Spencerport Fire District

Minutes- Special Meeting/Budget Hearing October 18, 2022

Special Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Commissioners Chick, McQuilkin, Muniz & Spencer, Treasurer McKinney, Administrator Goddard, Secretary Sullivan, Attorney Stowe, Chief's Clark, Flagg, Terry Brown, Tod Ritzenthaler, LeChase Representatives (2)

Chair Muniz welcomed the representatives from LeChase Construction who were approved as the construction managers for the proposed Training Center to be located at Station #3.

Discussion ensued regarding the services that would be provided and the billing increments of the construction management contract in the event the project does not move forward. Jim Lobene from LeChase indicated that the District would be charged hourly for services rendered according to the schedule of the project and should the project not move forward the District would not be responsible for the entire cost of the construction management contract.

At this time, it was determined that a project kick off meeting needs to take place soon.

Chairman Muniz called the Public Hearing on the 2023 Proposed Budget to Order at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN:

1) "This is the 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 the meeting 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 2022, which is more than 21 days prior to this public hearing."
2) "Since the Spencerport Fire District maintains a website, the proposed budget was posted on that website to the requirement of the Town Law."
3) "The Secretary of the Fire District has filed with this district an affidavit stating that the public hearing:
    a) Was published in the Suburban News on October 8, 2022.
    b) Was posted on the District signboard
    c) Was posted on the District website
    d) Was posted on the Ogden and Parma Town websites and signboards or bulletin boards"
4) "The notice of public hearing specified the date, time & place where the public hearing would be held."
5) "Upon adoption, the secretary also made the proposed budget available to any interested person for inspection and copying, during district business 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 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 this evening."
8) "The budget must be adopted no later than November 3, 2022; submitted to the town(s) budget officer(s) by November 8,2022."

TREASURER PRESENTS THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Treasurer McKinney reviewed the 2023 proposed budget indicating that general operating expenses are up $28,000.00 due to general inflation for the cost of goods and services and reserves will be increase by $49,000.00 for future purchases and maintenance resulting in a total of $3,039,737.00 with $2,010,554.00 to be raised by property taxes. This would be a rate of $1.246/$1000 of assessed value for the Town of Ogden and $1.261/$1000 of assessed value for the Town of Parma. Resulting in an increase of $0.1252/$0.1159 respectively.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

CHAIRMAN Muniz:
"The public comment period of this hearing now begins. I will ask any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to stand, so that he or she can 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 that you raise your hand to be recognized and begin by clearly stating your name and address for the record.
Please direct your questions of comments to the Board or the Treasurer. This is not intended to be a question-and-answer session. Your questions may not be answered when you ask them. The Board is looking for your opinion on the proposed budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. You can ask questions, but the Board and the Treasurer may not answer them until the conclusion of the public comments period."

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOW WELCOME

There were no public comments.

CHAIRMAN Muniz:

"The public comments period of this annual budget hearing has now concluded.
The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners are now allowed to ask questions."

No questions were raised by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

HEARING CLOSED

CHAIRMAN Muniz:
"This Public Hearing regarding the 2023 proposed budget of the Spencerport Fire District is declared closed.
I now request a motion to close the Budget Hearing.

Motion by: Spencer/Second by: Chick
To close the Budget Hearing for the 2023 Fire District Budget.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
Time Closed: 7:20PM.

Special Meeting Called to Order at: 7:20 p.m.

New Business:

Commissioner McQuilkin commented that the Cascade System at Station #3 will no longer have filling service due to McCarthy's being sold to Irondequoit Fire. At this time Commissioner McQuilkin is exploring the possibility of installing a compressor so that air bottles can be filled on site at an approximate cost of $27,000.00.

It was determined by the group that Commissioner McQuilkin would continue to determine a complete price for the compressor installation.

- Resolution to Exceed the Tax Levy Cap
  Motion by: Spencer/Second by: Chick
- **To approve to exceed the Tax Levy Cap in the amount of $173,206.00**
  Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Executive Session:

Motion by: Chick/Seconded by: Spencer
To enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by: Chick/Seconded by: Spencer
To exit Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.
Ayes: 4 Nay: 0

Adjournment:
Motion by: Chick/Second by: Spencer
To adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:41 p.m.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0