

October 15, 2024

MEETING OPENED:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their Public Hearing for the 2025 budget at district headquarters. Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

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

Captain Howell had questions on several budget lines, NYSLER, and attorney fees. Chairman Dixon explained that NYSLER has always been offered by the State, but the District has not participated in the past. The decision was made to begin participation in 2025. He also advised that since the litigation against Ferrara is over, legal fees are expected to be greatly reduced. There will be budget adjustments made tonight for the 2024 budget, and in the event more money is spent on legal fees, or anything else, an adjustment can be made in 2025 for those lines.

Chairman Dixon advised that workers compensation and liability insurance have significantly increased over the past few years.

Captain Howell asked about the amount of funds in the Building and Land Reserve account and if the Board has plans for those funds. Chairman Dixon advised that there is approximately \$700,000.00 and there was discuss involving a five year plan for improvements and solar on the roof of two of the buildings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to close the public hearing and adjourn was made at 7:18 PM by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer