

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing on the Budget
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/18/2022**

PRESENT: Chairman M. Beaty, Commissioners, W. Bedford, W. Rickman, M. Stolte; Treasurer/IT A. Hinds, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Fire Chief S. DeRosa

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: James Cavallaro, Mary Jo Healy, Mark Thomas

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 meeting was called to order and the fire exits were identified. Chairman Beaty led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. The Commissioners and chief were introduced.
- The Chairman read the Following Notice
 1. This is the public hearing regarding the 2023 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 13th day of September 2022, which is at least 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 will file with this district an affidavit regarding public notifications and postings.
 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 4 and submitted to the Town budget officer by November 7.
- The Treasurer presented the 2023 Proposed Budget

- The public was allowed a comment period.
 - Joe Camiolo: Tonight, we received a summary of the budget, but more in-depth numbers were presented at previous board meetings. He feels the detail should be presented at the hearing. Several attendees were interested in seeing the breakdown. The treasurer will print it for them after the hearing concludes.
- The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners were permitted to ask questions.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford to close the public hearing.
M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To set a budget adoption date of October 25, 2022 at the next board meeting.
M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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