



Fleming and Thiele Meet to Discuss Extending NYSHIP Coverage to Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers



New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele and Southampton Town Board candidate Bridget Fleming meet to discuss pending state legislation which would permit the Town of Southampton to provide health insurance coverage for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in the Town through the New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP). The total cost of health insurance would be borne by the volunteer. Thiele and Fleming support the bill as a means to assist with the recruitment and retention of emergency service volunteers. The bill is on the Assembly calendar and a vote is expected next week. If the bill is enacted into law, the Town of Southampton would still have to approve its implementation. “As a member of the Town Board,” Fleming said, “I would fight to implement this important law.”