

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK
20 OCTOBER 2020

Present: Commissioner Vikki Simmons
Commissioner Daymon S. Yizar
Commissioner John Malone
Commissioner Emma Walthall-Moon
Commissioner James Robinson

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Howard Reiss
Treasurer Matilde Abate
Secretary Sarah Senior

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Upon the motion offered by Commissioner Walthall-Moon and seconded by Commissioner Yizar that Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget of the Fairview Fire District shall be called to order at 18:35:

Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.

Chair Simmons called the roll: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Simmons present.

Chair Simmons read the following notice,

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public to make comment on the 2021 proposed budget. Please note that it is only a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the final budget.

The Notice of Budget Hearing was published in the Journal News on October 1, 2020, and it was posted on the Fire District website and signboard from September 30, 2020, through October 20, 2020. The notices specified the time, date, and place where this public hearing would be held.

A copy of the notice of Budget Hearing was submitted to the Town Clerk of the Town of Greenburgh for posting on the Town website and signboard on September 30, 2020, through October 20, 2020.

A copy of the proposed budget was posted on the Fire District website and was available for inspection in the Office of the Fire District Secretary and the Office of the Town Clerk.

Chair Simmons presented the proposed budget of the Fairview Fire District for the year 2021.

Chair Simmons stated that the public comments period is now in session. She asked that anyone wishing to speak clearly state their name for the record and limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

There were four (4) members of the public present.

Ms. Dorrine Livson asked about the year-end projection of the fund balance. Treasure Abate explained that as it is an estimate she cannot say what every transaction that will take place by the end of the year will be. She stated that on February 28th the District must file their financial materials with the State Comptroller's office. After that date, Ms. Livson has the opportunity to FOIL that information if she is interested in an itemization. Ms. Livson asked how the removal of the hydrant rental fees helped the budget. Chair Simmons and Commissioner Malone explained that the removal of the hydrant rental fees is what allowed the District to minimize the budget increase this year.



Ms. Patricia Weems inquired about the NYS Metropolitan Tax. She asked what year the District began paying and asked how much the tax has been every year since. She also stated that this is the same information she asked about at the previous budget hearing. She expressed her dissatisfaction in that no one had previously provided this information to her. Commissioner Malone stated that the NYS Metropolitan Tax began in 2009. Treasurer Abate explained that Ms. Weems can submit a FOIL request for the information she is looking for and if the document exists it will be provided to her. Ms. Weems acknowledged that the Board was able to keep the budget down this year. She expressed that she would like to meet with the firefighter's union to discuss with them how they can contribute to the District keeping costs down.

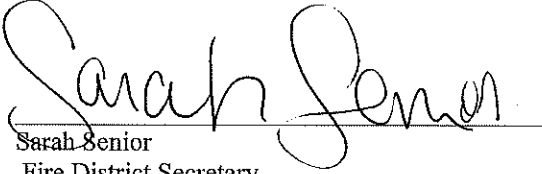
The public comments period was concluded.

The Chair announced that the final budget for the year 2021 would be adopted at the special meeting on 22 October 2020 at 17:00 hours.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, upon the motion offered by Commissioner Yizar and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the public hearing shall close at 19:05 hours:
Roll call: Commissioners Yizar, Malone, Walthall-Moon, Robinson, and Simmons voting aye, nays none, none absent.

The motion was carried.


Sarah Senior
Fire District Secretary