

Budget Hearing of the Valhalla Board of Fire Commissioners for October 19, 2021

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Valhalla Fire District for 2021 was declared open by Chairman McCarthy at 7:10pm due to there being a fire call.

Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for fallen firefighters and the military.

In attendance were Chairman McCarthy, Comrs. Ciancio, Deegan, Bonanno, Sciliano, Chief Kohany and Secretary Ciancio.

Chairman McCarthy read the public notice which was published in the Journal News, posted on the Town and Fire District website, and posted in the Town Clerk's office.

Chairman McCarthy read the proposed 2022 budget with a 2.00% increase over 2021:

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<b>Training Operations</b>	<b>\$ 42,500.00</b>
<b>Vehicle &amp; Apparatus Operations</b>	<b>\$ 66,500.00</b>
<b>Fire House Operations</b>	<b>\$ 111,216.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 709,024.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,441,276.00</b>

Helen Keating of 32 Shelley Avenue, Valhalla, questioned several budget lines as to why they were higher than surrounding towns. It was explained that tax paying residents living in Valhalla are responsible for coverage of the Grasslands Reservation, which equates to nearly as many residents as the hamlet of Valhalla itself, and they do not contribute to any tax payment to relieve the burden on Valhalla taxpayers.

It was then moved on a motion made by Comrs. Bonanno/Ciancio to close the public hearing at 7:33pm. MC.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 19, 2021

The regular monthly meeting and budget meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 19, 2021 was convened by Chairman McCarthy at 7:33pm.

In attendance were: Chairman McCarthy, Comrs. Ciancio, Deegan, Bonanno, Sciliano, Chief Kohany and Secretary Ciancio.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Bonanno to accept the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 8, 2021. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from Independent Fire Co. that fire squad member John Caldarola will be moving to exterior due to turning 18; 2) A letter from Independent Fire Co. accepting the resignation of Matthew DelGreco in good standing; 3) A letter from Provident Insurance that they will be sending the bill directly to the district rather than through Benedict, Cafagno & Grillo.

Chairman McCarthy changed the order of business to accept the resignation of Matthew DelGreco in good standing. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/Deegan to accept as read the Treasurer's Report, the bills submitted for payment be approved, and transfers executed. Comr. Ciancio abstained from voting on checks #5744 and 5745 as this is his daughter. MC.

**CHECKS:**

6474	AAA Emergency Supply Co.	1,370.49
6475	Kristen Ciancio	1,246.59
6476	Kristen Ciancio	1,246.58
6477	Verizon	100.85
6478	DeLage Landen Financial	189.00
6479	McNeil & Company	13,412.75
6480	CSC Holdings, LLC	25.00
6481	Fire District of NY Mutual Insurance	27,311.00
6482	Buon Amici	3,620.00
6483	American Express	175.37
6484	Cardmember Services	2,615.29
6485	AAA Emergency Supply	18,033.47
6486	Ace Tool	1,101.65
6487	Alpine Software	8,138.80
6488	Berger Hardware	256.22
6489	Cablevision	485.96
6490	John Caldarola	65.00
6491	Charles Stotz, Inc.	7.50
6492	Clean Air Company	186.00
6493	Comptroller	531.36

6494	Con Edison	44.04
6495	Fernanda DeCampos	100.00
6496	DeLage Landen Financial	189.00
6497	Nichola DeRubeis	38.00
6498	Hudson Valley Fire	1,035.18
6499	Hummel & Butler CPAs	570.00
6500	IAFC Membership	215.00
6501	Independent Fire Company	11,833.53
6502	Interstate All Battery	177.40
6503	Jeff Studer Lawn Irrigation	125.00
6504	LabCorp	108.00
6505	Lantegrity Consulting	843.75
6506	Mt. Pleasant Highway Dept.	290.52
6507	Mt. Pleasant Water Districts	25,560.00
6508	NYPMG Hudson Valley	1,79.00
6509	NYS DOT	100.00
6510	Security World	270.00
6511	Stateline Fire & Safety	476.25
6512	Valhalla Fire Co #1	11,833.53
6513	Verizon	100.75
6514	Verizon	349.11
6515	Verizon	36.44
6516	James Wright	101.90
6517	Mt. Pleasant Water Districts	7.08
6518	Kristen Ciancio	1,246.59
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		138,948.88

