

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY
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EFFECTIVE DATE MARCH 1, 2013**

This is a summary of the Joint Consolidation Agreement endorsed by the respective Boards on November 14, 2012.

Copies of the full Joint Consolidation Agreement may be viewed in its entirety at the following readily accessible public place or places in Hamlin, Morton and Walker

- *Kendall Town Hall, 1873 Kendall Rd, Kendall, NY 14476*
- *Hamlin Town Hall, 1658 Lake Rd. Hamlin, NY 14464*
- *Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, P.O. Box 858, Clarkson, NY 14430*
- *Hamlin Fire Hall, 1521 Lake Road, Hamlin, NY 14464*
- *Walker Fire Hall, 1420 Walker Lake Ontario Rd, Hilton New York 14468 ;*
- *Morton Fire Hall, 1094 Monroe Orleans County line Rd. , Hamlin, New York 14464*
- *US Post Office, 1205 County Line Rd # 1, Kendall, NY*
- *The Hamlin Library, 1422 Clarkson Hamlin TL Road, Hamlin, NY 14464*

The Hamlin Fire District,(Hamlin), The Morton Fire District, (Morton), and The Walker Fire District,(Walker), operating in the Town of Hamlin, and in portions of the Town(s) of Clarkson and Kendall through their Board of Fire Commissioners desire to consolidate pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 17-A.

After consolidation the fire district will be named the “Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District “. The Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District will oversee and provide fire protection and other emergency services to the geographic area presently encompassing the Hamlin Fire District, the Morton Fire District and the Walker Fire District. The newly formed Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District is a New York fire district and as such is a political subdivision of New York State and a district corporation.

The initial Board of Fire Commissioners and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Town Boards of Hamlin, Kendall and Walker at a Joint meeting on March 4th 2012. These fire district officers shall hold their respective offices until December 31. 2013. The Hamlin, Kendall and Clarkson Town Clerks shall after appointment immediately notify the newly appointed Board of Fire Commissioners and fire district Treasurer of their appointments as fire district officers and that the organizational meeting of the Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District is scheduled for March 5th, at 7:00 at the Hamlin Fire Hall. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District shall appoint a secretary at the organizational meeting. The first election of fire district officers shall be held on Tuesday, December 10, Descriptive Summary Joint Consolidation Agreement 11-14-12

2013. There will be an election of the boards of fire commissioners, where the commissioners will be elected to staggered term. There will also be an election of the Fire District Treasurer who shall serve a three year term. The person receiving the greatest number of votes for the office of Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years

There will be separate ballots for the office of Treasurer and fire commissioner. The voter will be allowed to choose only one fire commissioner. The candidate for commissioner receiving the greatest number of votes for the office of fire commissioner shall be elected for a term of five years the term of officer to commence January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2018; The candidate for commissioner receiving the second highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years commencing January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017; the candidate for commissioner receiving the third highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of three years, the term of officer to commence January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016; the candidate for commissioner receiving the fourth highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015 and the candidate for commissioner receiving the fifth highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of one year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. In the event that two persons shall receive the same number of votes the terms of office shall be decided by lot. Thereafter the election of fire district commissioners shall be in accordance with New York State Town Law. Fire District commissioners shall thereafter be elected for the term of five years.

The fire district commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services. The fire district secretary and the fire district Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the fire district commissioners may determine.

Each fire district commissioner, Treasurer and Secretary is required to take the constitutional oath of office. Such oath shall be filed with the town clerks of Hamlin, Kendall and Clarkson. The Treasurer of The Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District shall before entering upon the duties of his office, execute and file with the town clerk of Hamlin, Kendall and Clarkson an official undertaking

- Consolidation, would put the Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District in a stronger position financially,
- Merging the fund balances will create greater leverage for capital purchases., and the pooling of the monetary assets will allow greater return on the investment and higher interest earned
 - There will be a savings on the cost of providing its insurance liability coverage, vehicles collision and liability insurances as well as property casualty and fire insurance premiums and a savings on administrative staff(Treasurer and Secretary)
 - Staff reduction will reduce the need for office space, supplies, computer equipment and supplies and office furniture.
 - Consolidation will
 - a. allow for a higher spending limitation, less fluctuation in tax revenue, and a more consistent tax revenue stream,
 - b. will save the need for separate independent audits,

c. Will streamline efficiency by reducing the administrative structure of chiefs and commissioners and the demand for volunteers to fill these roles.

- One district level chief will help streamline the command structure

The assets of the three fire districts are as follows

The assets of the HAMLIN FIRE DISTRICT and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of November 1, 2012 are:

1) Real property 1521 Lake Road, Hamlin, New York\$ 1,135,000 (assessed value)

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2) Vehicles total value of all vehicles \$ 837,000.00

3) Personal Property of the Hamlin Fire District, Equipment & Furniture, Furnishings, Computers and Printers, Turn Out Gear and Radios \$ 209,765.00

4) Monetary Assets, including reserve funds \$664,560.00

The assets of the Morton Fire District and the fair value thereof in current money of the United States as of November 1, 2012 are

1) Real Property 1094 Monroe Orleans County Road, Morton, New York 14508-0129., \$ 275,000.00

2) Vehicles \$ 540,000.00

3) Personal Property of the Morton Fire District, Equipment & Furniture, Furnishings, Computers and Printers, Turn out Gear, Radios \$ 51,200.00

4) Monetary Assets, Including reserve accounts \$ 357,388.00

The assets of the WALKER FIRE DISTRICT and the fair value in current money of the United States as of November 1, 2012 are

1) Real Property 20 Walker Lake Ontario Rd, Hamlin, New York\$420,000.00

2) Vehicles \$ 348,500.00

3) Personal Property of the Walker Fire District, Equipment & Furniture, Furnishings, Computers and Printers, Turn Out Gear and Radios \$ 62,450.00

4) Monetary Assets including reserve funds \$433, 937.63

LIABILITIES AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE HAMLIN FIRE DISTRICT

Bond for fire station construction.....\$225,000

THE LIABILITIES AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE MORTON FIRE DISTRICT

Morton Fire District has no indebtedness or liabilities

THE LIABILITIES AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE WALKER FIRE DISTRICT

Bond for pumper truck.....\$115,000

The existing assets of the Hamlin Fire District, the Morton Fire District and the Walker Fire District will become assets of the Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District. The indebtedness of the Hamlin Fire District and the indebtedness of the Walker Fire District shall become the liabilities of the Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District.

The Hamlin Morton Walker Fire District will administer the fire district through its board of fire commissioners pursuant to Section IV of this consolidation agreement.

The effective date of the proposed consolidation is March 1, 2013. The time and place for the public hearing on the proposed joint consolidation agreement is January 15th, 2013, at 7:00 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1107 Lake Road West Fork, Hamlin, New York 1446~~42~~