

October 17, 2023

**MEETING OPENED:**

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their Public Hearing for the 2024 budget at district headquarters. Chairman Shultis called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Those members present were: Chairman Shultis, Vice-Chairman Dixon, Commissioner Ehrhart, Commissioner Jodlowski and Commissioner Freer.

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon, the Public Hearing was opened. Motion carried.

Captain Howell had questions on several budget lines including SCBA Bottles and EMS Billing Costs. He was advised the District will not be purchasing SCBA bottles in 2024. Commissioner Jodlowski explained that a law was recently passed that volunteer fire districts may now bill for ambulance transports. The District will begin 'soft billing' for ambulance transports in 2024 and that line is for the costs associated with billing.

Commissioner Jodlowski advised those present that they will be exceeding the tax cap in 2024. Vice-Chairman Dixon explained that is basically an accounting adjustment, recommended by the Town Controller, for the monies that will be received from the Amazon property for fire tax. It is approximately \$44,000.00. This will most likely happen again next year when Frito Lay begins paying their fire tax. This will have no effect on the taxes that the public will be paying.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to close the public hearing and adjourn was made at 7:17 PM by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer