

Budget Hearing of the Valhalla Board of Fire Commissioners for October 18, 2022

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Valhalla Fire District for 2022 was declared open by Vice Chairman Ciancio at 7:00pm..

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

In attendance were Vice Chairman Ciancio, Comrs. McCarthy, Bonanno, Sciliano, and Secretary Ciancio.

Vice Chairman Ciancio 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.

Vice Chairman Ciancio read the proposed 2023 budget with a 2.00% increase over 2022:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>\$ 11,000.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$ 36,450.00</b>
<b>Equipment Operations</b>	<b>\$ 53,500.00</b>
<b>Fire Department Operations</b>	<b>\$ 23,500.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 157,000.00</b>
<b>Service Award Program</b>	<b>\$ 63,500.00</b>
<b>Personnel &amp; Contractual Services</b>	<b>\$ 257,200.00</b>
<b>Training Operations</b>	<b>\$ 42,500.00</b>
<b>Vehicle &amp; Apparatus Operations</b>	<b>\$ 70,500.00</b>
<b>Fire House Operations</b>	<b>\$ 116,193.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 831,343.00</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Account</b>	<b>\$ 548,759.00</b>
<b>Building Reserve Account</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Repair Reserve Account</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,480,102.00</b>

It was then moved on a motion made by Comrs. Bonanno/Sciliano to close the public hearing at 7:30pm. MC.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 18, 2022

The regular monthly meeting and budget meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 18, 2022 was convened by Vice Chairman Ciancio at 7:30pm.

In attendance were: Vice Chairman Ciancio, Comrs. McCarthy, Bonanno, Sciliano, and Secretary Ciancio.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Bonanno to accept the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 14, 2022. MC.

Correspondence: none

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/Bonanno 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:**

6870	AAA Emergency Supply Co.	6,974.99
6871	WB Mason	116.34
6872	VOID	0.00
6873	Kristen Ciancio	1,267.10
6874	Con Edison	53.11
6875	Bon Amici	4,620.00
6876	AAA Emergency Supply Co.	895.74
6877	Alpine Software	6,204.82
6878	American Express	17.99
6879	Berger Hardware	227.30
6880	Cardmember Services	1,234.88
6881	Fernanda DeCampos	100.00
6882	Decker Tool Rental	30.00
6883	DeLage Landen Financial	189.00
6884	Michael Grieco	250.00
6885	Hawthorne FD	1,470.81
6886	Hudson Valley Fire	8,373.03
6887	Hummel & Butler CPAs	735.00
6888	Independent Fire Company	12,070.20
6889	KD Systems, Inc.	8,080.00
6890	M. Felice Landscaping	255.00
6891	Mt. Pleasant Highway Department	626.41
6892	Mt. Pleasant Water Districts	38.35
6893	NICE, Inc.	4,054.00
6894	NuWay Cleaners	53.10
6895	NYS DOT	100.00

6896	Partners in Safety	242.00
6897	Security World	270.00
6898	Valhalla Fire Co #1	12,070.20
6899	Verizon	104.90
6900	Verizon	560.46
6901	Verizon	388.05
6902	WB Mason	41.99
6903	Cablevision	177.80
6904	Con Edison	48.87
6905	Michael Grieco	662.00
6906	The Journal News	122.00
6907	Verizon	527.46
6908	Kristen Ciancio	1,267.10
6513	Verizon	100.75
6514	Verizon	349.11
6515	Verizon	36.44
EFT	US Treasury	1,170.20
EFT	NYS Department of Taxation	367.20
		76,057.40

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Balance Forward	\$ 12,043.62
Deposits	\$ 28,936.30
Transfers-GF	\$ 47,000.00
Vouchers	\$ 76,057.40
Closing Balance	\$ 11,922.52

**STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:**

Regular Checking	\$ 11,922.52
Fire District Money Market	\$ 371,916.44
Capital Reserve Checking	\$ 46,610.91
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$2,847,184.39
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 421,458.86
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$ 423,827.15
TOTAL:	\$4,122,920.27

**SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM:**

Service Award Program – DBC	\$1,202,558.62
Service Award Program – DCP	\$ 368,283.37
TOTAL:	\$1,570,841.99

**TRANSFERS:**

FROM:	GF Money Market Acct #8388562	
TO:	GF Checking Account #8388546	\$35,000.00
FROM:	GF Money Market Acct #8388562	
TO:	GF Checking Account #8388546	\$12,000.00

Secretary Ciancio reported the district is now required to put the Annual Election legal notice and ballot in both English and Spanish – Luis Herrera has agreed to translate and will be paid \$70, the same as an election inspector; requested receipt from Comr. Sciliano for the purchase of the window coverings; M. Felice has been including lawn care for VFC #1 on the District bill; requested Michael Fox Sr., David DiPrinzio and Michael Kohany Sr. as election inspectors at a rate of \$70 for the night; new ID card printer has been received and will be installed; will attend monthly Secretary Duties and Deadlines 10/25; will attending training with AT&T FirstNet to learn how to administer for members; received partial payment \$26,711.82 from FEMA on the first project submitted to them for Covid; received notification from IamResponding that the District will receive a free month for referring Hawthorne FD; received confirmation from PKF O’Connor Davies that the preliminary tax cap form shows an additional \$10,000 may be added to the budget – it will go into the Capital Reserve Fund.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Bonanno/McCarthy to accept the October Chief’s Report as read by Secretary Ciancio. MC. Activity report for September 2022: 29 alarms for 261 hours; 4 drills for 90 hours; 2 meetings for 70 hours; 19 misc. for 179.50 hours; 1 training for 45.5 hours; 8 fire prevention for 113 hours. Total hours: 759.

Secretary Ciancio read the Chief’s report in his absence: Members attended Mount Pleasant PBA day on 9/17; members attended Mount Pleasant Day on 9/18; 9/19 members participated a drill to test the EOC; thanked the commissioners for setting up the Inspection on 9/25; members visited Valhalla schools for Fire Prevention week 10/9-10/15; members had an Open house on 10/16; members had a walkthrough of the MRI unit at WMC on 10/18; 10/25 there will be a DEP drill at Shaft 18; 11/5 there will be a department drill at the training center.

Comr. McCarthy reported E83 is getting serviced, pump tested and inspected; E84 portable pump was repaired; siren on Legion Dr. bridge is working; Chief and District vehicle were inspected; discussed upgrading district cell phones.

Comr. Sciliano reported the meeting room window shades have been ordered and should be installed by the end of October.

Comr. Bonanno reported additional information on the accident policy benefit that will be afforded to members starting in 2023, but they must make their Service Award points each year to qualify; the cost per member for the accident policy will be \$185.00 each.

Comr. Ciancio reported TL49 received annual service, ladder and tower testing; additional Grasslands money has been approved; heard from DES Commissioner Wishnie that Grasslands study will not be done in the remainder of 2022; some current structures on Grasslands property

will be knocked down and new buildings will be erected and leased by NYMC for 99 years; trunk and portable radios have been installed – still waiting for chargers and speakers; radios for E81 and E82 are being engraved, chargers not yet received; the side entrance to Rosehill Shopping Center has been closed by the property management to prohibit construction vehicles from going through the parking lot – suggested a letter be written expressing the issues that will arise with only have one entrance and exit available for emergency vehicles; discussed again that fire companies should not be drilling on private property without prior approval from the owners.

There was a discussion on additional buildings on the Grasslands Reservation.

It was move on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Sciliano to proceed with the accident insurance policy for members at a cost of \$185.00/member, permitted they reach their Service Award points each year. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/Bonanno to appoint David DiPrinzio, Michael Kohany Sr. and Michael G. Fox as election inspectors for the District election to be held on Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 9pm paying \$70.00 each. Additionally, Luis Herrera will be paid \$70.00 to translate the election legal notice and official ballot from English to Spanish. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Sciliano to adopt and transmit to the Town the 2023 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. McCarthy/Bonanno to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Ciancio  
District Secretary