

North Greece Fire District Procedure for Public Hearing on the Budget

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/18/15**

PRESENT: Chair L. Andreano, Commissioners J. Camiolo, A. DeCarlo; Sec. K. Dutton, Treas. W. Bedford

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: Ken Preston, Capt. K. Battaglia

Chair L. Andreano called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted the fire exits. The opening of the meeting was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

- The Chair introduced the Commissioners, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The Chair Read the Following Notice:
 1. This is the Public Hearing regarding the 2016 Proposed Budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law, all Fire Districts must, prior to the Adoption of their Budget, hold a Public Hearing on their Budget. This Budget Hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the Budget Process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with legal requirements has adopted their Proposed Budget on the 27th day of September 2016, which is more than 21 days prior to this Budget Hearing.
 2. Since the North Greece Fire District maintains a website, the Proposed Budget was posted on that website pursuant to the requirement of the Town Law.
 3. The Secretary of the Fire District has stated that the Notice of this Public Hearing was Published or Posted at least once at least 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in
 - a. The Official Newspaper of the Fire District,
 - b. The Official Signboard of the Town or Towns where the District is located,
 - c. On the Fire District's website, and
 - d. The towns of Greece and Parma are required to place it on their town websites.
 4. The Notice of Public Hearing specified the Time and Date when and the place where this Public Hearing would be held.
 5. Upon its Adoption, the Fire District Secretary also made available for inspection, and copying of the Proposed Budget to any interested person during District office hours.
 6. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow members of the public to make comments on the budget. Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the Preliminary Budget or any item in it. Please note that this is only a Proposed Budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners Adopts the Final Budget.
 7. Prior to the Public Comment Portion of this Budget Hearing, we will hear from the Fire District Treasurer who will make a brief presentation about the Preliminary Budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are present. The Fire District Treasurer will be asked to submit the Proposed Budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are here this evening.
 8. This budget must be adopted no later than November 4th, and submitted to the Town or Towns where the District is located by the Budget Officer within 3 days of adoption.
 - ii The Treasurer Presented the Proposed Budget

- a. The Treasurer made a brief summary of the proposed budget.
 - b. The Treasurer did not Answer Specific Questions during this time so not to make this a question and answer session.
- The Chair Stated: The public comments period begins. I will now ask any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to come forward so that that person may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it. I request that if you wish to address the Board on the proposed budget, you raise your hand to be recognized, stand, and speak loud enough for everyone in the room to hear your comments. Clearly state your Name and Address for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. This is not a question and answer session. Please direct all your questions to the Board or the Treasurer. Your question will not be answered when asked. The Board is looking for your opinion on the Budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. Please tell us what you are in favor of regarding this Budget or what you are against. You may ask questions, but this Board and Treasurer will not answer any questions until the conclusion of the public comment period.
 - The Public was given the opportunity to Make Comments on the Budget. There were no comments from the public.
 - The Chair Concluded the Public Comment Portion of the Hearing. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners were then given the opportunity to ask questions. There were no questions asked.

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MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, The North Greece Fire District finds it necessary to overrun the tax cap of .0068% for their 2017 budget.

L. Andreano-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes *Carried*

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MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, To adopt the final budget of \$8,757,643.00 for 2017.

L. Andreano-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes *Carried*

MOTION By Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, To resolve to adjourn the budget hearing meeting at 7:16 p.m.

L. Andreano-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes *Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Dutton, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
North Greece Fire District