

Fly Creek Board of Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting
 Fly Creek Fire District 2023 Budget Hearing
 Date: October 18, 2022

Present: Joan Kegelman (Chairperson), Cassidy Lent (Secretary), Vincent Ruggiero (Vice Chairperson), Betty Staffin (arrived at 7:15pm), Christine Voulo

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Joan Kegelman stated that the tax levy was raised to \$192,078. The commissioners held a couple of different workshops on how best to allocate the funds for 2023.

Below is the proposed budget for 2023, as well as the final budget for 2022, for comparison.

Line item	Budget - 2023	Budget - 2022
Fire/Safety Equipment and Training	\$30,000.00	\$22,000.00
EMS Supplies/Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$15,000.00	\$15,531.25
Office Supplies/Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Truck Maintenance/Equipment	\$40,000.00	\$24,560.00
Telephone/Cable	\$2,000.00	\$2,400.00
Electricity	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Fire Police	\$500.00	\$800.00
Communication Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fuel for Trucks	\$9,665.50	\$3,500.00
Insurance	\$20,000.00	\$18,800.00
Truck Replacement	\$0.00	\$50,339.00
Fuel Oil/Propane	\$15,000.00	\$11,000.00
Bank Loan	\$22,312.50	\$22,843.75
Treasurer/Secretary Compensation	\$2,400.00	\$2,200.00
Legal Fees	\$4,000.00	\$500.00
Engine Forecast Replacement	\$21,000.00	-
Total	\$192,078.00	\$187,674.00

Questions from the floor:

It was asked if Joan Kegelman could do a comparison to last year (see above). Specific line items addressed: a) Increase in legal fees, as we've needed legal advice. b) There

is no money for the truck replacement fund this year, as those carryover funds are being reallocated. c) Secretary and treasurer should be compensated equally.

Will have to see what funds are left over at the end of the year to transfer to reserve accounts for other needs

A question was asked about the bank loan and how much time we have left on it. It was a five year loan, so we have about two more years left. It is a municipal loan, so it can't be paid off prematurely.

A question was raised about the truck replacement fund. It was stated that this line item would come out and put into another account to keep the money safe.

Another question was asked as to why we are keeping so much money. It was stated that we should be applying the money market account more appropriately and would not want to co-mingle money from money market and replacement fund.

A question was asked about the budget workshops mentioned earlier in the meeting. It was determined that all five commissioners worked on this together, that all had a say, and that a vote was taken regarding this proposed budget.

There was a question about the increase to the fire safety line item. This amount takes into account the turnout gear that Chief Voulo will be ordering, as turnout gear does expire and it is important to keep members safe.

It was asked if a grant writer should be hired. This has been discussed, with discussions on-going.

Some on the floor wished to know what the legal fees were going to. Our lawyer, Terence Hannigan, helps to make sure the board follows the rules and regulations. While he is not a FASNY or AFDSNY lawyer, he knows fire law. Mr. Hannigan was recommended by Mr. Frank, as he said it was too far a commute to come visit.

There was some concern that the amount in the fuel for building line item was not going to be enough, but it was stated that the board looked at the history to determine the cost.

A question was raised about what the engine forecast replacement line item was. This is the projected number that we might have left over at the end of the year, so that we can pull from this if necessary.

It was asked if the \$2,000 for EMS would be enough for the year. It was relayed that \$3,600 has been spent so far this year. The board did their best with projections.

The floor wanted to know if there was a maintenance log for each truck. It was stated that yes, there is. The board is also looking at a variety of ways to fund the trucks.

There was a question about whether air conditioning for the building and the chief's office had been earmarked in the building maintenance fund. It was stated that no, this money was supposed to be from this year's (2022) budget, but that hasn't happened yet. It has been decided to hold off on air conditioning, as we are approaching the cooler months, but that this is something the building needs, as we are a designated Red Cross center.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm made by Joan Kegelman, seconded by Christine Voulo, passed and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Lent