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### **CITY OF BEACON BREAKS GROUND ON CENTRAL FIRE STATION PROJECT LAUNCHES \$14 MILLION RENOVATION AND ADDITION TO COMPLETE ONGOING CONSOLIDATION OF CITY FIRE STATIONS**

**BEACON, NY**— On June 5, 2023, Mayor Lee Kyriacou joined members of the Beacon City Council, Fire Chief Tom Lucchesi, Former Fire Chief Gary VanVoorhis, and Beacon Fire Department staff to celebrate a symbolic groundbreaking event for the long-awaited renovation and addition to the City's Lewis Tompkins Hose Fire Station. After more than 17 years of planning, studies, and architectural design, the City will begin construction mobilization this and next week on the \$14 million renovation and expansion of its aging fire station located on Wolcott Avenue (Route 9D) across from City Hall.

The Beacon Fire Station Project (the "Project") consists of a complete overhaul (gut rehabilitation) of the 1980's era fire station which is approximately 10,000 square feet and will be stripped down to the steel beams and reconstructed. The Project also includes the construction of a new 6,400 square foot addition on the north side of the building, the installation of geothermal heat wells, and the reconstruction of the adjacent parking lot, which will reopen for public parking following the Project.

The reconstructed Fire Station will serve as the single fire station for the City of Beacon once completed. The Project follows nearly two decades of planning and debate and will complete the ongoing consolidation of the City's three firehouses (Beacon Engine, Mase Hook & Ladder, and Tompkins Hose) into one consolidated fire station. The new facility will be all-electric and utilize geothermal heat pumps for heating and cooling, in addition to being more energy efficient and well-insulated than the existing facility. The current white stucco exterior with few windows will be replaced by a beautifully-designed brick façade featuring many additional windows so that the modern facility will fit the character of Beacon's historic brick structures. The facility will ensure better operational capacity for the Department, improve training opportunities in the facility, meet all ADA standards, include new safety protections for firefighters (such as dedicated decontamination areas), and provide new bedrooms for the career firefighting staff.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou noted, "After nearly two decades of studies, the City is moving forward to complete the ongoing consolidation of our fire services into one facility that meets modern fire service standards. The City's Fire Department has undergone a significant shift over these years from a largely volunteer Department to a mostly career Department that is augmented by volunteers. This new facility recognizes that transition and will hopefully serve Beacon well for many generations."

The Project, which has been fully-approved by the City Council, is anticipated to take 14 months to complete, after which the Fire Department will move back in to the refurbished and expanded Fire Station. The City is working with Mitchell Associates Architects, PLLC as the Architect on the Project and with The Palombo Group as the Construction Manager on the Project.

A photo of the groundbreaking event and the Architect's rendering of the new facility are attached.



*Pictured (left to right): City Councilmember-at-Large George Mansfield; Assistant Volunteer Fire Chief Dennis Lahey Jr.; City Administrator Chris White; Former Beacon Fire Chief Gary VanVoorhis; Former Volunteer Fire Chief Dennis Lahey Sr.; Beacon Fire Chief Thomas Lucchesi; Ward Four City Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair; Mayor Lee Kyriacou; Ward One Councilmember Molly Rhodes*



*Pictured: Architect's Rendering of the Beacon Fire Station from Wolcott Avenue (Route 9D).*