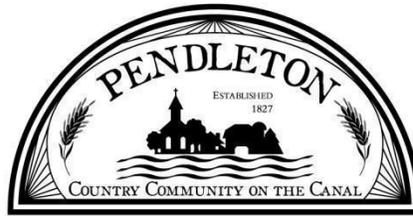


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RE: Proposed Modification to Length of Service Award Program

A public hearing has been scheduled for July 14, 2025 for a proposed modification of the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP), which is funded by the Town of Pendleton for members of the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc. It is anticipated that a resolution will be offered for consideration of the Town Board following the public hearing, authorizing placement of the proposed LOSAP modification as a proposition on the ballot of the next scheduled local election. As a past member of the Fire Company, the issue of a possible conflict must be addressed.

Per New York Consolidated Laws, General Municipal Law - GMU § 216, it is stated:

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, no member of the governing board of a political subdivision of the state is prohibited by virtue of being a member of a volunteer fire company or department from voting upon a resolution authorizing a referendum on the establishment of a service award program if more than forty percent of the governing board would otherwise be prohibited from voting upon such resolution. Any member of such governing board voting upon such a resolution who serves as a member of a volunteer fire company or department shall publicly disclose in writing to the governing board such status. Such written disclosure shall be part of and set forth in the official record of the proceedings of such governing board.

Though I am no longer a member of the Fire Company, I have earned multiple years of credit in the LOSAP and such future payments will be affected should this proposition be approved. I am writing this statement to comply with the intent of this section of General Municipal Law, which is to publicly disclose any possible conflict of interest prior to participating in any Town Board vote related to the LOSAP.

Thank you for including this statement in the public documents for the July 14, 2025 meeting of the Town Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Maerten". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Joel Maerten