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Balance Forward	\$ 18,592.80
Deposits	\$ 883.75
Transfers-GF	\$ 135,000.00
Vouchers	\$ 138,948.88
Closing Balance	\$ 15,527.67

**STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:**

Regular Checking	\$ 15,527.67
Fire District Money Market	\$ 334,178.86
Capital Reserve Checking	\$ 72,720.91
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$2,126,295.01
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 239,774.37
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$ 323,654.44
TOTAL:	\$3,112,151.26

**SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM:**

Service Award Program – DBC	\$1,281,856.17
Service Award Program – DCP	\$ 461,477.48
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,743,333.65</b>

**TRANSFERS:**

FROM:	GF Money Market Acct #8388562	
TO:	GF Checking Account #8388546	\$135,000.00
FROM:	GF Checking Acct #8388546	
TO:	CR Money Market Account #8388575	\$ 701.75

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Bonanno/Ciancio to accept the Chief’s Report as read – it was noted by Secretary Ciancio that this report does not reflect the actual activity as the attendance sheets have not yet been received from VFC #1. MC. Activity report for September 2021: 78 alarms for 483 hours; 4 drills for 110 hours; 2 meetings for 68 hours; 17 misc. for 378.50 hours; 1 standby for 80 hours; 1 fire prevention for 102 hours. Total hours: 1,236.

Chief Kohany reported member attended the Ossining Parade on 9/18 and received a trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> best appearing non-regulation uniform; members attended the Annual Inspection 9/26; members visited Columbus Elementary School, Kensico School, Methodist Church Nursery School, Easter Seals and Blythedale Children’s Hospital for Fire Prevention Week; Fire Prevention Week Open house was held on 10/3 and very well attended; members will be participating in a fire extinguisher demo at EF Academy on 10/26; members responded to a call on 9/25 for a possible structure fire and were commended for a great job extinguishing it; the Chief attended the Chiefs and Officers Seminar on 9/29; DEP will host a meeting on 10/19; AAA bailout trailer is booked for 11/5-11/7; working with officials on multiple alarm calls at Woodfield Cottage; attended Mt. Pleasant Chief’s Meeting and MPPD requested that all departments have the ability to transmit over the police frequency; Chief’s Installation will be 10/30.

Chairman McCarthy expressed the importance of scheduling with MTA to test the new TL49 going over the railroad tracks; discussed his opposition to the online training module as there are some members who are not computer literate and are unable to complete the courses on it.

Comr. Deegan reported he met with Joe Butler and Secretary Ciancio on the District’s and Penflex’s responsibilities in distributing the Service Award checks; will contact Penflex to set up a meeting and discuss the District’s expectations.

Comr. McCarthy reported he would like a letter sent to the landscaper on continuing with the snow plowing contract and to request an updated COI and any price increase; all apparatus will receive annual service; requested starting a committee for the new Engine; talked to Partners in Safety doctor’s office about administering physicals for members; started a discussion on mutual aid with paid departments.

Comr. Ciancio reported the cost to replace just the SCBA pack through AAA Emergency in 2022 will be \$9,300.00 each; will send a letter to Mark Mathis on having met with him on the proposed Legion Drive Children’s Center; discussed going to Channel 12 on the Grasslands Reservation and having not yet heard anything back from the County.

There was a discussion on the Board going to the media on the Grasslands issue and if all Commissioners were in agreeance with what was to be presented.

Comr. Bonanno reported he has not yet set up an account with Nu-Way Cleaners as promised in a previous meeting.

Comr. Sciliano reported he spoke to ELQ on the new roof project and due to material shortages, they will be starting in 3-4 weeks.

Chairman McCarthy reported there has been no progress on the new E81/82; the next WCAFD meeting will be held in the District on 10/27 with light refreshments; WCAFD dinner will be 11/13 at Casa Rina \$75/per person; old TL49 needs ladder testing at a cost of \$1,300.00 before being sold.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/Bonanno to appoint Richard Thomas and Thomas Kohany as election inspectors for the District election to be held on Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 9pm paying \$70.00 each. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Sciliano to adopt and transmit to the Town the 2022 budget of \$1,441,276.00. MC.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Ciancio/Deegan to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Ciancio  
District Secretary-Treasurer