

ULSTER TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 19, 2004 AT 1:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR WADNOLA, CHAIRMAN

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

**ROLL CALL BY CLERK**

*TOWN COUNCILMAN ARTIST - Absent*

TOWN COUNCILMAN VAN KLEECK

*TOWN COUNCILMAN BRINK - Absent*

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER WISE

SUPERVISOR WADNOLA

Supervisor Wadnola read and motioned the following:

Resolved by the Ulster Town Board in the County of Ulster, and the State of New York by favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of the members of said Board, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 215 of General Municipal, the Town of Ulster shall conduct a mandatory referendum to determine whether the Ulster Town Board shall establish a service awards program for volunteer firefighters in the East Kingston Fire Company, who contract with the Town of Ulster to provide fire protection.

Section 2. The type of service awards program shall be a defined benefit program as described in Section 215 and section 216 of General Municipal Law,

Section 3. The estimated annual cost of the service award program is \$28,682.00, including an estimated annual administrative fee of \$889.00. The estimated annual cost per covered participant to fund this program is \$1,029.37, and such estimated annual cost per covered participant varies.

Section 4. The defined benefit award to be paid to eligible volunteer firefighters who meet the plan's eligibility criteria is projected to be \$20.00 per month for each qualified year of active fire fighting service not to exceed twenty (20) years, payment to commence when the eligible volunteer firefighter reaches age sixty-five (65), and complete one year of active plan participation.

Each eligible volunteer firefighter participant shall receive credit for up to \$400.00 per month for twenty (20) qualified years of active fire fighting service for life prior to the establishment of the service award program.

Payment of the award shall be in the form of life annuity with a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) payments guaranteed to the member and/or the beneficiary.

Regular defined benefit award payments are authorized to commence one year after the date of establishment the service award program. Death and disability payments are authorized to commence upon the date of establishment to the service award program.

Section 5. All other provisions of the plan shall be in accordance with Article 11 of

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The General Municipal Law as amended from time to time.

Section 6. The vote upon the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be held at the Special Election on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2004, where a polling place at the East Kingston Fire Hall shall be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. All residents of the Town of Ulster who reside in the East Kingston Fire District and who are duly registered with the Ulster County Board of Elections shall be entitled to vote at this election.

Section 7. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of referendum at least once, but not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the referendum, in one more newspapers having general circulation in the Town of Ulster.

Section 8. Said Proposition shall read:

“ Should the Ulster Town Board establish a Defined Benefit Service Awards Program for eligible volunteer firefighters of the East Kingston Fire Company?”

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Kleeck

A Roll Call Vote was Taken – 3 Ayes – Councilman Brink and Artist were absent

Council Member Wise motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Van Kleeck

3 Ayes – Councilman Brink and Artist were absent

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jason Cosenza, RMC  
Ulster Town Clerk