

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
2023 BUDGET WORK SESSION
AUGUST 16, 2022**

Members:

Carlton "Andy" Anderson, Chairman
Mark Storm, Secretary
Don Battaglini
Michael Hamzik
Jason Stupski

Others present:

Alison Senft, Treasurer
Erika Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Michael Battaglini, Fire Chief

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Discussion of planning of the 2023 budget. The Board went over every budget line and compared actual expenses from 2021 and 2022 expenses through July 31, 2022, to plan for the 2023 budget.

There was some discussion on projects to be completed and equipment to be purchased in 2023. Chief Battaglini will be purchasing a variety of new tools for the new apparatus being built.

Commissioner Hamzik would like to see the Board hire a cleaner by November 2022. Commissioner Hamzik would like to increase the pay rate to \$15.00 an hour but decrease the hours to 10 hours per week. That would be 40 hours a month. Commissioner Anderson will reach out to our lawyer about hiring a cleaner and the process we need to take. Alison Senft, District Treasurer, will make sure that will fit in the 2023 budget.

Commissioner Anderson will reach out to our insurance agent, William L. VanGorder, with NBT Insurance Agency to get some prices for our general insurance, workers comp insurance, and disability insurance so we can pull in the most accurate number to put into the budget.

The maximum total to be raised by taxes is \$1,325,226.00.

Bond Payment for 2023 is \$227,312.51.

Estimated PILOT payment for 2023 is \$34,360.00.

Tax cap was set to 2% for 2023

There also was some discussion on funding for the capital reserve fund for apparatus and equipment and the time line of purchases for equipment and apparatus. Alison Senft, District Treasurer, will send out the most updated capital reserve schedule.

Fire Chief Battaglini would like to revisit the current physical process. He would like to eliminate the TB testing and would like to go back to every two years. There was also some discussion on auxiliary completing a yearly physical. Physicals will be discussed more at the next scheduled board meeting. Commissioner Anderson will check again with our Insurance Agent and OSHA on what is required for fire fighters and possibly Auxiliary physicals.

There was some discussion on our incentive program at the May 25, 2022 meeting a motion was made to limit the amount of points a member can carry over to 100 points (\$1,500.00) effective June 01, 2022. No Member can carry over more than a 100 points a year. Anyone who accumulates over 100

points must use them within a calendar year or they will lose the points. Any member who currently has over a 100 points must use their points by June 01, 2023.

The next scheduled budget work session will be decided at the August Board meeting if it is needed.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson, second by Commissioner Battaglini to adjourn at 7:30 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Storm', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Storm
MS/EP