

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 20, 2021**

Members:

Carlton "Andy" Anderson, Chairman
Don Battaglini
Mark Storm
Michael Hamzik
Kenneth Del Bianco

Others present:

Erika Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Tony Fiacco, District Treasurer
Tom Palazzo, Fire Chief
Robert Congdon, Assistant Fire Chief
Michael Battaglini, Assistant Fire Chief
Davey Cortes
Greg Cook
Denny Sullivan

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Commissioner Anderson.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET: This is the public hearing regarding the 2022 proposed budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law; all Fire Districts must, prior to the adoption of their budget, hold a public hearing on their budget. This budget hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the budget process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with legal requirements has adopted their proposed budget on September 15, 2021, which is 21 days prior to this budget hearing.

Since the Endwell Fire District maintains a website, the proposed budget was posted on that website pursuant to the requirement of the Town Law.

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 Endwell 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 member of the public to make comments on the budget. Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the preliminary budget or any item in it. Please note that this is only a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the final budget.

This budget must be adopted no later than November 4, and submitted to the town budget officer by November 7.

The 2022 proposed budget was presented.

The public comments period began. Chairman Anderson asked if any person present wished to be heard on the proposed budget may come forward so that that person may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it.

There were no comments therefore the public hearing regarding the 2022 proposed budget was closed at 4:05 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Battaglini, second by Commissioner Storm to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting, and the special meetings held on October 01 and October 07, 2021. All aye; motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Commissioner Battaglini, second by Commissioner Storm to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Capital Reserve Summary. All aye; motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. **100th Anniversary Updates: No updates.**
2. **Station 3: The Station 3 Facility Condition Assessment proposal due was changed to November 16, 2021 from October 15, 2021 to give companies a little more time to put a proposal together.**
3. **Station 1 Apparatus Floor: Delta Engineers conducted the bid opening at their office on October 20, 2021 at 10:00 am. Only one completed bid was received from Marchuska Brother’s Construction, LLC in the amount of \$299,000.00. Motion by Commissioner Del Bianco, second by Commissioner Battaglini to reject the bid as this was above the planned funding for the project and hold off until the spring of 2022. All aye; motion carried.**
4. **Purchasing of New Apparatus: Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Commissioner Hamzik to cover the travel expenses for 5 people in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the prebuild meeting in Dublin, Ohio. All aye; motion carried.**
5. **Utility 31-11 (2007 Ford Van): Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Commissioner Hamzik to accept the bid in the amount of \$10,800.00. All aye; motion carried.**
6. **Basement Storage Rooms Repairs: Commissioner Hamzik stated that the rooms have been clean out so that Southern Tier Basement can begin their work. Waiting on Southern Tier Basement to response back with when the work could begin.**

New Business:

1. **Motion by Commissioner Battaglini, second by Commissioner Storm to pay the bills:
Vouchers # 10-001 to # 10-045 and Payroll totaling \$54,623.66
Supplemental List: Vouchers # 11-001 to 11-011 totaling \$9,223.86
All aye; motion carried.**
2. **Line Transfer(s): Motion by Commissioner Hamzik, second by Commissioner Storm to accept the line transfer submitted by Treasurer Fiacco. All aye; motion carried.**
3. **Buildings and Grounds: The Board of Fire Commissioner would like to have Ziegler Property Maintenance do another cleanup of Station 1 perimeter and to clean up the leaves.**
4. **Request for Community Room Reservation: Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Commissioner Hamzik to allow this year requests to the use the room. Request for 2022 will be decided at the December board meeting. All aye, motion carried.**

Date	Times	Requested by	Use	Cost	Comments
10-23-2021	All Day	Dan Foster	Birthday Party	\$200 Security Deposit	Member

