled to receive his or her account balance calculated as of the December 31st immediately following attainment of age 55; and,

WHEREAS; Article 11-A currently allows annual Service Award contributions to be as much as \$700; and,

WHEREAS; Article 11-A authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millbrook to seek voter approval of amendments to the Service Award Program that may improve Service Award Program benefits and thereby help the Millbrook Fire Department recruit and retain active volunteer firefighters;

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That:

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Millbrook, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law §216, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Village of Millbrook, in an election to be held on Tuesday, _____, to determine whether the Millbrook Fire Department Service Award Program shall be amended effective January 1, 2018 to increase the annual Service Award contribution from \$360 to \$700, for each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2017 during which an active volunteer firefighter earns a year of service credit under the Point System.

Based on the current active volunteer firefighter roster, the cost of funding the current Program could be as much as \$13,000, if all firefighters earn a year of service credit under the Point System. Should voters approve this amendment, the annual cost could be \$25,200 or \$700 for each participating firefighter. The annual cost of administration of the amended program is expected to be about \$3,100.

All other provisions of the Millbrook Fire Department Service Award Program which required voter approval shall not change and the program shall continue to be administered by the Village of Millbrook in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

Trustee Kyle Van De Water moved,

Trustee Joe Rochfort seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted as follows:

	YES	NO
Trustee <u>Mayor Brown</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee <u>J. Rochfort</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee <u>M. Herzog</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee <u>K. Van De Water</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee <u>B. Hicks</u>	<u>abstained</u>	