
AGREEMENT

Between

TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

AND

FIREFIGHTERS MUTUAL BENEVOLENT

ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 32

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DEFINITIONS:

Shift – The shift of the Millburn Fire Department is a twenty-four (24) hours on duty with seventy-two (72) hours off duty.

Work Period – A Work Period is defined as a ten (10) hour day work period or fourteen (14) hour night work period.

Tour – A tour is defined as a ten (10) hour day work period followed by fourteen (14) hour night work period, resulting in twenty-four (24) consecutive work hours.

PREAMBLE

This agreement, effective as of January 1, 2021, by and between the TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN, NEW JERSEY, hereinafter referred to as the "Township", and FIREFIGHTERS MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 32, hereinafter referred to as the "F.M.B.A." is designed to maintain and promote a harmonious relationship between the parties.

ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

The Township recognizes the F.M.B.A. as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all uniformed employees in the Fire Department, now employed or hereafter employed, except the Fire Chief and volunteers.

ARTICLE II
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, an equitable solution to the problems which may arise affecting the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to resolve grievances as soon as possible so as to assure efficiency and promote employees' morale. The parties agree that this procedure will be kept as informal as may be appropriate.

2. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with the Chief of the Department and having the grievance adjusted without the intervention of the F.M.B.A.

B. Definition

The term "grievance" as used herein means any controversy arising over the interpretation or adherence to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and may be raised by an individual, the F.M.B.A., or the Township.

C. Steps of the Grievance Procedure

The following constitutes the sole and exclusive method for resolving grievances between the parties covered by this Agreement and shall be followed in its entirety unless any step is waived by mutual consent:

STEP ONE:

(a) An aggrieved employee, or the F.M.B.A., shall institute action in writing under the provisions hereof within ten (10) days of the occurrence of the grievance, and an earnest effort shall be made to settle the differences between the aggrieved employee and the Chief of the

Department, or his designee, for the purpose of resolving the matter. Failure to act within ten (10) days shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the grievance.

(b) The Chief of the Department, or his designee, shall render a decision in writing within ten (10) days after receipt of the grievance.

STEP TWO:

(a) In the event the grievance is not settled through Step One, the same shall be filed with the Business Administrator (or his/her designee) within five (5) days following the determination by the Chief of the Department.

(b) The Business Administrator, or his/her designee, shall render a decision in writing within five (5) days from the receipt of the grievance.

STEP THREE - Binding Arbitration:

(a) If the grievance is not settled through Steps One or Two, either party may refer the matter to the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission or mutually agreed upon alternative, for binding arbitration within ten (10) days after the determination by the Business Administrator, or 10 days after the date when the determination was due, whichever is sooner. An arbitrator shall be selected and a mutually agreeable hearing date established, pursuant to the Rules of N.J.P.E.R.C. or mutually agreed upon alternative.

(b) In the event the aggrieved elects to pursue Civil Service Procedures, the arbitration hearing shall be canceled and the matter withdrawn from arbitration and the F.M.B.A. shall pay whatever costs may have been incurred in processing the case to arbitration.

(c) The Arbitrator shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and restricted to the application of the facts presented to him involved in the grievance. The Arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, modify, detract from or alter in any way the provisions of this Agreement or any amendment or supplement hereto.

(d) The costs for the services of the Arbitrator shall be borne equally between the Township and the F.M.B.A. Any other expenses, including but not limited to the presentation of witnesses, shall be paid by the party incurring same.

ARTICLE III
HEALTH AND WELFARE - INSURANCE

A. The Township shall provide enrollment in the State Health Benefits Program for all permanent employees who have been on the payroll for two (2) months, at the beginning of the third (3rd) month of employment. The Township shall pay the cost of the foregoing program for the employee and his/her family. Employees and qualifying retirees will contribute to the cost for enrollment in the State Health Benefits Plan based on current rules and regulations under P.L. 2011, Chapter 78. Qualifying retirees who are awarded a disability pension shall not have to contribute toward the cost for such coverage, in accordance with New Jersey law.

B. With the exception of NJ Direct 10, all eligible employees under paragraph A. have the option to choose a health plan offered through the State Health Benefits Program. Nothing shall preclude the right of the Township to change insurance carriers so long as substantially similar benefits are provided.

