

Letter to the Residents in the Village of Albion:

The Village of Albion is seeking names of those interested in applying for the position of Fire Commissioner. It is the desire of the Village of Albion, Town of Gaines and Town of Albion to form a Fire District to address the ever-rising expenses and staffing of a local fire department.

The Board of Fire Commissioners would actively govern what is to be known as the Joint Albion Fire District which includes the Town of Gaines and Albion.

The Village is authorized to select one of the Commissioners to sit on the Board of Fire Commissioners. The initial appointment will be for a period from time of formation of the Fire District to December 31, 2024, after which an election will be held to elect and to allow the initial appointed commissioners to in part adopt an initial budget and to oversee the operation of the newly formed Albion Joint Fire District. The other four (4) commissioners will be selected by the Town of Gaines board and the Town of Albion board.

The Commissioner selected by the Village of Albion is required to reside in the Village of Albion during this selection process and through his/her tenure as fire commissioner. The initial Board of Fire Commissioners will serve from the time of the formation of the Fire District to December 31, 2024, when thereafter an election will be held to select the Board of Fire Commissioners. The five selected will serve for the initial term. The individual elected with the highest vote count will serve an initial five (5) year term; the individual with the second highest vote count will serve a four (4) term; the individual with the third highest vote count will serve a three (3) year term; and so on. One member of the Board of Commissioners thereafter will be up for election each year. Thereafter will be up for election each year. Once elected, other than the initial election, the individual will serve for a five (5) year term.

In selecting the initial five Commissioners for the Village of Albion the Village Board of Trustees would like to invite any interested person to submit their name to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration. Each Fire District Commission is an unpaid position. There will be a training compound which each commissioner will be required to attend and successfully complete all costs associated with the training will be paid by the Fire District.

The Village Board of Trustees requests that all interested parties submit a letter of interest in being selected the Board of Fire Commissioners outlining your education history, the reason for your interest in being selected to the Board of Fire Commissioners. One does not necessarily have to be experienced in reviewing and understanding budgets but a willingness to learn is absolutely necessary. You will be asked to actually participate in the meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners and devote sufficient time to the organization so that the Joint Fire District can operate efficiently.

After being initially appointed you will be required to run for election for said position and be among the five highest candidates to retain the position of Fire Commissioner whether it be for one (1) year up to five (5) years depending on the number of votes you receive in the election process.

Please submit a letter of interest outlining why you would be the appropriate individual to be selected as one of the initial members of the Board of Fire Commissioners. It is **not** required that you have any experience in the operation of a fire department or fire-fighting experience.

Please submit your letter of interest no later than July 23, 2024.