# TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE PUBLIC NOTICE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, WOODBRIDGE, NJ 2023 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Fire District No. 1 that an election will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., at the following polling places: #1 - Woodbridge Fire House, 418 School Street, Woodbridge, NJ; and #2 - The Sewaren Free Public Library located at 546 West Ave., Sewaren, NJ. Said election is for the following purposes:

- 1. The election of two (2) Fire Commissioners for three(3) year terms.
- 2. To vote on the 2023 budget for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023.
- 3. To authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to increase the amount raised by Taxation in the annual Fire District Budget by \$ 3,345,000 in excess of the 2% tax levy cap as provided by N.J.S.A.40A4-45.45b
- 4. Such other matters as may be required.

# OPERATING / CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

Paid Positions Employee Benefits Fire Hydrant Rentals or Service Insurance Premiums Joint Mutual Services Agreement 911 Dispatch - First Aid and Fire Professional Services Outside Services Elections and Notices Membership, Dues and Subscriptions Training and Education Uniforms and Personnel Equipment Utilities and Related Services Office Supplies and Postage Maintenance and Repairs	\$	8,256,666 3,555,648 677,040 268,000 6,000 81,264 335,000 45,000 25,000 2,000 65,000 38,000 55,000 7,500 498,000
Uniform Fire Safety Act (PL 1983, CHP 383): Total Paid Positions Other Expenses Supplemental Fire Services Act (PL 1985, SHP 295) Rent Volunteer Retention Contingency Longth of Service Avand Program		522,698 34,000 6,873 25,000 20,000 10,000
Length of Service Award Program Contribution (PL 1997 C388) Medical Transport Fuel Engine Reserve Auto Expense Promotions Preplanning Computer Expense Township Radio Agreement Township Substation Agreement Capital Purchases	_	$\begin{array}{r} 60,000\\ 500\\ 25,000\\ 40,000\\ 30,000\\ 7,500\\ 4,000\\ 65,000\\ 21,221\\ 50,400\\ 2,240,000\end{array}$
Total Operating Appropriations	\$	17,077,310

### REVENUES

Supplemental Fire Services Act (PL 1985, CHP 295) Uniform Fire Safety Act (PL 1983, CH 383)	\$	6,873
Annual Registration Fees		76,810
Interest on Investments and Deposits		5,000
Other Revenue		22 <b>,</b> 352
Fund Balance Utilized	1	,678,031
Amount to Be Raised by Taxation	15	,288,244
Total Revenues	<u>\$17</u>	,077,310

# PUBLIC QUESTION #2

"Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number #1 in the Township of Woodbridge be authorized to increase the 2023 amount to be raised by taxation in the Fire District annual budget, by \$3,435,000. million dollars as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45, notwithstanding that its amount to be raised by taxation will exceed the two percent (2.0%) increase limitation.

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

#### INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was approved by the Board. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides a tax levy "cap" of two percent (2.0%) on the amount of increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.

The following are those line items to which the increases apply:

REF - New Firefighter Salaries/Health Benefits/Fringe

Benefits/Uniforms/Turnout Gear/Radios

\$3,435,000.00

If referendum is approved (a "yes" vote), the amount to be raised by taxation will include this amount. A "no" vote means that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget within the increase

limits otherwise set forth by the law.

In order to ensure the residents of Woodbridge Township Fire District #1 that all measures are in place for proper and increased specialized fire protection services, it is necessary to increase and maintain staffing levels of firefighting manpower. It is necessary to increase funding shortfalls due to rising operational costs. The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to hire 12 additional firefighters with the necessary funding to sustain 10 years of related expenditures.

Jeffrey Moran, Secretary