## Thiells-Roseville Fire District Bond Vote For a New Fire Station Tuesday, April 30 • 6-9 PM Main Station 99 US-202 Please Remember to Vote

The Thiells-Roseville Fire District was incorporated in 1960 and has served the community for 63 years. On Tuesday, April 30, community residents will have an opportunity to vote on a proposed bond referendum to purchase land and build a new and more functional fire house.

The current fire house no longer provides the safety, functionality and efficiency needed to meet the current and anticipated needs of the community and does not comply with mandated building codes and safety protocols. Costly repairs are not a responsible financial investment as some materials are no longer available and many concerns and mandated code compliance issues would not be properly addressed.

Since 2018, the fire commissioners have been analyzing property options to construct a new state-of-the-art fire house with minimal impact to taxpayers. The proposed bond would support the purchase of land and the building of a new fire station that would address the issues with the current fire house and the community's needs in the future.

To ensure community residents were informed, the fire district invited residents to a community meeting on March 11 where the proposed plan was presented and residents provided their input and asked questions. Residents were also invited to two open houses on April 2 and April 7 where they were given guided tours to see the areas of concern and asked questions.

The total cost of the bond, including hard, soft and contingency costs is \$24,340,455, including \$3,325,000 to purchase the land and \$13,121,780 to construct the new fire house. The final cost to homeowners would be offset by using \$700,000 from the fire district's existing Building Capital Reserve Fund and \$150,000 in available funds of the fire district. The future sale of the old fire house will also be used to offset the cost.

The weekly cost to the average homeowner would be approximately \$3.69. The monthly cost to the average homeowner would be approximately \$15.98 and the annual cost to the average homeowner would be approximately \$191.81.

"We strongly believe this is the right time to build a new firehouse," Fire Commissioner Robert Masiello said. "We have been working since early 2018 to find the right location and we are pleased to share our plans with the community. This will be a necessary improvement for the members of the fire department and the residents of the Thiells-Roseville Fire District. We encourage everyone to vote on April 30."

Please plan to vote on Tuesday, April 30 • Main Station, 99 US-202 • 6-9 p.m. For more information about the upcoming bond vote, please visit the fire district website <u>www.thiellsfd.com</u>.