



## BUDGET MEETING

May 9, 2017

The Budget Meeting of the Electors of the Westfield Fire District was held at the Firehouse, 653 East Street, Middletown, CT on May 9, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm by Chairman Jones.

Recording Secretary Linda DeManche read the call of the Budget Meeting which appeared as a legal notice in The Middletown Press on April 26, 2017; the Hartford Courant on April 27, 2017 and filed at the Town Clerk's Office of the City of Middletown (copy attached).

The minutes of the previous Budget Meeting held on May 10, 2016 were read. The Budget Meeting minutes were accepted on a **MOTION** by William Balch, seconded by Gregory Amy, all in favor.

For the first item on the agenda Chairman Jones asked if everyone had a copy of the proposed budget as he was going to read aloud the category subtotals and would address any questions as they come up.

The Chairman commented on various items in the budget proposal: Apparatus – there was a significant reduction in this category as the hydraulic hoses on the ladder truck were replaced in the current fiscal year therefore not carried in the 2017/2018 budget; Salaries – there was a change in the Fire District salary subtotals due to the promotion of a Firefighter to Deputy Fire Marshal; the pay-per-call fund and stipends were increased for the volunteers; Capital Non- Reoccurring (CNR) – the Fire Apparatus Replacement line was increased. Presently the District is spec'ing out for a new fire apparatus to replace Engine #5. In the next five to eight years the District is looking at the replacement of two other apparatus so the increase is to start saving for those future replacements. The CNR Fund line was increased mostly in part to the future replacement of the SCBA paks. The current paks need to be replaced by 2019. This District applied for a FEMA grant – indications appear we will be successful, but the grant did not include the replacement off all the paks so this increase will assist with this expense. There was an overall decrease in Westfield's 2016 Grand List. As part of the Summary of Revenue the budget carries a State Motor Vehicle Grant which is to offset the car tax cap that was set by the State of CT; therefore Westfield will not be mailing out motor vehicle tax bills in July.

Chairman Jones asked if there were any other questions.

**Gregory Amy, Miner Street** – *what is the confidence of getting that money from the State, has the legislator actually budgeted to pay municipalities for that grant;* The Chairman stated he is not a hundred percent sure. He knew South District carried the grant this year and that they received it last year. We anticipate at this point in time in getting it but every time you pick up a newspaper it is reporting another deficient. We are fairly confident we are going to get it.

As there were no additional questions The Chairman called for the voters to complete their ballot to approve the budget of \$1,556,258 and set the mill rate of 1.550.

Chairman Jones announced the following results: the votes by paper ballots are as follows: **35 - Yes votes and 1 - No vote**; therefore the budget amount of \$1,556,258 has been approved and the mill rate set at 1.550.

Chairman Jones turned to the second item on the agenda; to transact any and all business, which may properly come before said meeting. There was none presented.

The Chairman asked if there was anything further to come before this meeting, with no comment the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm on a **MOTION** by William Balch was seconded by Peter Murphy, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda DeManche  
Fire District Administrator  
as Recording Secretary

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