

PLAINVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

In attendance: Landon, Kline, Rice, Slenker, Stachurski, Thomas. Also in attendance: Chiefs Proper, Stachurski, Crowder and Judy Styers.

The **10th Meeting of 2022** of the Board of Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District held on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022** was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Ken Landon; the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed. All Commissioners were present.

A motion by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Rice to suspend the regular order of business and move to the Public Hearing on the 2023 Fire District Budget. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing regarding the **2023** proposed budget, in accordance with New York State Town Law, must be conducted by all Fire Districts, prior to the adoption of their budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with legal requirements adopted their proposed budget on the **13th day of September, 2022**, which was at least 21 days prior to this budget hearing.

The Secretary of the fire district has filed with this district an affidavit stating that the notice of this public hearing was at published or posted at least once at least 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in the official newspaper(s) of the fire district, the official signboard of the Town of Lysander where the district is located, and on the website of the Town of Lysander where the district is located. The notice of public hearing specified the time and date when and the place where this public hearing would be held.

Upon its adoption, the fire district secretary also made available for inspection, and copying of the proposed budget to any interested person during district office hours.

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public to make comments on the budget. This budget must be adopted no later than November 4, and submitted to the Town of Lysander budget officer by November 6.

The Treasurer presented the proposed budget.

The chairman invited public comment. There were no comments.

A motion by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Rice to close the public hearing regarding the **2023** proposed budget. Motion carried.

The adoption of this budget will be addressed under New Business.

The regular order of business resumed at 7:10pm

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the **September** regular meeting were distributed previously by District Secretary Thomas. A motion by Commissioner Slenker; second by Commissioner Stachurski to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the all minutes as written. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of October 19, 2021:

Checking/Savings	10030 · Bldg Improvements Cap Reserve	259,404.40
	10020 · Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	17,889.53
	10010 · General Fund	116,773.39
	10000 · Checking Account	2,456.79
Total Checking/Savings		396,524.11

There were no fund transfers or deposits. Invoice for payment for the wtf trailer was resubmitted to Onondaga County for payment. A motion to accept the treasurer's report by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Rice; motion carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

Monthly expenditures for **September-October** totaling \$30,260.15 were reviewed and approved for payment. A motion by Commissioner Stachurski, second by Commissioner Slenker to accept the abstract and to pay the invoices. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

<p>RECEIVED: Baldwinsville CS new billing notification, Riverside Lawn Care update, Post Standard and Community Media legal affidavits, OSC tax cap review request, NYSIF Payroll report, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation grant application, Central Region Seminar, NYS Vital Signs EMS conference (emailed to Chiefs and EMTs), Verizon account information and review, Spectrum video service upgrade information, Bank of Greene Co. information, AFDSNY Regional Training and newsletter</p>
<p>SENT: Minutes to TOL, Legal ads for budget hearing (PS, Messenger and TOL), budget with fund balance to TOL, letter to NAPA regarding tax charges; WTF trailer voucher (re)sent to Onondaga County for reimbursement.</p>

Communications will be placed on file.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

TA-1 went on initial call and performed well; there were a few minor issues which will be monitored. Station 2 generator has been repaired; we have hard wired the internet to the computer which eliminated the issue with door access. There was a discussion on what to do with E2 – nothing for now, No movement on the sale of surplus air tanks and packs. Upcoming live fire training with NW Fire district. County Chiefs meeting is next week, Car 3 plans on attending. Holmatro combi tools to be inspected tomorrow.

Calls for the month of Sept	12	Year-to-date calls	194	Active members	19
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Old Business

1. **Station 2 vandalism:** building has been painted; there is a small punch list. Commissioner Rice will take care of the graffiti left on the north door. Channel 9 News did a follow-up report on the incident. Generator is now working properly.
2. **Station 3 upgrade** – The attorney is pleased with our decision not to pursue the Byrne Dairy property; there will be no charge for her services. Commissioner Rice requested we send her thank you letter. Ed Peckham will be contacted on his ideas for next steps in station improvements.
3. **Recruitment/Retention** – Nothing new
4. **Electronic signs** – The town and the state DOT have signed off on the siting. The electrician is getting us a new quote (distance is shorter), a work detail is planned to complete the foundation work. The sign has been ordered following the receipt of the \$15,000 down payment.
5. **Air packs** – Chief Proper reported there are two interested parties we are in contact with; he will continue to advise.
6. **Public Safety payment** – After discussion, a motion by Commissioner Rice, second by Commissioner Stachurski to pay the annual donation of \$1500 to the Lysander Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

New Business

1. **Central Region Fire Districts training seminar** – A motion by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Stachurski to allow any member of the Board or Board officers to attend the upcoming training at BCS on 11/19 for a cost of \$20/per person. Chiefs are encouraged to attend at no cost. Motion carried.
2. **District elections** – A motion by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Stachurski to declare the Board of Fire Commissioners board shall be the “board of elections” and to appoint Kathy Thomas as elections chairman and appoint 2 inspectors; to be compensated at \$70/ea. Motion carried.
3. **Grants available** – Safety Grant (\$1,500 matching) and Firehouse Subs are available. We will begin the process to gather data.

4. **Halloween detail, Trunk or treat, Enchanted Beaver Lake events** - A motion by Commissioner Stachurski, second by Commissioner Kline to allow the department members and selected apparatus to participate in these events. Motion carried.
5. **Rodent issue** – Commissioner Rice reported rodent activity throughout Station 1. He will seek quotations for their removal and advise the Board.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 1: OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2022 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for **2023** and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on Tuesday, **October 18, 2022**, and, **WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on said proposed budget, and **WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year **2023** cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for **2023** calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a **2.00%** increase, and **WHEREAS**, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows: *A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the **2023** budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a **2.00%** increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of **\$443,340.00** and the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Landon)	YES
Commissioner Kline)	NO
Commissioner Rice)	YES
Commissioner Slenker)	YES
Commissioner Stachurski)	YES

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Plainville, New York

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7. RESOLUTION NO. 2: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for **2023** and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on **October 18, 2022**, and **WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on **October 18, 2022** at said budget hearing, and **WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year **2023** cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for **2023** calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a **2.00%** increase in said tax levy; and **WHEREAS**, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows: *A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g*

of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only. **WHEREAS**, previously at this meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the **2023** Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Plainville Fire District for **2023** attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of **\$443,340.00**. The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Landon)	YES
Commissioner Kline)	NO
Commissioner Rice)	YES
Commissioner Slenker)	YES
Commissioner Stachurski)	YES

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Commissioner Kline, second by Commissioner Slenker; motion carried. Regular meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Thomas
Secretary-Plainville Board of Fire Commissioners