

Resolution # ____ (2023) Recognizing Neptune Hose Co. #1 of Dryden for Their Work in Recruiting New Members in 2023

WHEREAS, the Dryden Fire Department, also known as Neptune Hose Co. #1 of Dryden, was founded in 1877, and thus is the oldest fire company protecting the citizens of the Town of Dryden; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the number of active members of the Dryden Fire Department has dropped, for a variety of reasons; and

WHEREAS, a new leadership team was elected by the members of the fire department, taking office in January of 2023; and

WHEREAS, this new leadership team identified as a top priority, the urgent need to both recruit new members and to bring back experienced former members to the department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief, the Board of Directors, and the President of the fire company, all agreed that the Dryden Fire Department needed to bring in and train new members; and

WHEREAS, the current leadership team chose Vice President Amanda Brayton and Captain Keith Hopkins as the heads of a new Recruitment and Retention Committee; and

WHEREAS, those two individuals, with the complete support of the elected leaders of the department, and with the able assistance of many members of the Dryden Fire Department, utilized many tried and true, as well as some novel approaches to recruiting new members; and

WHEREAS, they have successfully added seven members to their membership rolls since January 1, 2023, thereby bucking the nationwide trend of declining volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, everyone involved is determined to continue their efforts and their successes; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town of Dryden wishes to recognize and thank the individuals named above, along with the many members of the Dryden Fire Department, for their hard work in recruiting new members.

This resolution shall be read and entered into the record at the Town Board meeting of June 15, 2023.