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### **PUBLIC VOTE TO BE HELD ON 'LOSAP' PROGRAM**

Lindenhurst Mayor Thomas Brennan has announced that a special referendum on the question of amending the Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) currently provided to eligible volunteers will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. "As required by New York State law, a public vote by the residents of the Village of Lindenhurst must be held to approve any changes to the LOSAP Program," stated Mayor Brennan. The current program provides a defined benefit of up to \$600.00 per month at age 62 to firefighters who serve up to 30 years in the Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department. The proposed change would increase the length of service to 40 years, with a maximum benefit of \$800.00 per month. The projected cost to the Village for adding the additional benefit would be \$80,000.00 per year. This would be covered by village tax revenue.

In addition, a second amendment would create a defined contribution plan for new volunteers effective January 1, 2017. The new defined contribution plan is expected to save village taxpayers' money over the long haul as the contribution into the program would be capped at a maximum of \$500.00 for each new member per year.

"We encourage the public to voice their opinion on this important issue by participating in the public referendum on December 13, 2016", stated Mayor Brennan.

Polling locations will be at the Lindenhurst Moose Lodge 883 South Broadway for all eligible resident voters who live SOUTH of the Long Island Rail Road. All residents who live NORTH of the Long Island Rail Road can vote at the Lindenhurst Community Center 293 Buffalo Avenue. Polling will take place from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Village Hall at 631-957-7500.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST**

**Notice is hereby given** that the Village of Lindenhurst shall conduct a mandatory referendum of the eligible voters of the Village of Lindenhurst on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Lindenhurst Community Center for all residents north of the Long Island Rail Road and at the Lindenhurst Moose Lodge for all residents south of the Long Island Rail Road, from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m., to determine whether the existing Length of Service Award Program shall be amended as per the following proposals:

***ABSTRACT OF PROPOSALS TO AMEND***

***THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM***

*The purpose of these proposed amendments would be to change the current benefits of the Village of Lindenhurst Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Program in two (2) ways:*

- 1. The maximum service credit that an eligible firefighter could earn would be increased from the current 30 years to 40 years. This would increase the maximum service award payment a firefighter could receive. Eligible Firefighters currently receive \$20.00/month for each year of credited service up to \$600.00 per month (\$20 times 30 years = \$600.00). The increase would create a maximum payment of \$800.00 per month (\$20 times 40 years = \$800.00). The cost to implement this amendment to the program is projected to be \$80,000.00 per year.*

*Shall this proposed amendment be approved?*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. A defined contribution of \$500.00 per member per year to the Service Award Program would be established for all new members who join the Village of Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department as of January 1, 2017. This new contribution plan is projected to create savings to the program over time as new members will cost less than current members.*

*The cost to implement this amendment to the program is projected to be \$10,000.00 per year (\$500/member/year times 20 new members per year).*

*Shall this proposed amendment be approved?*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: November 10, 2016  
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Inc. Village of Lindenhurst  
Shawn Cullinane, MMC  
Clerk-Treasurer