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Memo to: Forest Hills Residents and Taxpayers

From: Forest Hills Borough Council

RE: Fire Department Merger Discussions

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In an effort to clarify its position, Forest Hills Council asked the borough solicitor to draft the following recommended language for a proposed letter to be sent to council from the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department that was forwarded to the FHVFD in an effort to resolve the merger issue. This information was provided to the department on January 15.

“The Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Company has no current or future intention of merging or consolidating with the Braddock Hills Volunteer Fire Department or any other municipal or volunteer fire department. However, to the extent that a merger, consolidation or shared or contracted fire protection services becomes a viable or necessary option in the future, the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Company will not consider or engage in any formal discussions regarding any merger, consolidation or shared or contracted fire protection services without first discussing it with Borough Council. Any response to a municipality or a volunteer fire department regarding a merger, consolidation or shared or contracted fire protection service will be made mutually by Borough Council and the Forest Hill Volunteer Fire Company or solely by the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Company with the prior consent of Borough Council.”