

PLAINVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

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

The **10th Meeting of 2023** of the Board of Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District held on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023** was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Ken Landon; the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

A motion by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Rice to suspend the regular order of business and move to the Public Hearing on the **2024 Fire District Budget**. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing regarding the **2024** 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 **12th day of September, 2023**, 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 7**.

The Treasurer presented the proposed budget.

The chairman invited public comment. There were no comments.

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

A motion by Commissioner Stachurski, second by Commissioner Slenker to close the public hearing regarding the **2024** proposed budget. Motion carried.

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 Rice; second by Commissioner Slenker to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the all minutes as written. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of October 17, 2023:

Checking/Savings	10030 · Bldg Improvements Cap Reserve	268,516.68
	10020 · Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	124,732.25
	10010 · General Fund	179,361.78
	10000 · Checking Account	16,901.67
Total Checking/Savings		589,512.38

There were no fund transfers or deposits; the monthly abstract totaled \$9,388.81. 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 13-October 17** totaling \$9,388.81 were reviewed and approved for payment. A motion by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Rice to accept the abstract and to pay the invoices. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

RECEIVED: NYSIF Payroll acceptance, OCWA meter upgrade, Spectrum TV upgrade, Central Region Fire Districts seminar, Publication affidavits for Permissive referendum and budget hear (Post Standard and Messenger), NYSIF mailing address verification, ESIP seminar (Hunting Accidents) to Chief, Recall on Mini (to Chief), Elan credit card for Proper and reduction in credit to Slenker and Thomas, NYS DEC grant information (due 11/15/23), Riverside Lawn Care statement, OVIA Gordon MacIlvennie retirement, JPB 2024 rates to Chief, FASNY Holiday Appeal, AFDSNY newsletters
SENT: Duger invoices and acceptance letter,
EMAIL: Minutes TOL, Permissive Referendum notice to TOL, BM, PS; budget hearing notice to TOL, PS, BM

Communications needing action are included below; Communications will be placed on file.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Lysander Public Safety Committee will meet next Tuesday at Plainville Station 1 at 7pm. Apparatus repairs are underway.

Calls for the month of Sept	19	Year-to-date calls	172	Active members	16
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Old Business

1. **Recruitment/Retention** – Nothing new
2. **IT Upgrades** – After discussion, a motion by Commissioner Stachurski, second by Commissioner Slenker to purchase the suggested IT upgrades at an amount not to exceed \$3500 (not including software). Motion carried.
3. **Fire Panel Monitoring** - After reviewing the three quotes, a motion by Commissioner Rice, second by Commissioner Stachurski to have Doyle Security upgrade the panels and providing monitoring. Motion carried.
4. **AEDs** – After a review of the three quotes and a conference call with Nancy Marone of Cardiac Life, a motion by Commissioner Rice, second by Commissioner Stachurski to purchase eight (8) Zoll AEDs for a cost of \$12,760.00. Motion carried.
5. **MDTs** – After discussion, the Commissioners tabled the purchase of MDTs until 2024.
6. **Blacktop sealing** - Commissioner Rice reported the work has been completed.
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 1: OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2024 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for **2024** 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 17, 2023**, 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 **2024** 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 **2024** 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 **2024** 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 **\$460,810.00** 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)	EXCUSED
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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8. RESOLUTION NO. 2: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for **2024** 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 17, 2023**, and **WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on **October 17, 2023** at said budget hearing, and **WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year **2024** 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 **2024** 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 **2024** Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Plainville Fire District for **2024** attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of **\$460,810.00**. 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)	EXCUSED
Commissioner Rice)	YES
Commissioner Slenker)	YES
Commissioner Stachurski)	YES

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

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New Business

1. RESOLUTION #3 PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CHIEF'S VEHICLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Plainville Fire District, at a regular meeting thereof, held on October 17, 2023 duly adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, that at the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on October 17, 2023 and upon a motion from Commissioner Rice, and second by Commissioner Stachurski that the Plainville Board of Fire Commissioners thereby agreed to enter into a contract for the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 CK10743-4WD Crew Cab with associated equipment as quoted utilizing pricing in the NYS bid process by DeNooyer Chevrolet for a total cost not to exceed \$72,000.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 shall be purchased utilizing up to \$72,000.00 from the Plainville Fire District Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

Chairman Landon – YES, Commissioner Kline – EXCUSED, Commissioner Rice – YES, Commissioner Slenker – YES, Commissioner Stachurski – YES.

2. **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 coming training at BCS on 10/28 for a cost of \$20/per person. Chiefs are encouraged to attend at no cost. Motion carried.
3. **DEC Grants available** – DEC matching grant for \$5,000 is available. A motion by Commissioner Slenker, second by Commissioner Stachurski to investigate and proceed. Motion carried.
4. **Halloween events** - A motion by Commissioner Stachurski, second by Commissioner Slenker to allow the department members and selected apparatus to participate in these events. Motion carried.
5. **FASNY Holiday appeal** – A motion by Commissioner Rice, second by Commissioner Landon to contribute \$100 for the Firemen's Home. Motion carried.
6. **Lysander Public Safety Meeting** - A motion by Commissioner Rice, second by Commissioner Slenker to host the Public Safety Committee meeting on 10/24 at 7pm and provide refreshments. Motion carried.
7. **ESIP training at Locke** - A motion by Commissioner Rice, second by Commissioner Slenker to allow any member to attend the training in Locke and utilize the Squad for transportation. Motion carried.
8. **Car 1 personal vehicle** – Chief Crowder informed the Commissioners that the lease his personal vehicle (containing district owned safety equipment) expires in December. He will get an estimate for the removal of the equipment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Commissioner Rice, second by Commissioner Stachurski; motion carried. Regular meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Thomas

Secretary-Plainville Board of Fire Commissioners