

Fw: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Response to our request for comment.

From: Robert Alberty <r.alberty@clarkstown.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:37 PM

To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>; Craig Smith

Cc: George Hoehmann <g.hoehmann@clarkstown.org>

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Dear Mr. Smith,

Neither of these officers are currently employed by the Town. Detective Parent died suddenly in November of 2017. Lt. Prendergast retired abruptly in 2018 due to an injury. Neither of these officers' typical annual compensation reflect the figures you reference and these figures are likely skewed as they may reflect the payment of a one time death benefit to the family as well as all unused accrued time including compensatory time.

It should be noted that the town under the current administration negotiated a new contract that has cut the starting salaries and slashed the compensatory time accrual limit in half as well as other changes that are reducing costs and saving taxpayer dollars.



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From: **George Hoehmann** <g.hoehmann@clarkstown.org>

Date: Tue, May 26, 2020 at 4:34 PM

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To: Robert Alberty <r.alberty@clarkstown.org>

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From: **Craig Smith**

Date: Tue, May 26, 2020 at 11:52 AM

Subject: IMPORTANT: FORBES REQUEST FOR COMMENT

To: <g.hoehmann@clarkstown.org>

Cc: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Craig Smith. I am a researcher working on behalf of Forbes Sr. Policy Contributor Adam Andrzejewski. We are working on a piece regarding the large number of New York public employees with six-figure salaries or retirement pensions and their impact on taxpayers. The deadline for comment is Tuesday, May 26th at 5:00 PM ET. If you miss our deadline, we will do our best to update the piece when you respond.

In these times of national crisis, please provide us with an on-the-record justification for the salaries of your most highly compensated employees. Here are the relevant paragraphs where your organization is mentioned:

In cities, towns, and villages outside of New York City, there were 11,184 six-figure earners. Highly compensated managers included Frederick Parent (Clarkstown – \$389,284); James Moran (Kings Point — \$335,467); Gregory Muller (Lloyd Harbor – \$327,273); Thomas Cokeley (Ramapo – \$323,562); and Thomas Prendergast (Clarkstown – \$318,108).

Any context, feedback, or comment would be important to our readers at Forbes. Thank you very much for your time.

PLEASE REPLY TO "ALL" ON THIS EMAIL.

Sincerely,

Craig Smith On behalf of Forbes Sr. Policy Contributor Adam Andrzejewski

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