## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before and by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Nissequogue, Suffolk County, New York, at Village Hall, 631 Moriches Road, St. James, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., concerning a proposed local law providing partial real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to § 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law. The proposed local law authorizes the same partial exemption benefits previously adopted by the Board, except pursuant to RPTL § 466-a, the partial exemption benefits are expanded to cover the primary residence owned by a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who has a minimum service requirement of three years instead of five years. Additional options under consideration are as follows: (1) a qualified un-remarried spouse of a previously qualified volunteer who died in the line of duty with at least five years of active service is entitled to retain the 10% real property tax exemption; (2) a qualified volunteer with a minimum service requirement of more than twenty years of service is entitled to a 10% real property tax exemption for School District taxation purposes for his or her lifetime; and (3) a qualified un-remarried spouse of a previously qualified volunteer who is deceased is entitled to retain the 10% lifetime real property tax exemption. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at Village Hall.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the environmental significance of said proposed Local Law will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Nissequogue, Suffolk County, New York incident to and as a part of said public hearing.

At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. If any individual requires special assistance to attend, please notify the Village Clerk at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

Patricia A. Mulderig Village Clerk-Treasurer

Dated: March 18, 2025