

**MINUTES OF THE 2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND THE OCTOBER
2021 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT, PURCHASE, NY
Held on Thursday October 21, 2021.**

Vice Chairman G. Scott Sala called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 PM.

Attending were: Commissioners J. Brefere, M. Lobel, R. Makowski A. Mignone and G. Scott Sala Treasurer L. Saenger and Counsel W. Badura. There were no other attendees.

The contents of the 2022 proposed budget were discussed by the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Mignone, the budget hearing was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Attending were: Chairman Brefere, Commissioners M. Lobel, R. Makowski, A. Mignone and G. Scott Sala, Treasurer L. Saenger and Counsel W. Badura.

On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the minutes of the July 30, 2021 Special Meeting, the August 15, 2021 and the September 16, 2021 meeting were accepted.

On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, Kyle Kelly was accepted as a non-resident probationary member. FF Kelly was sworn in by Counsel.

A letter from AKRF planning was received. They are preparing the required environmental review of the proposed project at 2700 Westchester Avenue. The letter requested information as to any anticipated changes to our department, which would be required or anticipated a result of the project. The Board decided that this project will not significantly affect our response, personnel or budget.

R. Makowski reported that the proposed budget tax levy does not exceed the 2% tax cap and would be \$2,491,984 below our statutory spending limit.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, a final budget totaling \$2,021,971 with a tax levy of \$1,939,938 was adopted as the 2022 budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, Hudson Valley Fire Equipment was authorized to do the upfit of the new Tahoe as a professional service not requiring bid.

On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, the Board of Elections for the December Fire District election was appointed. The resolution is attached to these minutes.

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On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, \$10,000 was ordered transferred from A3410.1 (salaries) to A.1930.4.(certiorari refunds).

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of the fire company holding a children's holiday party with COVID restrictions. After some discussion, the Board decided to advise the company to consult the Westchester County Department of Health for advice.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Sala and carried unanimously, the following were authorized to travel to the Seagrave factory in Clintonville, Wisconsin to perform final inspection of the new ladder truck: Commissioners Brefere and Makowski, Chief Varmon, Captain Hannigan, Lieutenants Bornstein and Buch. There will be no cost to the district.

R. Makowski reported that soon the County has advised us that the low band frequency used by our pagers will be discontinued and changed to UHF. If the low band transmitter was to malfunction, there would be no mean tone out the members. On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, the purchase of twenty UHF pagers on Motorola State contract and a UHF Federal informer was authorized.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the purchase of a walk behind floor machine for the third floor for approximately \$5,500 from Grainger on State contract was authorized.

On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the purchase of a salamander broiler for the third-floor kitchen was authorized.

On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the outstanding claims were ordered paid.

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Section 175-a of the Town Law provides for a system of registration for Fire District elections; and

WHEREAS, a register of eligible Fire District voters must be prepared prior to the Fire District election; and

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WHEREAS, such register shall be prepared from names of persons who have registered with the Westchester County Boards of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resident electors of the Purchase Fire District are hereby appointed to constitute the Purchase Fire District Board of Elections for the 2021 annual Fire District election:

Theresa Morrone	Chairperson
Elizabeth Zaccagnino	Election Inspector
Evan Sundquist	Ballot Clerk

and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Election Inspector(s) and Ballot Clerk(s) be compensated in the amount of \$100.00 for their services in preparing the registration records and the same sum for their service and attendance at the annual election; and be it further

RESOLVED that in case any of the members appointed herein are unable or refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, the Board of Fire Commissioners or the Secretary of the Fire District may appoint alternates who are resident electors; and be it further

RESOLVED that, if clerical help is deemed necessary, the Board of Fire Commissioners delegates to the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners the power to appoint such clerical help at a reasonable rate.

Motion made by Commissioner Sala seconded by Commissioner Mignone and passed unanimously on October 21, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM on a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously.

Robert Makowski, Secretary

MEETING NOTICE

The November 2021 monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Thursday November 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM.