

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/15/19**

PRESENT: Chairman M. MacKenzie, Commissioners J. Camiolo, T. Coyle, A. DeCarlo; Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, HR T. Gretzinger

ABSENT: Commissioner T. Emerson

PUBLIC: Ken Preston, Steve Howcraft, Marc Baxter, Chris Pignato, Tom Chugg, Dillon Gebo, John Williams, Tom Clark, Andy Hinds. John H Risio

Chairman M. MacKenzie called the budget hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. and noted the fire exits. The opening of the meeting was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our departed members.

The roll was called - Introduction of Commissioners, Treasurer, and Secretary.

This is the Public Hearing regarding the 2020 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 10th day of September 2019, which is more than 21 days prior to this Budget Hearing.

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.

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

- The Official Newspaper of the Fire District,
- The Official Signboard of the Town or Towns where the District is located,
- On the Fire District's website, and
- The towns of Greece and Parma are required to place it on their town websites

The Notice of Public Hearing specified the Time and Date when and the Place where this Public Hearing would be held.

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.

The purpose of the 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.

Prior to the Public Comment Portion of this Budget Hearing, we heard from the Fire District Treasurer who will made a brief presentation about the Preliminary Budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who were present. The Fire District Treasurer was asked to submit the Proposed Budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who were present.

This budget must be adopted no later than November 4th and submitted to the Town or Towns where the District is located Budget Officer within 3 days of adoption.

The Treasurer Presented the Proposed Budget

The Chairperson stated that the public comments period had begun. He asked 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. He requested that they raise their hand to be recognized, stand and speak loud enough for everyone in the room to hear their comments, clearly state their Name and Address for the record., and please limit comments to five (5) minutes. This was not a question and answer session. All questions were to be addressed to the Board or the Treasurer. Question were not answered when asked. The Board is looking for your opinion on the Budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. They were asked to tell the board what they are in favor of regarding this Budget or what you they were against. If questions were asked this Board and Treasurer said they would not answer any questions until the conclusion of the public comment period.

The Public Makes Comments on the Budget.

- Chris Pignato asked a question regarding surplus money at the end of a budget year.

Conclusion of the Public Comment Portion of the Hearing.

The Chairperson stated that the Public Comments Period of this Annual Budget Hearing concluded.

The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners were then allowed to ask questions.

The Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners had no Questions.

The Chairperson stated that this Public Hearing regarding the 2020 Proposed Budget is Declared Closed.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Camiolo, 2nd by Commissioner T. Coyle, To close the Public Hearing on the 2020 proposed budget.

J. Camiolo-yes, T. Coyle-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -absent, M. MacKenzie – yes Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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