



HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
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Commissioners Meeting – Public Hearing on Proposed 2013 Budget

Present: Frank Barney, Gerald Goldsworth, Mike Opal, Dale Nicholson, Jim Hollenbeck, Sue Wood

Guest: Vickie French, Ernest Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank Barney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Barney read the following notice:

- a. This is the public hearing regarding the 2013 proposed budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law 105(3), 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.
- b. The Secretary of the Fire District has filed with this District an affidavit
 - i. Stating that the notice of this public hearing was published or posted at least once 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in:
 1. The Courier Observer, official newspaper of the Fire District
 2. The official signboard of the Town of Hopkinton
 3. On the Fire District's website, and
 4. On the Town of Hopkinton website.
- c. The Notice of Public Hearing specified the time, date and location where this public hearing would be held.
- d. 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.
- e. The purpose of this public comment portion of this budget 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.

- f. 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 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.

Treasurer Wood presented the proposed 2012 budget.

**HOPKINTON FIRE DISTRICT
2013 PROPOSED BUDGET**

A3410.1 Personal Services

Treasurer	\$	600.00
Secretary	\$	600.00
Custodian	\$	250.00
Elections	\$	300.00
Total Salaries	\$	1,750.00

A3410.2 Equipment

Radio	\$	1,500.00
Turnout Gear	\$	5,000.00
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus	\$	2,100.00
Pagers	\$	800.00
Safety Glasses	\$	200.00
Hearing Protection	\$	100.00
Total Equipment	\$	9,700.00

A3410.4 Contractual Expenses

Office Supplies	\$	200.00
Postage	\$	100.00
Association Dues	\$	400.00
Publication of notices	\$	250.00
Physicals	\$	1,500.00
Utilities and water (filters)	\$	100.00
Fuel and lights	\$	9,000.00
Telephone	\$	1,000.00
Hydrant Maintenance	\$	200.00
Conventions/District Training	\$	200.00
Travel	\$	300.00
Inspection Dinner	\$	500.00
Repairs to Building	\$	1,500.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$	200.00
Fire Protection	\$	500.00
Repairs for apparatus	\$	10,000.00

	Repairs for equipment	\$	5,000.00
	Gasoline, oil, Diesel	\$	3,500.00
	Air pack testing	\$	1,600.00
	Miscellaneous equipment	\$	1,000.00
	Liability insurance	\$	20,000.00
	Total Contractual Expenses	\$	57,050.00
A3410.1	Salaries	\$	1,750.00
A3410.2	Equipment	\$	9,700.00
A3410.4	Contractual Expenses	\$	57,050.00
	2013 Total Budget	\$	68,500.00
	2012 Unexpended Balance	\$	7,200.00
	Total to be raised by Taxes	\$	61,300.00

The floor was opened to the public for comments. Vickie French questioned where the money was placed for the truck purchase. It was stated that payment for this truck would not come into play until 2014. There is extra money in the apparatus repair that could be used as well. Ms. French stated that we should set aside a specific amount to go into reserve for a new truck. The town just went through a re-evaluation process and the value is up for the town.

The commissioners asked Sue Wood to see what the current tax rate will be and how the budget would be affected with additional funds.

There being no further comments on the budget, the public hearing was closed.

The meeting to adopt the budget will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station.

Mike Opal (Jim Hollenbeck) made a motion to adjourn. All in favor; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sue Wood, Secretary