

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE COPENAKE FIRE DISTRICT

On December 10, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Copake Fire District will take place on December 10, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Copake Fire House located at 390 County Route 7A (Center Hill Road), Copake, New York 12516 for the purpose of the following:

Electing, one Fire Commissioner for a five (5) year term commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2019. All Copake Fire District voters registered with the Columbia County Board of Elections on or before November 17, 2013 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidate running for current 5 year term is Peter Jensen of Copake, New York

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names and the position they are seeking with the Secretary of the Copake Fire District, at the fire house at 390 County Route 7A (Center Hill Road), Copake, New York no later than twenty days before the election, November 19, 2013.

Date: November 8, 2013

Diana Firth, Secretary
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
COPENAKE FIRE DISTRICT
390 County Route 7A
Copake, New York 12516

PROPOSITION
FOR SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS OF THE
COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposition will be voted on at the annual election to be held on December 10, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Copake Fire House located at 390 County Route 7A, (Center Hill Road) Copake, NY 12516. All Copake Fire District voters registered with the Columbia County Board of Elections on or before November 17, 2013 will be eligible to vote for the proposition listed below:

**REFERENDUM ON THE RESTATEMENT OF THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD
PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE
COPAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTED RESOLUTION #41 ON NOVEMBER 6, 2013 AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO §216 OF ARTICLE 11-A OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, A PUBLIC REFERENDUM OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT, WHICH SHALL SEEK APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE EXISTING DEFINED BENEFIT LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014 AS PRESENTED IN SAID RESOLUTION. THE LOSAP WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COPAKE FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE COPAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

UNDER THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LOSAP, FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE PAID EFFECTIVE THE FIRST OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE ATTAINMENT OF THE ENTITLEMENT AGE OF SIXTY-TWO (62) PROVIDED THE FIREFIGHTER HAS EARNED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT. FOR EACH YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT EARNED, A MONTHLY LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD OF TWENTY DOLLARS IS EARNED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT AND A MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS. MONTHLY PAYMENT IS MADE FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS LIFETIME WITH ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PAYMENTS GUARANTEED TO BE MADE. FIREFIGHTERS OVER THE ENTITLEMENT AGE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN SERVICE CREDIT; HOWEVER THE MAXIMUM YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT THAT CAN BE EARNED BY ANY FIREFIGHTER REMAINS AT FORTY YEARS. ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT EARNED AFTER ENTITLEMENT AGE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PAYMENT GUARANTEE FROM ENTITLEMENT AGE. A DEATH BENEFIT IS PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF PRE-AGE SIXTY-TWO DEATH, INCLUDING A TEN THOUSAND MINIMUM DEATH BENEFIT FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO DIE PRIOR TO ATTAINING AGE SIXTY-TWO AND ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COPAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME OF DEATH. A PRE-AGE SIXTY-TWO TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY BENEFIT IS ALSO PROVIDED.

THE DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY BUDGETING APPROXIMATELY NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000) FOR THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF THE LOSAP, OR TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (\$2,250) PER CURRENT PARTICIPANT, WHICH INCLUDES ADMINISTRATION FEES OF ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND