

Replacing the Aging Fire Station at 315 Middletown Road

Public Information Meeting

Hosted by Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District No. 1



Thank you for coming.

On behalf of...

- ☐ Chairman Earl McMahon
 - ☐ Chief Rick Gaudette
 - ☐ Commissioner Andy Buonanno
 - ☐ Commissioner Dave Cuoco
 - ☐ Commissioner John D'Alessandro
 - ☐ Commissioner Peter Semenza
- ...and the entire Fire District



Tonight's public information meeting will provide us an opportunity to:



- **Review the revised proposal** to replace the old fire station at 315 Middletown Road
- Highlight the **reasons why we must build** a new fire station
- **Inform the public of the changes** that have been made to original proposal
- Provide a **summary of the cost savings** and tax rate reduction
- Review the emergency service, safety, health and environmental **benefits** of the new station
- Answer questions and **receive public comments** on the revised proposal

Proudly Serving the residents of the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District



- Our community is growing
- Fire District volunteers respond to 811 fire, rescue and emergency calls in 2018
- Unpaid volunteers provide professional and responsive emergency services to residents over a 14 square mile area

“ A comprehensive operational and safety review of the current fire station was conducted; it identified numerous operational deficiencies, structural limitations, safety and health risks, which necessitates the construction of a modern fire station.

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Chief Rick Gaudette, Halfmoon-Waterford Fire District No. 1

The primary fire station was built in 1961 – nearly 60 years ago



Reasons why we must replace the aging fire station...

- ❑ It **fails to meet** many current health and safety requirements and building codes – such as the American with Disabilities Act, OSHA and FEMA standards
- ❑ **Inadequate or non-existent decontamination facilities** to protect volunteer firefighters from exposure to cancer-causing substances
- ❑ In addition to **mold and termites, asbestos** has been found in the building
- ❑ **Lacks clearance** for the safe operation of emergency apparatus
- ❑ 3 of 5 **vehicle bays are too small** for today's modern fire and rescue equipment



Additional reasons why we must replace the aging fire station...

- ❑ Old building is inefficient and **does not meet NYS energy standards**
- ❑ Current firehouse **lacks an oil/water separator** to catch environmental contaminants
- ❑ There are **structural cracks** in the building
- ❑ **Significant safety concerns** regarding access in and out of the firehouse due to the current site layout and increased traffic on Middle Town Road



The Building Committee was charged with re-evaluating the original proposal...



- The Building Committee has been ***working to address previous public comments*** and has re-evaluated the original fire station proposal
- We embarked on an ***extensive review process*** over the last several months
- ***Engaged a real estate expert and our engineering firm to review*** numerous sites – taking into consideration response time from potential location, site restrictions, traffic conditions, etc.
- It was determined that the ***best course of action was to re-evaluate the original design, site plan, and costs*** of constructing a new fire station at 315 Middletown Road

The revised proposal for the new fire station resulted in a...



11% Reduction

The size of the new fire station was reduced by 11% from 20,584 sq./ft. to 18,310 sq./ft.

9.9% Reduction

The total project cost was reduced by 9.9% -- saving \$1.3M.

24% Reduction

The tax amount to fund the new fire station was reduced by 24% compared to the original proposal.

Original Proposal vs Revised Proposal



A resident with a home assessed at \$150,000 in Halfmoon will pay 66 cents per \$1,000 or \$99 per year vs. \$130 under the original proposal.

A resident with a home assessed at \$150,000 in Waterford will pay 38 cents per \$1,000 or \$57 per year vs. \$75 under the original proposal.

Project Cost:

\$13.375M vs \$12.050M =
\$1.325M reduction (9.9%)

Bond Amount:

\$12.331M vs \$10.700M =
\$1.631M reduction (13.2%)

The Building Committee reduced cost while ensuring we meet the fire safety and emergency service needs of the community...

- **Reduced the size** of the new fire station and site structures
- **Eliminated the community room** and reduced the size of the kitchen
- Rotated the orientation of the proposed fire station and **reduced the amount of site work required**
- Secured **updated construction estimates**, equipment bids and financing terms



The new fire station will...



- **Improve fire, rescue, and emergency services** for our community
- **Keep our volunteer firefighters safe** by providing a fire station that meets today's building health and safety codes
- Provide a contamination mitigation area to **reduce volunteer firefighter exposure to cancer causing agents**
- **Improve emergency vehicle access** to the fire station and Middletown Road to keep motorists and volunteers safe
- Allow the fire station to **uphold its responsibility** as a *primary emergency management facility*

The new fire station will...



- Provide **improved training and education** facilities and opportunities for volunteer firefighters
- **Protect the environment** with an oil/water separation device, improved energy efficiency and better storm water management
- Allow for **greater community access** and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- **Reduce** annual building maintenance and operation costs
- Improve ability to **recruit volunteer firefighters**
- Provide **proper storage** facilities for HIPPA records, equipment and supplies
- Easily **allow for future** building updates and changes when needed

Questions & Comments

Thank you for coming.

