

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/20/20**

PRESENT: Chairman T. Emerson, Commissioners M. Beaty, M. MacKenzie, B. Rickman; Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds, Deputy Treasurer K. Preston

ABSENT: Commissioner A. DeCarlo

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo, BC J. Lissow, Mark Stolte

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted the fire exits. The opening of the meeting was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our departed members.

- The Chairman introduced the Commissioners, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The Chairperson Read the Following Notice:

This is the Public Hearing regarding the 2021 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 25th day of August 2020, and then modified it on September 8, 2020 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

- 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

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 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.

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.

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 as appended to these minutes.
- Joe Camiolo would like to get an electronic copy of Walt's presentation. He feels that a 2-digit tax increase is significant for one year and thinks the board could have done a little better on that. He was answered that we hired 8 new firefighters and 3 replacements for retirements. We also went from 3-man engine to 4-man engines for safety reasons.
- The Chairperson Concluded the Public Comment Portion of the Hearing. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners could ask questions. There were no questions asked.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty to close the 2021 Proposed Budget Hearing at 6:24 PM.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, T. Emerson -yes, M. MacKenzie – yes, W. Rickman - yes Carried

The board set a budget adoption date of October 27, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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