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EAST HAMPTON TOWN TO ISSUE ONE-TIME ‘SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT’ TO EMPLOYEES

In the face of high inflation and rising prices for food, gas, and other living expenses, Town will issue checks to help reduce economic stresses and retain employees

The Town “is concerned about the impact inflation has on the lives of Town employees,” and “understands that the 2022 inflation spike may negatively impact employee recruitment and retention efforts,” according to a resolution being voted on by the town board today.

Most full-time and active East Hampton Town employees, as of Sept. 10, will be eligible for a supplemental payment to be issued this fall.

Not eligible for the supplemental pay are elected officials, appointed board members, members of the East Hampton Town Police Superior Officers Association bargaining unit, and the Chief of Police.

The resolution notes that “due to extraordinarily high inflation, the buying power of a worker’s take-home pay has declined due to the increased cost of daily living expenses.”

“Rising prices for essentials due to inflation have strained the budgets of our town employees, who continue to provide the essential services needed by East Hampton residents,” said East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc. “The Town, like many other employers, is experiencing difficulties finding and retaining members of our workforce. We value our employees and acknowledge the economic stresses that they are currently experiencing.”

With contract agreements already currently in place with the town’s collective bargaining units, town officials have opted, in light of the impacts of inflation, to voluntarily issue the one-time supplemental payments.

Payments will be based on the number of hours an employee works. Those regularly scheduled to work 40 hours a week will receive \$2,500, minus applicable taxes and withholdings; those

regularly scheduled to work 38.46 hours per week will receive \$2,403.90 less taxes and withholdings; 35-hour a week employees will receive \$2,187, minus taxes, etc., and 30-hour-per-week employees will receive \$1,875 minus withholdings.

The cost of the supplemental payments, an estimated \$660,000, will come from surplus funds.