

# Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld's Apprenticeship Program Required for Commercial Development Approved by Town Board

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**FARMINGVILLE, NY** - At the April 28th Town Board meeting, the Town Code was revised to include the provision that all applications for building permits involving commercial projects of more than 100,000 square feet include proof of participation in apprenticeship training programs registered and approved by New York State Department of Labor, as appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed.

Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld explained that "Apprenticeship graduates become skilled, motivated trade workers who possess critical technological skill sets. According to labor statistics, this benefits employers by reducing turnover and enhancing the public safety of the workforce by ensuring that fully trained craftsmen and women will be working on these development projects. Buildings constructed by such a properly trained workforce help ensure not only 'on the job' occupational health and safety but also the safety of the public and workers who will utilize that built structure into the future."

To acknowledge the sacrifice of American workers who have been killed or injured on the job, Brookhaven Town Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld was joined by members of the Town Board recently in presenting a proclamation to local trade union leaders re-dedicating May 20 as Workers Memorial Day in the Town of Brookhaven. Workers Memorial Day has been observed for the past 20 years, marking the anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Pictured above are (l. to r.): Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Frank Nitto (Sheet Metal Workers Local 28), Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Joe Cavalier (Laborers Local 66), Joe Montalbano (Laborers Local 66), Kevin Harvey (IBEW Local 25), Don Fiore (IBEW Local 25), Peter Zarcone (Laborers Local 66), Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Councilman Keith Romaine, Councilman Tim Mazzei, John Shepard (Painters District Council 9), and Matt Chartrand (Iron Workers Local 361).

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