C. The Township agrees to provide liability insurance coverage in accordance with applicable status covering its employees.

D. The Township agrees to continue to provide health care benefits to permanent employees who retire to the extent that the health plan permits such provision.

E. The Township shall provide a Prescription Insurance Plan with full family coverage. Employees will contribute to the premium cost for enrollment in the Township's Prescription Insurance Plan based on current rules and regulations under PL. 2011 Chapter 78.

The co-pays shall also apply to a 90 supply. Co-pays are as follows:

- \$5.00 for Preferred Generic

- \$ 15.00 for Preferred Brand Name

- \$30.00 for Non-preferred and injectable drugs

As of January 1, 2019 all Members will be enrolled into the New Jersey State Health

Benefits Prescription plan.

G. The Township will provide a dental plan with premium increases above the 2004 basic plan coverage to be paid by the employee through payroll deductions.

H. The Township will provide a premium conversion plan, a healthcare flexible spending account and a dependent care flexible spending account in accordance with Section 125 of the IRS code.

I. Any employee who opts out of the basic plan for Medical, Dental and/or Prescription Plan shall receive the following benefit:

- Medical — 25% of the premium savings or \$5,000.00, whichever is less
- Prescription — 50% of the premium savings
- Dental — 50% of the premium savings

J. Effective January 1, 2019 any employee who opts out of the basic plan for Medical, Dental and/or Prescription Plan shall receive the following benefit:

- Medical and Prescription — 25% of the premium savings or \$5,000.00, whichever is less
- Dental — 50% of the premium savings

K. If the employee's substitute coverage lapses (i.e., retirement, termination) the Township agrees to cover the employee at its expense through COBRA, until the employee can rejoin the Township Medical, Dental and/or Prescription Plan.

ARTICLE IV
RETENTION OF BENEFITS

Those provisions of municipal ordinances which are applicable to employees covered by this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, except as modified herein, during the term of this agreement, and shall be incorporated in this Agreement as if set forth herein at length.

ARTICLE V
NO STRIKE PLEDGE

A. The Association covenants and agrees that during the term of this Agreement neither the F.M.B.A. nor any person acting in its behalf will cause, authorize, or support, nor will any of its members take part in any strike or other deliberate interference with normal work procedures against the Township.

B. Nothing contained in the Agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the Township in its right to seek and obtain such judicial relief as it may be entitled to have in law or in equity for injunction, or damages, or both in the event of such breach by the F.M.B.A. or its members.

ARTICLE VI
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence without pay may be granted for good cause to any employee for a period of six (6) months. Such leave shall be granted at the sole discretion of the Administrator in charge of the Fire Department after recommendation from the Chief. The leave may be extended for an additional six (6) months under the same procedure as the initial leave.

ARTICLE VII
MILITARY LEAVE

Leaves of absence shall be granted by the Township, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.
38:23-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:46-32, for military service.

ARTICLE VIII
BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

A. In case of death in the immediate family, an employee shall be granted leave from the date of death, up to and including the day after the funeral, not to exceed four (4) consecutive work Periods.

B. Immediate family shall be defined as the employee's husband, wife, child, stepchild, foster child, mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, mother-in-law or father-in-law, and grandchild.

C. Reasonable verification of the event may be required by the Township.

D. In special or unusual circumstances, the Chief or his/her designee may grant time off or additional time off to the employee in his/her discretion.

E. Bereavement leave, as defined herein for members of an employee's immediate family, shall not be chargeable to sick leave.

F. An employee may be allowed the utilization of two (2) sick leave work periods to attend the funeral of a relative other than one in his/her immediate family, as determined by this Article. These work periods are not to be split between tours.

ARTICLE IX
CHILDBIRTH LEAVE

Additional time off shall be granted in the form of childbirth leave, consisting of three (3) work periods after the birth of an employee's child.

ARTICLE X
ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief of the Fire Department shall permit members of the F.M.B.A. Grievance Committee and members of the F.M.B.A. Negotiating Committee to attend mutually scheduled meetings of said Committees with representatives of the Township during the duty hours of the members without loss of pay, provided said meetings shall not diminish the effectiveness of the Department, nor require the recall of off-duty firefighters to bring the Department to its proper effectiveness.

