

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hartwick Fire District is considering the following resolution: the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hartwick Fire District proposes to dissolve the existing fire district as required for the formation of the Hartwick Fire Protection District, thereafter encompassing all of the territory of the (former) existing Fire District. The proposed formation of the Hartwick Fire Protection District shall become effective upon the effective date of the dissolution of the Hartwick Fire District. The Town Board may meet immediately following the public hearing to vote on the proposal.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024, at the Town of Hartwick Municipal Building at 103 Town Drive, Hartwick, NY 13348, which shall commence at 6:00 pm to consider the resolution. A copy of the proposed plan of dissolution is available for viewing at the at the Town of Hartwick Municipal Building at 103 Town Drive, Hartwick, NY 13348.

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### DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF DISSOLUTION PLAN

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hartwick Fire District (Also sitting as the Town of Hartwick Town Board) proposes to dissolve the existing Hartwick Fire District in the Town of Hartwick as part of the process of creating the new Hartwick Fire Protection District, to encompass the entire portion of the territory of the (former) existing Hartwick Fire District, which will protect the residents of the Fire District. The Hartwick Fire Protection District is proposed to include the entire present borders of the Town of Hartwick. The existing Hartwick Fire District has assets in the approximate amount of \$5,000,000 and liabilities in the approximate amount of \$0.00, which will transferred to the existing fire companies as part of their contracts with the Town of Hartwick. The existing Fire District has no employees and there are no costs related to the dissolution other than attorneys' fees of up to \$12,000 to form the Hartwick Fire Protection District and dissolve the Hartwick Fire District. The formation of the Hartwick Fire Protection District shall only occur if the dissolution is effective. The residents of the existing Fire District's territory (ie: the entire town of Hartwick) will continue to be provided fire protection by their local fire departments. The formation of the Hartwick Fire Protection District shall become effective immediately upon the dissolution of the Fire District. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hartwick Fire District will hold a public hearing on the proposed plan of dissolution on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024, at the Town of Hartwick Municipal Building at 103 Town Drive, Hartwick, NY 13348, which shall commence at 6:00 pm to take comment from interested persons. The proposed dissolution plan may be examined at the Town of Hartwick Municipal Building at 103 Town Drive, Hartwick, NY 13348.

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### SCHEDULE A

#### **Proposed Plan for the Dissolution of the Existing Town of Hartwick Fire District**

The Town Board (acting as Commissioners for the Hartwick Fire District) of the Town of Hartwick hereby proposes, pursuant to General Municipal Law, section 774, the following as its

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dissolution plan for the dissolution of the Hartwick Fire District which encompasses the entire area of the Town of Hartwick:

- (a) the name of the sole local government entity to be dissolved is the Hartwick Fire District, a Fire District created pursuant to law in or about 1931, which encompasses the entire town of Hartwick and for which the Town Board serves as the Board of Fire Commissioners pursuant to such 1931 law. The action of the Town Board therefore constitutes the action of the Fire District's Board of Fire Commissioners, as one entity;
- (b) the territorial boundaries of the entity created in place of the existing fire district to be dissolved is the entire present borders of the Town of Hartwick;
- (c) the fiscal estimate of the cost of dissolution is less than \$12,000, being primarily legal fees and expenses, which also includes the formation of the Town of Hartwick Fire Protection District, which will encompass the entire limits of the town of Hartwick;
- (d) there are no public employees of the fire district to be transferred or eliminated;
- (e) The Hartwick Fire District has those major assets attached at **Schedule A**;
- (f) the entities have no liabilities or indebtedness, bonded and otherwise; the fair value thereof in current money of the United States is \$0.00;
- (g) there are no agreements entered into between the Hartwick Fire District and any entity to carry out the dissolution;
- (h) the manner and means by which the residents of the entity will continue to be furnished municipal services following the fire districts' dissolution is by the creation of a new fire protection district constituting the entire limits of the town of Hartwick, and then through contracts entered into between the town and two (2) fire departments pursuant to Town Law § 184;
- (i) it is proposed that the assets (vehicles, buildings, equipment, supplies) of the Fire District shall be transferred to the fire departments for partial consideration as part of the contracts for fire protection;
- (j) there are no local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the entities, and thus, none shall remain in effect after the effective date of the dissolution and none shall remain in effect for a period of time other than as provided by section seven hundred eighty-nine of this title;
- (k) the effective date of the proposed dissolution of the existing fire protection districts is contingent upon the formation of the Town of Hartwick Fire Protection District, and such dissolution will be effective upon the establishment thereof, which is anticipated to occur no later than August 1, 2024;
- (l) the public hearing on the dissolution of the existing fire protection districts, shall be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024, at the Town of Hartwick Municipal Building at 103 Town Drive, Hartwick, NY 13348, which shall commence at 6:00 pm;

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(m) there are no other matters desirable or necessary to carry out the dissolution of the existing fire district.