Coram, NY - Superintendent Dan Losquadro with Jack O' Loughlin, President of Bay Gas Services, Inc., before bringing the propane powered 2012 Super Duty F250 pickup truck back to the Highway Department.

In his continuing effort to operate the Brookhaven Town Highway Department fleet more efficiently, Superintendent Dan Losquadro has dispatched the use of a propane powered 2012 Super Duty F250 Supercab pickup truck into the fleet for a sixty day trial period at no cost to taxpayers. A resolution was passed at the June 18 Town Board meeting authorizing an agreement between the Town of Brookhaven and Bay Gas Service, Inc.

"This is an excellent opportunity to test this vehicle and evaluate how the Highway Department can move forward with using cleaner and greener means of alternative fuels," Superintendent Losquadro said. "Not only are the use of propane powered engines better for the environment, using this type of gas in the Highway fleet would result in lower vehicle maintenance costs, lower emissions and tremendous fuel cost savings when compared to conventional gasoline and diesel."

As a municipal entity, the Town is exempt from taxes on fuel purchases. As of July 3, 2013 the Town paid $2.82 per gallon of gasoline. As of July 9, 2013 the Town paid $3.38 per gallon of diesel. These prices change under contract daily due to fluctuating prices. Under the Town's propane contract, it pays a fixed rate of $2.32 per gallon, which has remained unchanged for the past two years. Last year, the Highway Department spent a total of $1,047,591.40 on gasoline and diesel fuels.

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