ARTICLE XI
NON-DISCRIMINATION

A. There shall be no discrimination by the Township or the F.M.B.A. against an employee on account of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

B. There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion by the Township or any of its representatives against any of the employees covered under this Agreement because of their membership or non-membership in the F.M.B.A. or because of any lawful activities by such employees on behalf of the F.M.B.A. The F.M.B.A., its members and agents shall not discriminate against, interfere with, restrain or coerce any employee covered under this Agreement who are not members of the F.M.B.A.

ARTICLE XII
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. The Township hereby retains and reserves unto itself, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it prior to the signing of this Agreement by the Laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

1. To the executive management and administrative control of the Township Government and its properties and facilities and the assignments of its employees;
2. To hire all employees and subject to the provisions of law, to determine their qualifications and conditions for continued employment or assignment and to promote and make intradepartmental transfers of employees;
3. To take any permissible disciplinary action for good and just cause according to law.

C. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities of the Township, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement, and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of New Jersey, including Chapter 123 of the Law of 1974, and the United States.

ARTICLE XIII
CONDUCTING F.M.B.A. BUSINESS ON TOWNSHIP TIME

A. The Township agrees to grant the necessary time off up to five (5) authorized delegates to attend the annual State F.M.B.A. Convention in accordance with N.J.S.A. 11A:6-10. The F.M.B.A. shall submit the names of said delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to said Convention.

B. The executive or alternate delegate or duly authorized representative of the F.M.B.A. shall be granted one (1) work period from duty with full pay for all membership meetings of the State F.M.B.A. when such meetings take place at a time when such officer is scheduled to be on duty, provided said delegate gives reasonable notice to the Chief of the Department.

C. Members holding elected state FMBA positions shall be granted up to two (2) working periods off that can be used at their discretion to attend monthly state meetings when such meetings take place at a time when such officers are scheduled to be on duty, provided said elected officers give reasonable notice to the Chief of the Department.

ARTICLE XIV
HOLIDAYS

A. The uniformed full-time members of the Fire Department, shall be entitled to a payment equivalent to thirteen (13) holidays, accruing on the basis of one (1) day per month of service, in lieu of holiday time off, and in addition to annual salary based upon a twelve (12) hour day at their current hourly rate of pay, payable as an addition to their bi-weekly pay.

B. In the event of death or retirement, the employee, or his/her estate, shall receive his/her earned holiday pay.

ARTICLE XV
VACATION

A. Uniformed members of the Fire Department covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to the following annual vacation:

Years of Service	Vacation Leave
0 -1 year	1 working period for each month of service
1-2 years	12 working periods
3-4 years	15 working periods
5-16 years	18 working periods
17 years	19 working periods
18 years	20 working periods
19 years	21 working periods
20 years or more	24 working periods

Any member hired after January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to the following annual vacation:

Years of Service	Vacation Leave
0 -1 year	1 working period for each month of service
1 -2 years	12 working periods
3-4 years	15 working periods
5-16 years	18 working periods
17 years	19 working periods
18 years	20 working periods
19 years or more	21 working periods

B. Seniority in grade within the group shall be the basis for preference on vacation days.

C. In the event of retirement or death, the employee or his/her estate shall receive his/her earned vacation pay.

D. The employee's vacation pay shall be in the same amount he/she worked his/her standard schedule.

E. Employees shall receive five (5) working periods off with pay per annum, in

addition to the other vacation provisions of this Article, at a time approved by the Chief or his/her designee.

F. The employee may accumulate a maximum of ten (10) vacation work periods during his/her term of employment. Beginning January 1, 2014 employees may only accumulate a maximum of five (5) vacation work periods. Employees may use their current accumulated time until they reach the five (5) vacation work periods allowed.

G. All unused vacation leave accumulated prior to December 31, 1999 shall be compensated at the 1999 rate of pay.

ARTICLE XVI
HOURS AND OVERTIME

A. The hours of employment of each full-time employee of the Department shall be a yearly average of forty-two and twelve hundredths (42.12) hours per week, based upon an eight (8) week cycle, with the exception of administrative personnel. Effective June 1, 2018, the work schedule of the members who work in fire suppression (on the line), shall be adjusted to twenty-four (24) hours on duty followed by seventy-two (72) hours of off duty.

1. Definitions

Shift — The shift of the Millburn Fire Department is a twenty-four (24) hours on duty with seventy-two (72) hours off duty.

Work Period — A work Period is defined as a ten (10) hour day work period or fourteen (14) hour night work period.

Tour — A tour is defined as a ten (10) hour day work period followed by fourteen (14) hour night work period, resulting in twenty four (24) consecutive work hours.

2. The conversion from days to work periods is effective June 1, 2018. For the period from January 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, "days" is defined in the January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016 Collective Negotiations Agreement which shall be in effect through May 31, 2018.

B. All work authorized to be done in excess of forty-two and twelve hundredths (42.12) hours per week shall be compensated at time and one-half (1 1/2) the regular straight time hourly rate. In construing such overtime, payments shall be made on the following basis:

1. Up to the first 16 minutes of authorized overtime - no pay;
2. Sixteen (16) through thirty (30) minutes -30 minutes pay;

3. Thirty-one (31) through sixty (60) minutes - 1 hour pay;
4. Thereafter, overtime shall be paid in thirty (30) minute segments for all time authorized to be worked beyond the regular tour of duty.

C. If an employee is recalled to duty after he/she has completed a regularly scheduled tour, he/she shall be paid for all hours worked and shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours worked, or pay in lieu of work, at time and one-half (1 1/2).

D. A list shall be established for the purpose of assigning overtime work whenever overtime work is required. Overtime shall be distributed among the employees on said list. Specialists employed in the Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Alarm Division and Training Officers shall be part of the list of those employees on the rotation system for overtime provided they have passed the necessary training as established by the department.

E. If an employee is called in accordance with said overtime list, and said overtime request cannot be communicated to him/her in time to perform said duty, the employee, where possible, will be called for the next available overtime assignments.

F. Where appropriate to the needs of the Department, as determined by the Chief, overtime will be worked by equal rank.

G. An employee will have the option of overtime paid at time and one-half (1 1/2) of base pay or compensatory time off at a rate of time and one-half, subject to the manpower needs of the Department as determined by the Chief with the provision that overtime currently on a rotation system shall continue and that non-rotation overtime shall not be changed.

ARTICLE XVII
DIFFERENTIAL

In the event that a Captain works as a Battalion Chief, due to vacancy or prolonged absence, for more than an aggregate of 185 hours in a calendar year, then they shall receive the difference in pay of said higher rank for each hour worked at the higher rank.

ARTICLE XVIII
SALARIES

The salary guides for Firefighters, Firefighters (hired after January 1, 2014), Superiors, and Prevention Code Officer shall be calculated so as to reflect annual across-the-board increases of 2.0% for each of four (4) years (2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024). The 2021 salary increases shall be based on the 2020 salaries which are set forth below as determined by the November 1, 2019 MOA attached hereto as Appendix A.

Firefighters (Hired After January 1, 2014)	January 1, 2020
First twelve (12) months of service (probationary)	\$55,063
Second twelve (12) months of service	\$63,759
Third twelve (12) months of service	\$72,456
Fourth twelve (12) months of service	\$81,152
Fifth twelve (12) months of service	\$89,850
Sixth twelve (12) months of service	\$98,546
Thereafter	\$107,243

Superiors	January 1, 2020
Captain	\$120,786
Battalion Chief	\$132,316
Deputy Chief	\$143,842
Prevention Code	\$12,940

All employees not otherwise at top step shall continue to progress through the applicable salary guide annually. As of January 1, 2021, all firefighters hired prior to January 1, 2014 have reached the maximum step.

Firefighters (Hired After January 1, 2014)	

	January 1, 2021
First twelve (12) months of service (probationary)	\$56,164
Second twelve (12) months of service	\$65,034
Third twelve (12) months of service	\$73,905
Fourth twelve (12) months of service	\$82,775
Fifth twelve (12) months of service	\$91,647
Sixth twelve (12) months of service	\$100,517
Thereafter	\$109,388

Superiors	
	January 1, 2021
Captain	\$123,202
Battalion Chief	\$134,963
Deputy Chief	\$146,719
Prevention Code	\$13,199

Firefighters (Hired After January 1, 2014)	
	January 1, 2022
First twelve (12) months of service (probationary)	\$57,287
Second twelve (12) months of service	\$66,335
Third twelve (12) months of service	\$75,383
Fourth twelve (12) months of service	\$84,431
Fifth twelve (12) months of service	\$93,480
Sixth twelve (12) months of service	\$102,528

Thereafter	\$111,575
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Superiors	
	January 1, 2022
Captain	\$125,666
Battalion Chief	\$137,662
Deputy Chief	\$149,654
Prevention Code	\$13,462

Firefighters (Hired After January 1, 2014)	
	January 1, 2023
First twelve (12) months of service (probationary)	\$58,433
Second twelve (12) months of service	\$67,662
Third twelve (12) months of service	\$76,891
Fourth twelve (12) months of service	\$86,119
Fifth twelve (12) months of service	\$95,349
Sixth twelve (12) months of service	\$104,578
Thereafter	\$113,807

Superiors	
	January 1, 2023
Captain	\$128,179
Battalion Chief	\$140,415
Deputy Chief	\$152,647
Prevention Code	\$13,732

Firefighters (Hired After January 1, 2014)	
	January 1, 2024
First twelve (12) months of service (probationary)	\$59,602
Second twelve (12) months of service	\$69,015
Third twelve (12) months of service	\$78,428
Fourth twelve (12) months of service	\$87,842
Fifth twelve (12) months of service	\$97,256
Sixth twelve (12) months of service	\$106,670
Thereafter	\$116,083

Superiors	
	January 1, 2024
Captain	\$130,743
Battalion Chief	\$143,224
Deputy Chief	\$155,700
Prevention Code	\$14,006

1. Any member covered by this Agreement with the exception of the Fire Sub-Code Official upon being transferred to the Fire Prevention Bureau, shall receive the sum of \$750.00 per year while assigned.

2. Any member covered by this agreement with the exception of the Fire Sub-Code Official upon completion and renewals of the Fire Official/Fire Inspector certification, shall receive a stipend of \$1,750.00 while assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau plus the sum of \$750.00 as described in section 1. For any members not working a full year in the Fire Prevention Bureau, the compensation will be prorated by months working in the Bureau.

3. A member assigned to the position of Training Officer shall receive an additional \$3,000.00 per year.

4. Wages shall be paid every two (2) weeks.

5. An employee trained in Haz-mat Awareness and Haz-Mat Level I shall receive a stipend of \$200.00 per year to be paid during the second (2nd) month of each year.

6. Any member having a New Jersey EMT Certification will receive a \$250.00 stipend. The stipend shall be received during the second (2nd) month of each year and will be prorated by months worked.

7. All first responders shall receive \$300.00 stipend. The stipend shall be received during the second (2nd) month of each year and will be prorated by months worked.

ARTICLE XIX
PENSIONS

A. The Township shall provide pensions and retirement benefits to employees covered by this Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the statutes and laws of the State of New Jersey.

B. For pension benefit purposes, longevity and holiday payments shall be included in the regular salary payment.

ARTICLE XX
LONGEVITY

A. Each employee covered by this Agreement shall receive, in addition to his/her salary as determined above, a longevity increment as follows:

Completed Years of Continuous And Uninterrupted Service	% of Salary
Less than 5 years	0%
At the completion of 5 through 10 years	2%
At the completion of 10 through 15 years	4%
At the completion of 15 through 20 years	6%
At the completion of 20 years	10%

B. Any Member hired after January 1, 2018 will not receive longevity.

ARTICLE XXI
CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE

A. The Township will reimburse any employee for all civilian and Township issued clothing and equipment damaged in the line of duty, without fault or negligence on the part of said employee, subject to the reasonable approval of the Chief or his/her designee.

B. Each employee shall receive a clothing maintenance allowance at the rate of three hundred and seventy-five (\$375.00) dollars per year, to be paid during the first month of each calendar year, Any employee appointed during the contract year shall receive a pro rata portion of said allowance.

C. Each employee shall receive a department issued pager allowance at the rate of thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars per year, to be paid during the first month of each calendar year. Any employee appointed during the contract year shall receive a pro rata portion of said allowance. The Township agrees to guarantee the dollar payment for the pager device.

ARTICLE XXII
MUTUAL AID

Employees, while rendering assigned aid to another municipality within the State of New Jersey, are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation, liability insurance and pensions are provided by State Law.

ARTICLE XXIII
TERMINAL LEAVE AND ACCRUED SICK LEAVE PAYMENT

A. An employee having more than 50 sick work period credits may cash in the unused sick work periods at a rate equal to ^{per yr} **1** work period's pay plus longevity for every 2 work periods of accrued unused sick leave based and computed on a 12-hour day at his or her then rate of pay. The employee must notify the Township prior to December 31st of the end of the year. The employee shall receive the payment in January of the subsequent year.

B. An employee, who retires having attained years of service, upon retirement shall be eligible to receive 1 work periods (based and computed on a 12-hour day) pay at his/her then rate of pay for each sick work period accrued to a maximum of 75 work periods, all other work periods will be 1 for 2. Any employee hired after May 21, 2010 shall be paid no more than \$15,000 at the time of his/her retirement for accrued sick leave, as per NJSA 11A:6-19.2.

C. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, no employee shall lose or forfeit full payment of all unused sick leave in accordance with Paragraph A. For instance, in the event of an employee's death or if an employee retires for disability reasons, the employee or his/her estate shall receive payment for 50% of all unused sick leave above the maximum allowed days and 100% of all unused sick leave for maximum work periods outlined in Paragraph A.

D. All other employees who have less the 20 years of service prior to January 1, 1997, shall defer the commencement date of the provisions of paragraph A above until December 31, 1999. Thereafter, the provisions of Paragraph A shall apply with a 40 day maximum cash-out per year based and computed on a 12-hour day,

ARTICLE XXIV
SICK LEAVE

A. Service Credit for Sick Leave

1. All permanent employees or full-time provisional employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay based on their aggregate years of service.

2. Sick leave may be utilized by employees when they are unable to perform their work by reason of personal illness, accident or exposure to contagious disease. Sick leave may also be utilized for short periods because of death or serious illness in the employee's immediate family as defined in Civil Service regulations.

3. If an employee, in the line of duty, is incapacitated and unable to work because of injury, he/she shall be entitled to an injury leave with full pay, less any amount received from Temporary Disability under the Workman's Compensation Act during the period in which he/she was unable to perform his/her duties, as certified by a physician in attendance designated by the municipality. Such payment will be discontinued when an employee is placed on disability pension.

B. Amount of Sick Leave

1. The minimum sick leave with pay shall accrue to any full-time employee on the basis of one (1) work period per month during the remainder of the first calendar year of employment after initial appointment and fifteen (15) work periods in every calendar year thereafter.

2. Any amount of sick leave allowance not used in any calendar year shall accumulate to the employee's credit from year to year to be used if and when needed for such purpose.

C. Reporting of Absence on Sick Leave

If an employee is absent for reasons that entitle him to sick leave, the Department shall be notified at least one (1) hour prior to the employee's starting time.

1. Failure to so notify the Department may be cause of denial of the use of sick leave for that absence and constitute cause for disciplinary action.

2. Absence without notice for two (2) consecutive tours shall constitute a resignation.

D. Verification of Sick Leave

1. An employee shall be absent on sick leave for four (4) or more consecutive work periods shall be required to submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the illness. The Township may require proof of illness of any employee on sick leave, where reasonable and warranted. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action.

2. In case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required.

3. The Township may require an employee who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition of his/her return to duty to be examined, at the expense of the Township, by a physician designated by the Township. Such examination shall establish whether the employee is capable of performing his/her normal duties and that his/her return will not jeopardize the health of other employees.

E. Illness While on Tour of Duty

1. Sick leave shall be charged against an employee's account based on quarter work period.

For purposes of calculating sick leave, a tour of duty shall constitute the hours a member is scheduled to work on any given day.

2. To receive credit for a quarter work period, an employee must work more than thirty (30) minutes of said quarter.

3. If an employee has exhausted all his/her accumulated sick leave, his/her pay shall be reduced proportionately for every quarter tour of duty that he/she is absent from thereafter. To receive pay for a quarter work period, an employee must work more than thirty (30) minutes of said quarter. If an employee has exhausted all of his/her accumulated sick leave, he/she shall have the right to utilize vacation, personal time, and accrued compensatory time owed for authorized sick leave. It shall be the choice of the employee which time shall be utilized.

ARTICLE XXV
PROMOTIONS

When an employee is officially promoted to a higher rank, he/she shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of salaries for said higher rank.

ARTICLE XXVI
AGENCY SHOP

A. Upon the request of the F.M.B.A., the Township shall deduct a representation fee from the wages of each employee who is not a member of the F.M.B.A.

B. These deductions shall commence thirty (30) days after the beginning of employment in the unit or ten (10) days after re-entry into employment in the unit.

C. The amount of said representation fee shall be certified to the Township by the F.M.B.A., which amount shall not exceed 85% of the regular membership dues, fees and assessments charged by the F.M.B.A. to its own members.

D. The F.M.B.A. agrees to indemnify and hold the Township harmless against any liability, cause of action or claims of loss whatsoever arising as a result of said deductions.

E. The Township shall remit the amount deducted to F.M.B.A. monthly, or before the 15th of the month following the month in which such deductions were made.

G. The F.M.B.A. shall establish and maintain at all times a demand and return system as provided by N.J.S.A. 34: 13A-5.5(c) and 5.6, and membership in the F.M.B.A. shall be available to all employees in the unit on an equal basis at all times. In the event the F.M.B.A. fails to maintain such a system, or if membership is not so available, the Township shall immediately cease making such deductions.

ARTICLE XXVII
MISCELLANEOUS

Subject to the discretion and upon the express prior approval of the Chief an employee who, subsequent to approval, successfully completes a fire science related course or courses, will be reimbursed the cost of tuition and books upon proof of successful completion at the close of each semester.

ARTICLE XXVIII
FULLY BARGAINED PROVISIONS

This agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties on all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject of negotiations.

ARTICLE XXIX
SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall, at any time, be declared invalid by Legislative Act or any Court of competent jurisdiction, or through government regulation or decree, such decision shall not invalidate the entire Agreement, it being the express intent of the parties that all provisions not declared invalid shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XXX
TERM AND RENEWAL

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2021 and shall remain in effect to and including December 31, 2024. This agreement shall continue in full force and effect thereafter, unless one party or the other gives notice pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission of desire to change or modify this Agreement. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set their hands and seals at Millburn, New Jersey, on this 11th day of Nov, 2022.

MILLBURN F.M.B.A. LOCAL 32



President

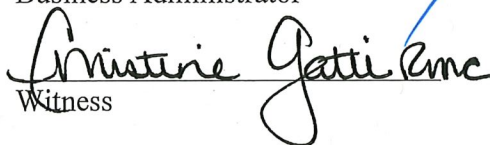


Witness

TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



Business Administrator



Witness

APPENDIX A



THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN

375 MILLBURN AVENUE
MILLBURN, NEW JERSEY 07041

Memorandum of Agreement

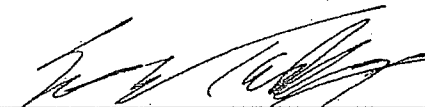
November 1, 2019

This agreement confirms the one (1) year extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Millburn and the Firefighters' Mutual Benevolent Association, Local 32, for contract year 2020. The changes to the contract are outlined are as follows;


2020

2% salary increase

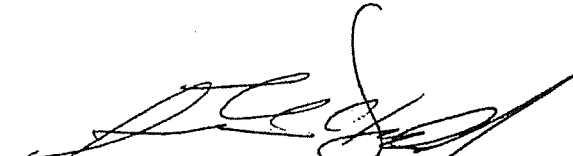
\$250.00 stipend for 2020 only.




FMBA Local 32, President



FMBA Local 32, Witness



Township of Millburn, Administrator



Township of Millburn, Witness