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October 20, 2020

Special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to allow taxpayer participation and review of the proposed 2021 Fire District operating budget.

Chairman Matthew Martin opened the hearing at 7 pm with the Salute to the Flag and followed by the boards' attendance:

Matthew J. Martin	Present
Joseph Zuhoski Jr.	Present
Sanford Friemann	Present
David Blados	Absent
Michael Finnican	Present
Peter Zwerlein, Treasurer	Present
Matthew Martin, Secretary	Present

Also, in attendance was Assistant Chief A. Meringer.

- Chairman's Remarks:

"This is the public hearing regarding the 2021 proposed budget. In accordance with New York State Law all Fire Districts must, prior to the adoption of their budget, hold a public hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget and to allow members of the public to make comments on the budget. A Legal Notice was posted in the Suffolk Times October 1st. edition per the guidelines of NY State Budget procedure.

Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed 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 proposed budget".

- Introduction by the Chairman of the commissioners, secretary, and treasurer.
- Treasurer provided an overview of the 2021 budget, totaling \$1,693,620.00 (see attachment No.1.)
- Treasurer also reported that the tax cap report has been electronically submitted to the New York State Comptroller's office, as requested.
- Open floor to comments from the public.

It is now time for the public comment period. I ask that any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget come forward so that you may be heard in favor, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it.

I request that if you wish to address the board on the proposed budget you come to the podium. Clearly state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Please direct all your questions to the board.

The board is looking for your opinion on the budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. Please tell us what you are in favor of regarding this budget or what you are against."

None of the residents attended this hearing.

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Chairman Martin made a final call for comments on the new budget, hearing none he announced to the board that there being no objections to the proposed budget, during this hearing, the 2021 budget was now able to be approved and finalized.

The Board is also aware that the 2021 budget does not pierce the 2% Cap.

The Chairman then called for a motion and a voice vote on the budget followed by a Motion from Comr. Friemann, seconded by Comr. Zuhoski to adopt the proposed 2021 budget as presented. Voice vote as follows:

Comr. Matthew Martin Voting Aye
Comr. Joseph Zuhoski Jr. Voting Aye
Comr. Sanford Friemann Voting Aye
Comr. Michael Finnican Voting Aye

Chairman Martin declared the voting 4 in favor for the 2021 budget in the amount of \$1,693,620.00.

Chairman Martin called for adjournment and was so moved by Comr. Friemann, seconded by Comr. Finnican, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Matthew J. Martin
Fire District Secretary.

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October 20, 2020 continued:
Attachment No. 1—2021 Budget

**Cutchogue Fire District
 2021 Proposed Budget**

Appropriations

Code	Description	Budget Amount
A100	Personal Services	\$210,000
A200	Equipment	\$140,000
A400	Contractual and Other Expenses	\$569,200
A9010.8	State Retirement System	\$9,000
A9025.8	Service Awards Program	\$415,000
A9030.8	Social Security	\$16,500
A9040.8	Worker's Compensation	\$85,000
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$1,500
A9060.8	Medical & Hospital Insurance	\$10,000
A9045.8	Group Term Life Insurance	\$6,000
A9055.8	Cancer Disability Benefits	\$7,400
A9785.6	Fire/Rescue Equipment Financing	\$56,028
A9901.9	Transfer To Reserves	\$168,000
Total 2021 Proposed Budget Appropriations		\$1,693,628

Revenue

Code	Description	Budget Amount
A2401.8	Interest & Earnings	\$2,500
Total 2021 Proposed Budget Revenue		\$2,500

Summary

Total Budgeted Appropriations	\$1,693,628
Total Estimated Revenue	\$2,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0

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Amount to be Raised by Taxation
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\$1,691,128

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Attachment No. 2-- Legal Notice of Hearing.

To: Suffolk Times Newspapers
Mattituck, NY

September 28, 2020

Legal Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget
Cutchogue Fire District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2021 Proposed Budget of the Cutchogue Fire District of the Town of Southold, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cutchogue Fire District, for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Cutchogue Fire House, 260 New Suffolk Rd., Cutchogue, New York 11935, in the Town of Southold, State of New York on the 20th day of October 2020.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Southold at 260 New Suffolk Rd, Cutchogue, NY 11935 and Fire District Secretary at 260 New Suffolk Rd, Cutchogue, NY 11935 where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours 9am to 5pm. The Budget is also posted on the Cutchogue Fire Dept. web site www.cutchoguefiredept.org under the Fire District Menu.

Dated: September 28, 2020

Board of Fire Commissioners
Matthew J. Martin, Secretary
Cutchogue Fire District

Publish in Legals by October 1st, 2020, Certified.