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**STATEMENT FROM THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
ON APRIL 2 FIRE/EMS REFERENDUM**

PORT WASHINGTON, WIS. – The City of Port Washington and the Port Washington Fire Department issued the following statement today:

Yesterday, the residents of Port Washington voted to approve the additional funding for fire/EMS service. This support will enable the City to fund six full-time fire/EMS positions and retain the three full-time staff members currently funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants.

The additional funding allows us to address the projected increase in emergency call volume, especially as our population ages, while decreasing response times to emergencies to follow the standard expected for a community of our size. We now have the ability to bolster our department with additional personnel and make important investments in our current staff.

We want to express our gratitude to the Port Washington community for supporting the fire/EMS staff that serve our community every day. The Fire Department is proud to provide you with the emergency service that you've come to expect. We will now be turning our attention to hiring staff to fill these new positions; to learn more about how you can play a role in our Fire Department, please visit www.pwfd.org/recruitment.

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