



Henrietta Fire District
850 Bailey Road
West Henrietta, NY 14586

Fellow Henrietta Residents,

As we continue to fight the COVID 19 pandemic and remain in a state of emergency, I wanted to write to you in regards to our Station 6 project. The project was set for a public vote on March 23rd 2020, and was suddenly postponed as our state shut down. Your outpouring of support and disappointment in the delay of this project was incredible. Unfortunately, life is now a little different so I wanted to update everyone on our plans regarding this piece of critical infrastructure.

The project was developed to increase public safety by decreasing response times at the south / west end of Henrietta, while increasing first responder safety by updating our training facility. It is with cautious enthusiasm that I report we are moving forward with this project. The reason our committee has recommended moving forward is because the risk to the south / west end of Henrietta has not decreased and actually increases daily as more houses and apartments are built and commercial space is added.

As a trusted leader in our great community, I will not be debating these issues on Facebook, Twitter, Tic Tok, or any other social media platforms. I believe communication is much deeper then bickering on such media. We will be releasing information and updates on those platforms to aid you in your decision making.

You will hear from people who oppose the project that say "this is not needed or costs too much", please ask yourself **why** someone would not want faster response times or more firefighter EMT's available to respond immediately? Why would someone not want increased public safety? All I do know from my 38 years in emergency services is that during an emergency, whether fire or medical, time is not your friend.

If you have any questions regarding this project please feel free to contact me at 585-359-7169 or mstrzyzynski@henriettafire.com. As Fire Chief, I am here to answer your questions. As many of you know, it is my honor to serve and protect the town I have lived in all of my life and I always enjoy talking to my neighbors. Again, if you have a question, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you want to know how to make Henrietta truly "Fire Safe" in the future, and potentially decrease the need for firefighters and fire district resources. The answer is simple require all buildings and homes to have a fire sprinkler system installed when built.

In closing, please do some research before the vote. Look at the National Fire Protection Association's *1710 Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations* and ask questions. Regardless of how the referendum turns out, know that the women and men of the Henrietta Fire District love all of you and will be here for you in your most desperate time of need.

Humbly,

Mark Strzyzynski

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Chief