11-19-2021	4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Nicole Naylor	ME Cross Country Year End Banquet	\$200 Security Deposit	
12-10-2021	All Day	Cheryl Grafton	NYS Troopers Children’s Christmas Party	\$200 Security Deposit	Member
12-19-2021	7:00 am - 3:00 pm	Harris	Children’s Birthday Party	\$200 Security Deposit	Member
01-23-2022	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Jessica Sergent	Baby Shower	\$200 Security Deposit \$200 Room Rental Fee \$100 Kitchen Rental Fee	
04-10-2022	6:00 am – 3:00 pm	Irene Bronsko	BC Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser	\$200 Security Deposit	
04-23-2021	5:00 pm - Midnight	Dorine Serverino	ME Drama Club Cast After Show Party	\$200 Security Deposit	

5. **Chiefs Report: Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Commissioner Hamzik to accept the Chief’s Report. All aye; motion carried.**

Dear Honorable Board Members:

Tower 31 has passed all of its aerial testing after a few repairs. We are still trying to fix a few electrical issues with the aerial controls in the bucket.

Sutphen has scheduled our prebuild meeting for November 4th, 5th, and 6th. The meeting is in Dublin, Ohio. Mark Storm, Mike Battaglini, Jason Stupski, Matt Grafton, and I will be attending the meeting.

On October 10 we assisted the NYSP with shutting down Club Road at Stark Ave following a police chase ending with a serious motor vehicle accident. A full accident reconstruction was needed due to the severity of injuries to multiple people throughout the chase.

We have been working with TenKate grant writing to compile information for future grants. All information has been collected and should be available for future grants.

Broome County Fire Chiefs has voted on not dispatching fire to wires down calls and giving police to ask for an ambulance with no fire at a property damage only accident.

6. **Support Services Report: Motion by Commissioner Hamzik, second by Commissioner Storm to accept the Support Report. All aye; motion carried.**
7. **Maintenance Division Report: Motion by Commissioner Hamzik, second by Commissioner Storm to accept the Maintenance Report. All aye; motion carried.**
The following maintenance was completed since the last board meeting:
 - 3 Scott SCBA were repaired by MES.
 - The front officer’s side door was repaired on Engine 31-3.
 - Tower 31 passed Annual Aerial Testing.
8. **Training Division Report: Motion by Commissioner Hamzik, second by Commissioner Storm to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.**

Dear Board Members,

Trainings held in the month of October 2021

- 10/04/2021 – Maintenance
- 10/25/2021 – Chimney Fires

Spec OPS Trainings of October 2021

- 10/11/2021 – Salvage and overhaul
- 10/18/2021 – Fire Police

- Water Rescue
- FAST Training

Outside Training

Currently in training

- R. Derkowski – BEFO
- J. Chanitz – BEFO
- T. Foster – BEFO
- Badertcher – FF2
- K. Dewey – FF2

Upcoming Fire Training

- Survival – St. 29

9. Fire Company Report: Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Commissioner Hamzik to accept the resignation of Gabrielle Menke and the removal of Kerby Sin Clair from the fire company. All aye; motion carried.
10. O.L. Davis Fire Company Newsletter: Motion by Commissioner Hamzik, second by Commissioner Battaglini to feature our Driver Training Class Reimbursement and Firefighter Emergency Escape System polices. All aye; motion carried.
11. Donation(s): We received a donation from Our Saviour Lutheran Church in the amount of \$1,100.00 from their Harvest Festival and Endwell League of Community Action in the amount of \$250.00. Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Commissioner Hamzik to place the donation in our donation fund. All aye; motion carried.
12. Approve 2022 Budget: The budget would be adopted on October 27, 2021 at 3:00 pm. The Board of Fire Commissioner would like to bring the budget as close to the two percent allowable as possible. Our maximum amount to be raised by taxes is \$1,297,256.00. Would like to increase some of the budget line numbers.

Proposed Amount

004	Bldg. Repairs	50,000.00
009	General Insurance	60,000.00
011	Office Supplies/Exp.	11,000.00
013	Meeting/Training	5,000.00
029	Contingency	36,000.00
D7	Appar-Parts/Maint/Repair	65,000.00

New Amount

004	Bldg. Repairs	54,000.00
009	General Insurance	65,000.00
011	Office Supplies/Exp.	12,000.00
013	Meeting/Training	20,000.00

029	Contingency	40,000.00
D7	Appar-Parts/Maint/Repair	70,000.00

13. 2021 Notice of Annual Election: Motion by Commissioner Del Bianco, second by Commissioner Storm to hold the annual election on Tuesday, December 14, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the purpose of electing one member of the Board of Fire Commissioners to serve a term of five years commencing on January 01, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2026. All aye; motion carried.

Any person who wishes to run for the position above must obtain a petition from the district office and collect the names of at least 25 residents of the fire district who are registered voters and whose name appears in the voter listing. The deadline for filing petitions is November 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

14. Appoint Election Board: Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Member Hamzik to appoint Julie Spisak as election chairperson and Joan Simons and Bonnie Beeman as tellers. Each to be paid \$70 for their time. All aye; motion carried.
15. Inspection Dinner Gifts Ideas: It was brought up to the Board of Fire Commissioner that they will need to start thinking about what they would like to do for the Inspection dinner and for gifts.
16. Schedule 2022 Organizational Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Storm, second by Commissioner Battaglini to schedule the 2022 Organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 05, 2022, at 4:00 pm. All aye; motion carried.
17. Tony Fiacco has informed the Board of Fire Commissioner that he does not wish to be reappointed as treasurer for 2022. After 20 plus years as treasurer he would like to spend more time with the family. Our current deputy treasurer, Alison Senft, is willing to take over as treasurer. Tony Fiacco will be around to offer assistance if needed.

Hearing of Visitor(s): None

Correspondence(s): New York State Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program Updates

Thank you for your membership in the New York State Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program. FASNY, NYSAFC and AFCSNY partnered with The Hartford to create a program that offers eligible volunteer firefighters cancer protection as required by GML 205-CC effective January 1, 2019. The coverage will automatically renew on January 1, 2022.

The Program offers two different cancer coverages. The basic program covers the specific cancers listed in GML 205-CC. The enhanced program covers more types of cancer including lung cancer.

IMPORTANT CHANGES Effective January 1, 2022:

A. 15% Rate Decrease

1. For 2022, the cost of the Basic Program will be ***\$132.60 per firefighter per year***

2. For 2022, the cost of the Enhanced (all cancers) Program will be **\$169.15 per firefighter per year**

B. Contract Change Regarding Eligibility for Coverage:

The definition of **Eligible Volunteer Firefighter** has been amended to allow for easier determination of eligibility per OFPC guidance:

A volunteer interior firefighter who has five or more years of faithful and actual service in the protection of life and property from fire subsequent to having successfully passed a physical examination which failed to reveal any evidence of Cancer; and,

has submitted or is able to submit proof of five years of interior firefighting service by providing verification that he/she has passed at least five yearly certified mask fitting tests as set forth in 29 CFR 1910.134 or the applicable National Fire Protection Association Standards for Mask Fit testing; *or, for firefighters who entered fire service prior to January first, 2020, documentation identified by the office of fire prevention and control in rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision seven of this section which shall include, but not be limited to, training or certification records, health care provider records, internal fire department records, or any combination of official documents capable of evidencing that the firefighter meets the aforementioned requirements*

C. Contract Change Allowing Optional Coverage for Exterior Firefighters:

The definition of **Eligible Volunteer Firefighter** has been broadened to include exterior firefighters that meet the definition below. You can now include exterior firefighters on your census, should you wish to purchase this benefit on their behalf. GML 205-CC does not mandate the purchase of this benefit for exterior firefighters.

Eligibility Description: A volunteer exterior firefighter who has five or more years of faithful and actual service in the protection of life and property from fire subsequent to having successfully passed a physical examination which failed to reveal any evidence of Cancer.

Motion by Commissioner Battaglini, second by Commissioner Hamzik to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.
All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Storm
MS/EP