

OCTOBER 18, 2016

**MEETING OPENED:**

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their budget hearing and regular meeting at District Headquarters. Chairman Shultis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Those members present were: Commissioner Shultis, Commissioner McNamara, Commissioner Ehrhart, Commissioner Rieck and Commissioner Post.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** For all fallen brothers and sisters in the military, police, and fire service.

All motions were unanimously approved and carried, unless otherwise stated.

A motion to open the public hearing for the 2017 budget was made by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart. Chairman Shultis advised those who attended that the Board did stay within the tax cap of .68%. He advised that the budget in 2017 will be \$3,173,752. John Paraskeva asked where cuts were made to lower the budget. Chairman Shultis advised the budget amount was decreased due to no longer receiving the Global Foundries Pilot monies. Chairman Shultis mentioned that he had heard someone from the public was questioning the \$50,000.00 allocated to the line for 'Telephone'. He wanted everyone present to be made aware that the 'Telephone' line had been at \$50,000.00 for the past two years and continues to stay at \$50,000.00 for 2017. This line includes all charges related to the tablets in all of the District vehicles.

John Paraskeva questioned when the amount allocated to the Service Award Program would be reduced. Commissioner McNamara advised that the goal is to get the amount down to \$200,000.00.

John Paraskeva questioned what the plans were for the Major Equipment Reserve Fund. Commissioner Post advised that they are in the process of purchasing a new ambulance and looking into replacing 39-14 and 39-22, which are both approximately 25 years old. Commissioner Post also mentioned that there are many vehicles in the fleet that are approaching their lifespan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Vice-Chairman McNamara and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart, adjournment of the 2017 public budget hearing was made at 7:15 pm.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The minutes of the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting were accepted on a motion made by Vice-Chairman McNamara and seconded by Commissioner Rieck. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's report for September 2016 was accepted on a motion by Vice-Chairman McNamara and seconded by Commissioner Rieck.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

Vice-Chairman McNamara made a motion that bills payable for a total amount from the general fund of \$96,377.39 numbered voucher 1114 to voucher 1219 be approved. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart and carried.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

Station 1      Andrew P. Mitchell

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman McNamara, this application was approved.

**DRIVER APPLICATIONS:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Hopewell Hose regarding dropping members Valerie O'Rourke, Tikra Rose and Ashley Petrillo
2. Letter from Hillside Lake regarding resignations from Deanna Jacobs and Keith Arnold
3. Request from Wiccopee support group to use tables for their penny social
4. Letter of resignation from Kyle Beyer from Wiccopee Fire Company
5. Letter of resignation from Audrey Harper from Hillside Lake Fire Company

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Vice-Chairman McNamara made a motion for a Resolution regarding the appointing of the Board of Elections Chairperson and Inspectors/Clerks, as attached to these minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rieck. Vice-Chairman McNamara made a motion for a Resolution setting November 28<sup>th</sup> as the meeting for the Board of Elections to prepare the registration rolls, as attached to these minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Rieck and carried.

Commissioner Rieck made a motion to adopt the proposed 2017 Budget in the amount of \$3,173,752.00 (tax levy of \$3,161,752.00) as presented at the Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Post. Chairman Shultis asked that the Board be polled:

- Commissioner Ehrhart – Aye
- Commissioner McNamara – Aye
- Commissioner Post – Aye
- Commissioner Rieck – Aye
- Chairman Shultis – Aye

Vice-Chairman McNamara made a motion to accept the tax cap levy form as submitted by the Treasurer. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion for Treeman Services to remove dead trees from the property with a fee not to exceed \$2,500.00. Seconded by Vice-Chairman McNamara.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion for Lakeside Plumbing and Heating to install a heat pump at the Radio Town not to exceed \$6,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Post.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion for Wiccopee to use tables for their Penny Social. Seconded by Vice-Chairman McNamara.

Commissioner Post made a motion to hire Roderick J. MacLeod of Gellert, Klein & MacLeod as a second legal counsel for the District. Commissioner Ehrhart opposed this motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rieck made a motion to appoint William Stuart as interim Commissioner beginning October 29, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart. Chairman Shultis asked that the Board be polled:

- Commissioner Ehrhart – Aye
- Commissioner McNamara – Aye
- Commissioner Post – Aye
- Commissioner Rieck – Aye

Chairman Shultis – Aye

John Paraskeva stated that it was his understanding that there was not going to be an appointment to Commissioner Rieck's opening. Chairman Shultis stated the Board had decided that if they could mutually agree on a person to fill the spot, they would. Commissioner Post stated two additional letters of intent were received. William Stuart thanked the Board for the appointment.

Commissioner Ehrhart thanked Commissioner Rieck for his work on the Board of Fire Commissioners. The rest of the Board thanked Commissioner Rieck and wished him well.

**DISTRICT CHIEF:**

Chief Geysen stated he would have his report next month. He also stated the ambulance was out of service 162 hours in September.

1<sup>ST</sup> Assistant Chief Piechowski said there were 2 company drills, 2 District drills, 1 CME, 1 bail-out training and 7 state classes taken during the month of September.

**ASSISTANT CHIEFS:**

Chief Ricotta requested a meeting to meet with the Board after the meeting regarding a personnel issue.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Rieck, adjournment to Executive Session was made at 7:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

GENERAL FUND

|                            |    |                   |
|----------------------------|----|-------------------|
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016  | \$ | 1,638,107.36      |
| RECEIPTS                   | \$ | 256.64            |
| EXPENDITURES               | \$ | <u>131,864.76</u> |
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 | \$ | 1,506,499.24      |

GENERAL FUND

|                |    |                     |
|----------------|----|---------------------|
| CHECKING ACCT. | \$ | 3,408.51            |
| SAVINGS ACCT.  | \$ | <u>1,503,090.73</u> |
| TOTAL          | \$ | 1,506,499.24        |

RESERVE FUND - PURCHASE, MAJOR EQUIPMENT

|                            |    |              |
|----------------------------|----|--------------|
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016  | \$ | 1,550,772.62 |
| RECEIPTS                   | \$ | 190.67       |
| EXPENDITURES               | \$ | <u>0.00</u>  |
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 | \$ | 1,550,963.29 |

RESERVE FUND - BUILDING & LAND

|                            |    |                 |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------|
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016  | \$ | 983,125.78      |
| RECEIPTS                   | \$ | 121.13          |
| EXPENDITURES               | \$ | <u>3,420.00</u> |
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 | \$ | 979,826.91      |

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

|                            |    |               |
|----------------------------|----|---------------|
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016  | \$ | 0.00          |
| RECEIPTS                   | \$ | 772.03        |
| EXPENDITURES               | \$ | <u>772.03</u> |
| BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 | \$ | 0.00          |