

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

Greenfield Fire District  
P.O. Box 103  
Greenfield Center, NY 12833

The 2008 proposed budget public hearing of the Greenfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at Greenfield Center Company #1 by Chairman Kugler at 7:00 PM on October 16, 2007. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for the departed.

## **Present were:**

**Commissioners:** King, Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite; Chief McConkey; Secretary Petkus, Treasurer Bishop, Purchasing Agent Howe.

There were no residents of the District who attended.

Chairman Kugler announced that in accordance with NYS Town Law §105, all Fire Districts must, prior to the adoption of their budget, hold a public hearing on their budget. He then also noted the following:

- This budget hearing must be held in such a manner as to maximize participation in the budget process;
- The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget;
- The Secretary of the Fire District has filed with this District an affidavit stating:
  1. That the notice of this public hearing was published or posted at least once, five days before the date specified for the hearing in:
    - The official newspaper of the Fire District,
    - The official signboard of the Towns where the District is located,
    - On the Fire District website,
    - On the town or towns websites where the District is located;
  2. The notice of public hearing specified the time and date when, and the place where this public hearing would be held;
  3. The Fire District Secretary also made available for inspection at least five days before the public hearing by any interested person during District office hours, copies of the proposed budget.
- The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members 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.
- Prior to the public comment portion of this budget hearing we will hear from the Fire District Treasurer, who will make a brief presentation about the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and the members of the public who are present. The Fire District Treasurer will be asked to submit the proposed budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are here this evening. The Treasurer

should not answer specific questions during this time so not to make this a question and answer session.

The Treasurer then read the through the 2008 proposed budget (see attached). The total budget presented: \$1,238,300.00.

Chairman Kugler then asked if anyone present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to come forward so the person may be heard in favor of, or against the proposed budget or any item in it. He requested that if anyone wished to address the Board on the proposed budget, to come directly in from of them or raise your hand to be recognized. He also asked to clearly state your name and address for the record and to please limit comments to five minutes. All questions/comments should be directed to the Board or the Treasurer. He reiterated that this was not a question and answer session; the questions will not be answered when asked. The Board is looking for opinions on the budget, and what anyone is in favor of, or against in the budget. Questions will not be answered by the Board or the Treasurer until after the conclusion of the public comment period.

Chairman Kugler then announced that the public comment period would begin. Since no one from the public was present, Chairman Kugler asked if there were any questions from the members of the Board; there were none.

Chairman Kugler then announced that the public comment period of this annual budget hearing has now been concluded. He again asked the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners if they had any questions; again there were none.

Chairman Kugler noted at this point that the Treasurer would answer any questions, if able to do so, discussed during the public comment period. Commissioner King asked, regarding the LOSAP program, at what point will that drop back. Chairman Kugler answered after five years, and this coming year would be our third payment.

Chairman Kugler then announced that this public hearing regarding the 2008 proposed budget is declared closed, and asked a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners to make a motion.

Motion to declare that the public hearing regarding the 2008 proposed budget closed was made by Commissioner Robarge with a second from Commissioner Spackmann.  
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kugler then made a motion to set the 2008 budget adoption date at the Commissioners workshop on October 25, 2007 at Greenfield Center Co #1, 13 South Greenfield Road, at 7 pm, with a second from Commissioner Spackmann.  
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kugler then adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus  
District Secretary