

EXHIBIT A



Town of Hopewell

RESOLUTION #7-2026 APPROVING ISSUANCE OF TAX EXEMPT NOTE FOR THE HOPEWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell, Ontario County, New York, was convened in public session at the Town's offices located at 2716 County Road 47 in the Town of Hopewell, New York, on March 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at which a quorum was present throughout.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Curran and seconded by Councilperson Trickey, to wit:

RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF A TAX-EXEMPT NOTE BY THE HOPEWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. TO THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$320,000.00) TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF (1) 4 GUYS CUSTOM STAINLESS STEEL FIRE RESCUE BODY INSTALLED ON A FREIGHTLINER CAB and CHASSIS TOGETHER WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES (the "APPARATUS")

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (the "Fire Department"), a New York State not-for-profit corporation, provides firefighting services within the jurisdiction of the Town of Hopewell, New York, for the portion of the Town of Hopewell described in the service agreement dated January 1, 2026, between the Town of Hopewell (the "Town") and the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is seeking to obtain a loan from The Bank of Greene County by the issuance of one or more loans on a tax exempt basis in an aggregate amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) (the "Loan") to finance the acquisition of the Apparatus for the Fire Department, to be issued as an obligation, the interest on which will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 150(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Note will not be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes unless the issuance of the Note by the Fire Department shall be approved by the Town Board after the Fire Department has conducted a public hearing thereon following reasonable public notice; and

WHEREAS, that on March 2, 2026, the Fire Department held a public hearing to consider the approval of the Note, after public notice given in accordance with the Code, and a summary report has been made available to the Town Board prior to this meeting; and



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WHEREAS, the members of the Fire Department provide firefighting services within the Fire Protection District within the Town pursuant to a written contract for services entered into pursuant to Section 18 of New York Town Law; and the Fire Protection District served by the Fire Department is not serviced by any other fire company or department; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Note for exclusion from gross income pursuant to the provisions of Section 150(e) of the Code, the Town Board hereby approves the issuance of the Note by the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. in a principal amount estimated not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) to purchase the Apparatus, provided that the loan shall be an obligation of the Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. only and not of the Town.

THE NOTE SHALL NOT BE A DEBT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR THE TOWN OF HOPEWELL, NEW YORK, AND NEITHER THE STATE OF NEW YORK NOR THE TOWN OF HOPEWELL, NEW YORK, SHALL BE LIABLE THEREON.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Denise Hood, Town Clerk of the Town of Hopewell do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell on March 5, 2026, by the following vote:

William Namestnik
Adam Sanford
Jeffrey Trickey
Andrew Faust
Mark Curran

Aye	Nay
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
NECESSARILY ABSENT	
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
NECESSARILY ABSENT	
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Dated: March 5, 2026


Denise Hood, Town Clerk

SEAL

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

She is the duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Hopewell, Ontario County, New York (hereinafter the "Town") and the custodian of the records of the Town, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell, held on the 5th day of March, 2026, and entitled:

RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF A TAX-EXEMPT NOTE BY THE HOPEWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. TO THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$320,000.00) TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF (1) 4 GUYS CUSTOM STAINLESS STEEL FIRE RESCUE BODY INSTALLED ON A FREIGHTLINER CAB and CHASSIS TOGETHER WITH RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES (the "APPARATUS")

Said meeting was duly convened and held and said Resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with New York State law. To the extent required by law, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Town Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (a majority of the Town Board) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, or otherwise, incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Town, and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 5th day of March, 2026.

=SEAL=

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denise Hood", is written over a horizontal line.

Denise Hood, Town Clerk

March 2, 2026

Public Hearing regarding tax exempt loan for financing new 1512 Fire Truck

Present: - see sign in sheet attached.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:02 pm at Hopewell Fire House station 1, 3393 County Rd 4, Canandaigua, NY, by Greg Bouchard.

All present were signed in.

Greg Bouchard presided as the Hearing Officer and introduced Board of Directors and Officers present:

- Greg Bouchard, President
- Amy Martin-Critcher, Secretary
- Keven Shipman, Board Chairman
- Mickie Kelly, Board Member
- Jim Bator, Board Member
- Skip Critcher, Fire Chief

Greg Bouchard read the Notice of Public Hearing as printed in the Canandaigua Daily Messenger on February 13, 2026, regarding the financing of the new fire truck.

Greg indicated there were no inquiries, emails or comments about the proposed financing by mail or email.

Greg Bouchard asked for any questions or comments regarding the purchase and debt obligations as described. Having no comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Martin- Critcher Hopewell Fire Department Secretary

EXHIBIT B

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Town Board

March 04, 2026

PROCLAMATION FOR MARCH AS AGRICULTURE MONTH

WHEREAS, March signifies a national celebration of the importance of food and agriculture in the United States as it provides almost everything we eat and use each day. This month we recognize and celebrate the diversity and abundance provided by New York's farms and our growing food and agricultural sector and the contributions of the Town of Hopewell's family farmers; and

WHEREAS, There are 30,650 farms in NYS and 6,502,286 acres of operated farmland; and

WHEREAS, There is approximately 13,363 acres of farmland in the Town of Hopewell and 174,577 acres of farmland in Ontario County; and

WHEREAS, The agricultural industry in Ontario County contributed more than \$293,630,000 in total market value; and

WHEREAS, With farmland occupying nearly one quarter of New York State's land area, agriculture also promotes New Yorker's quality of life in other ways, including providing access to fresh, locally sourced food, preserving open space, and enhancing communities through farmer's markets and other such activities; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of March as Agriculture Month in the Town of Hopewell provides the opportunity for all residents of The Town of Hopewell and New York to better appreciate agriculture's breadth and beauty, how food and fiber products are produced, and the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant, and affordable products; and

WHEREAS, Proclaiming March as Agriculture month will build awareness of the benefits of the agricultural industry in the Town of Hopewell and encourage young people to consider agriculture as a career; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Hopewell Board has reviewed this resolution and recommends its adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Town of Hopewell Board does hereby proclaim March 2026 as Agriculture Month in the Town of Hopewell; and further

RESOLVED, This Board urges The Town of Hopewell residents and all New Yorkers to recognize the importance of our food, and agriculture industry, to thank a farmer for providing the food we eat and to help celebrate every month with meals made from a variety of New York State products; and further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be sent by the Hopewell Town Clerk to Assemblyman Gallahan, Senator Pamela Helming, Assemblywoman Andrea Bailey, Congresswoman Claudia Teeney, Ontario County Farm Bureau, and New York State Farm Bureau.

Memo

To: Denise Hood, Town Clerk/Records Keeper

From: Kelly L. Ducar, Assessor

Date: January 30, 2026

Re: Records to be destroyed

Denise,

Please record that deleted/sold or denied exemption applications dated in the year 2020 can be destroyed as they have reached the six year retention period.

Thank you - Kelly