

**ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE 2016 BUDGET**

A Public Hearing for the 2016 Proposed Budget for the Orchard Park Fire District by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room of the Orchard Park Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Wierzbowski in accordance with New York Town Law section 1053, "All Fire Districts prior to the adoption of the budget must hold a public hearing on the budget.

Roll Call:

Commissioner: Robert Eiskant	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner: Jack Putnam	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner: Frank Wierzbowski	Assistant Treasurers:	Christine Petrie Penny Jo Jensen

Others Present:

No others Present

Pledge to the flag.

Vice Chairman Frank Wierzbowski:

1. This is the public hearing regarding the 2016 proposed budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law, 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. The Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with legal requirements has adopted their proposed budget on the 8th of September 2015, which is 21 days prior to this budget hearing.
2. Since the Orchard Park Fire District maintains a website, the proposed budget was posted on that website pursuant to the requirement of the Town Law.
3. The Secretary of the Fire District has filed with this district an affidavit stating:
 - a. The notice of this public hearing was at published or posted at least once at least five days before the date specified for the hearing in:
 1. The official newspaper of the Fire District
 2. The official signboard of the Town or Towns where the district is located
 3. On the Fire District's website, and
 4. On the website of the Town of Orchard Park.
4. The notice of public hearing specified the time and date when and the place where this public hearing would be held.
5. Upon its adoption, the fire district secretary also made available for inspection, and copying of the proposed budget, by any interested person during district office hours.
6. The purpose of this public 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.
7. 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 present.

8. This budget must be adopted no later than November 4th, and submitted to the town budget officer by November 7th 2015.

Assistant Treasurer Christine Petrie made a brief summary of the proposed budget:

1. Two budget line changes are as follows: added budget line for mechanics of \$40,000.00 and Bunker Gear increased to \$50,000.00.

Vice Chairman Wierzbowski stated: The public comments period begins. I will now ask any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to come forward so that that person may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it. I request that if you wish to address the board on the proposed budget, you may come to the podium directly in front of us, or raise your hand to be recognized. Clearly state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Please direct all your questions to the board or the treasurer. This is not a question and answer session. Your question will not be answered when asked. The board is looking for your opinion on the budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. Please tell us what you are in favor of regarding this budget or what you are against. You may ask questions, but this board and the treasurer will not answer any questions until the conclusion of the public comments period.

None

Vice Chairman Wierzbowski stated: the public comments period of this annual budget hearing has now concluded. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners are now allowed to ask questions.

Motion needed to adopt the proposed 2016 budget

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Putnam to adopt the proposed 2016 Budget. All in favor; motion carried.

Vice Chairman Wierzbowski stated: this public hearing regarding the 2016 budget is now closed. Vice Chairman Wierzbowski then stated: May I receive a motion to adjourn?

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Putnam to adjourn. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary