Spencerport Fire District

Minutes - Budget Hearing October 20, 2026

Budget Hearing Called to Order at: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Chick, Dorgan, Heininger, Muniz & Spencer, Treasurer Mortimer, Secretary Sullivan, Chief's Bromage, Clark, Ciaccia (7:30 PM).

Guests: N/A

Chair Muniz opened the meeting at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance:
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET

CHAIRMAN:

1) "*This is the hearing regarding the 2027 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 10th day of September, 2026, 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 Westside News on October 2, 2026*
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 4, 2026 and submitted to the town(s) budget officer(s) by November 7, 2026."*

TREASURER PRESENTS THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Treasurer Mortimer indicated that the budget increased $572,000.00 over 2026. The sale of equipment has decreased and interest has increased in 2027. The majority of the increase is due to personnel services with the hiring of a FT Chief and mid-year FT firefighters. Changes have been made to the savings plan for apparatus to help offset the hiring of personnel. The increase in the tax rate in 2027 is $.20/thousand dollars of assessed value.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

CHAIRMAN:

"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

At the conclusion of the public comments –

CHAIRMAN:

"*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."*

QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD ARE NOW WELCOME

QUESTIONS RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS PERIOD AND THE BOARD COMMENT PERIOD CAN NOW BE ANSWERED.

CHAIRMAN:

"The treasurer will now, if able, answer any questions that were raised during the public comments period."

HEARING CLOSED

CHAIRMAN:

"This Public Hearing regarding the 2027 proposed budget of the Spencerport Fire District is declared closed.

I now request a motion to close the Budget Hearing.

Motion by: Chick/Second by: Spencer
To close the Budget Hearing for the 2026 Fire District Budget.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
Time Closed: 7:10 PM.

Special Meeting Called to Order at:

Review & Approval of Vouchers:

Motion by: Spencer/Second by: Chick
To approve the payment of vouchers listed on the attached Claims Abstract in the total amount of $!2,282.28
In Favor: 4 Opposed: 0

Communications:
Committee Reports:
Old Business:

Motion by: Spencer/Seconded by: Chick

Whereas the Spencerport Fire District wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Jurisdictions (the "Plan" for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

Whereas the Spencerport Fire District is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to section 5 of the State Finance Law; and

Whereas the Spencerport Fire District has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

Whereas the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Spencerport Fire District by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement.

Now, therefore, it is hereby:

Resolved, that the Spencerport Fire District hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further.

Resolved, that the appropriate officials of the Spencerport Fire district are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter into such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the plan; and it is further.

Resolved, that the administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Adopted the 20th day of October, 2026, at a meeting of the Spencerport.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

New Business:

- Resolution to Exceed the Tax Levy Cap and to immediately file such with the NYS Comptrollers Office
  Motion by: Spencer/Second by: Chick
  To approve to exceed the Tax Levy Cap
  Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
- Resolution to adopt the 2027 Spencerport Fire District Budget
  Motion by: Chick/Seconded by: Spencer

Motion by: Chick/Seconded by: Spencer
To offer the position of Chief to Jason France to start 1/1/2027.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor:

Good & Welfare:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

Motion by: Spencer/Second by: Chick
To adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:33 PM.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0