

October 19, 2021
Public Hearing on the Budget
North Greece Fire District
1766 Latta Road

PRESENT: Chairman Alan DeCarlo, Commissioners M. Beaty, B. Rickman; Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Fire Chief S. DeRosa,

ABSENT: Commissioners T. Emerson, M. Stolte

PUBLIC: BC J. Lissow, FF D. Falkner

Chairman called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted the fire exits. The opening of the hearing was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

- The Chairman Introduced the Commissioners, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- The Chairman Read the Following Notice:
 1. This is the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 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 14th day of September 2021, 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 (The Rochester Business Journal)
 - 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 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.
 7. Prior to the Public Comment Portion of this Budget Hearing, we heard from the Fire District Treasurer who made 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 was asked to submit the Proposed Budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who were in attendance.
 8. 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.
- (Treasurer) The Treasurer Presented the Proposed Budget.
- The Chair opened the public comments period. There was no public comment.
 - There was no public comment.

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- The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners were allowed to ask questions.
 - Commissioner Rickman asked how the cost reduction in the cancer bill would affect us. It will result in a reduction of about \$560.
 - The Chief commented on the unknown cost increases due to post pandemic inflation. He encouraged a discussion to lay out a tentative plan for unknown increases before approving the final budget. Our proposed budget can be modified before approval. However, it cannot exceed spending limitation and cannot change reserve fund allocations.

- The Chair declared the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Proposed Budget Closed.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to close the Public Hearing at 6:20 PM and set a Budget Adoption Date of October 26, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Dutton, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
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