

Budget Committee Meeting
April 6, 2022
Mohawk Valley Fire Station #1
92068 Marcola Rd.

Call to Order: Budget Committee Chair (2021-22) Ted Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

Board of Directions Roll Call: Elmer Shew Quentin Holmes
Eric Stevenson Kevin Woodworth Peggy Schultz virtual

Budget Committee Roll Call: Amy Stephens X Val Rylands X Kandice Diskin X
Edward (Ted) Arnold X Jeff Litle

Elect Officers:

Chair: Elmer motioned to appoint Ted as Chair. Val motioned to approve; it was seconded by Amy. It was approved 8-0.

Secretary: Kevin motioned to appoint Val as Secretary. Val motioned to approve; it was seconded by Amy. It was approved 8-0.

Updated sheets were handed out for the budget with Peggy's updated contact information and new PERS numbers which impacted other lines.

Agenda:

Overview of Budget Process: Chief Wallace

Chief discussed the budget process. We are required to have a budget and obligated to have at least one budget meeting. We schedule for two just in case. At the meeting is the time for questions. The budget committee needs to adopt the budget and the Board will have to approve it. We are early in the budget timeline.

Assessor's Information and Calculations

Chief said the budget is looking good. Tax value went up 4.2%. Kevin asked about the PERS increase. It has gone up and we have fixed with anticipated funds. We do pay PERS for conflagration, but we do get reimbursed by the state. Chief clarified the \$67,000 PERS numbers, we budgeted with a lower number.

Budget Message

Chief read the message to the board and to the budget committee. Ted asked about the bond. We are almost fully repaid, and the levy of taxes is hopefully going to go down. Ted asked about the inflation index. Chief said it is a guessing game, but we have been under. Kevin asked about the fuel costs. Chief said it is a guessing game, but we have been under. We only charge the school district what we pay.

Review Budget Documents

Equipment Reserve Funds

Highlights include:

- Start at 367,540
- 80,000 transferred from other funds
- Discussion on how it is cheaper to refurbish Brush 1453

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- Budgeted 55,000 for new Chief rig and that came under budget
- Highest amount ever in Equipment Reserves

Resources

Highlights include:

- May sale an engine next year
- Val asked about out of district contracts. We have some contracts in Linn County and Hill Road and also by the fire station. We are up to 11 contracts.

Detailed Expenditures - Personnel

Highlights include:

- Patrick is moving to Maintenance, and we will hire a new Training Officer Kevin asked about the seasonal employee. We want to have an all-year employee with no benefits or pay scale but with the new hire of the Training Officer, we will just do summer help.
- Val asked about our pay steps. Right now, the steps are at 5 years but right now only getting cost of living assessment. The new officer will be working on steps.

Detailed Expenditures – Materials and Services

Highlights include:

The volunteer incentive went up and it takes 2 years to be vested

Medical supplies were increased because we are busier. The calls are up 71% in 10 years

Val asked about the cost to station 5. Chief said they have really investigated and right now thinking it is just in the shade and more volunteers respond to that station.

Dispatch fees are down due to restructuring.

Conference and training fees are down due to COVID

Detailed Expenditures – Capital Outlay

Highlights include:

Facilities improvements were lowered

The seismic grant is reflected in grant expenditure funds

The pumper lease is almost paid off – should be in 2025

Bond Debt

Highlights include:

Total resources except for taxes to be levied was increased

Taxes estimated to be received was lowered

Ted asked about our volunteers. We are at 18 which is low, ideally, we want 30-45. We want to start a program to help with tuition assistance for residents. The new Training Officer will be tasked with recruitment.

Ted asked about the grant money.

Construction should begin May 14. There was discussion on what will happen and next steps.

Chief commented that we may need to another meeting if we get the staffer grant.

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Public Comment: none

Recommend Budget by Resolution.

Ted read the resolution.

Ted motioned to approve Resolution 2022-04 Resolution of Budget Committee to Adopt Budget. Val approved the motion, and it was seconded by Amy. It was approved 8-0.

Next Meeting Date – if needed

May 4, 2022

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Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:26pm.

Ted asked for a motion to adjourn; Val motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Amy. It was approved 8-0.

Public comment is invited. Portions of this meeting may be held in executive session as per **ORS 192.660**.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to **Chief Steven Wallace at 541-933-2907.**

Agenda Posted: Marcola Community Market, Mohawk Valley Fire District #1, Mohawk General Store, Website.

Submitted by Brenda Williams