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WOODBINE RECEIVES \$45,000 FROM US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TOWARDS PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK

Award supplements \$400,000 State grant

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the US Department Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD) has awarded \$44,800 to the Borough of Woodbine towards the purchase of a new 1,000-gallon fire pumper truck for the Woodbine Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD).

“We appreciate USDA-RD’s award and we are extremely pleased that our application was so favorably reviewed,” said Mayor Pikolycky. “This funding will supplement a \$400,000 Small Cities grant that the Borough received last year for the fire truck purchase.”

The new pumper will replace an existing 22-year-old pumper that, according to National Fire Protection Act (NFPA) standards, has reached the end of its useful life and no longer meets safety standards.

The WVFD provides fire protection services for more than 2,500 people in an 8-sq.mi. area. The department also provides mutual and automatic aid to 5 other communities. The need for the WVFD to cover this large area underscores the importance of having a reliable pumper, Mayor Pikolycky noted.

“Thanks to both the USDA-RD and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, we now have complete funding for this important public safety purchase,” Mayor Pikolycky concluded. “We are certainly grateful to both for their commitment to Woodbine’s needs,” said Mayor Pikolycky.

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