

**WADING RIVER FIRE DISTRICT
1503 North Country Road
Wading River, NY 11792**

Minutes of 2023 Budget Hearing

Date: Monday, October 17, 2022

Hearing opened at 18:30 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our First Responders, EMS, Police, Fire and Military who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Chairman McQueeney, Vice Chairman Moreno, Commissioner Deveny, Commissioner Wallace, District Manager Michalakopoulos, District Treasurer Cangeleri, Chief Gluck, Assistant Chief Berg, Assistant Chief Donnelly, Assistant Chief Whelan were present for the Budget Hearing. District Secretary Manitta and Attorney Ring were absent with prior notice.

The proposed 2022 Wading River Fire District Budget is **\$3,618,000.00**

The following actions were taken by the Fire District in accordance with State requirements regarding the proposed 2023 Wading River Fire District Budget Annual Hearing:

- ✓ Legal notice published in Riverhead Times-Review Newspaper
- ✓ Posted on the Wading River Fire District website and digital sign at Headquarters
- ✓ Copies of proposed budget available for review at the Fire District Offices
- ✓ Copies of proposed budget sent to both Towns of Brookhaven and Riverhead

Public Comments:

- No members of the public were present.

The final resolution and vote for the proposed 2023 Budget were discussed.

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve the Proposed 2023 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.

Hearing was closed at 18:45 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta
District Secretary
Wading River Fire District

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Minutes of October 17, 2022 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Deveny at 1830 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our First Responders, EMS, Police, Fire and Military who have made the ultimate sacrifice, 9-11 victims and for a speedy end to the war in Ukraine.

Chairman McQueeney, Vice Chairman Moreno, Commissioner Deveny, Commissioner Wallace, Treasurer Cangelieri, District Manager Michalakopoulos, Chief Gluck, 1st Assistant Chief Berg, 2nd Assistant Chief Donnelly and 3rd Assistant Chief Whelan and President Kuzloski were present. Secretary Manitta and Attorney Ring were absent with prior notice.

Vice Chairman Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2022, BOFC meeting.

Public Comments:

- Julio Prendergast, WRFD Member, requested use of meeting hall on November 12, 2022, from 5-9 pm. BOFC Approved.

Correspondence:

Secretary Manitta

- Not present/nothing to report

Secretary Report:

Secretary Manitta

- Not present/nothing to report

Wading River Fire Department: President Kuzloski

- Introduced himself as new WRFD Association President. Stated that he was looking forward to working with the BOFC.

Material Requests:**District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- 42 – Training - EMT-B Original Course (2) K. Rothwell Jr. and J. Suarez Suffolk EMS (Ridge FD) in the amount of \$250.00
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.
- 43 – Training Seminar (2) Ex-Chief B. Heller and FF. B. Donnelly for Lt. Joseph DiBernardo Seminar in the amount of \$450.00
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.

District Manager Report:**District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Received the following checks:
 - State of NY Dept. of Taxation & Finance in the amount of \$53.41
- 6-3-1
 - Driver side auxiliary intake valve reported to be not working correctly, district mechanic (Bubka) came onsite, parts on order
- 6-3-2
 - Pump Discharge #4 reported to be leaking between the pump and right-side panel, district mechanic (Bubka) came onsite, parts on order
 - Drivers side compartment #1 reported to have an issue, (Bubka) came onsite, parts on order
- 6-3-4
 - Rear hose tray issues – vendor scheduled to come onsite Wednesday, 10/19/22, to look at problem.
- 6-3-16
 - Vehicle warranty repairs completed; NYS inspection completed
 - Windshield insurance claimed filed and work completed
- 6-3-17
 - Vehicle warranty repairs completed; NYS inspection completed
- 6-3-80
 - NYS Inspection completed, replacement TPS ordered and will be installed at next oil change
- 6-3-30
 - Oil change
 - Rear tire leak
 - NYS Inspection
- Working with chief to schedule above mentioned items with district mechanic
- 6-3-32
 - Emergency light intermittent issue while in reverse – waiting on parts
 - Ignition override needs replacement – waiting on parts
- Annual Pump Testing – Scheduled for Thursday October 20th. All pump related repairs will be completed by the district mechanic prior to the test date.
- Annual Gear inspection and repairs – Completed on Sept. 28th. Minor repairs performed onsite.

- Annual Gear Cleaning – Tentatively scheduled for Monday November 17th
- Water Tower Radio Communication Site – Repeater power supply out for repairs, no ETA. Quote received for replacement of batteries cost - \$2,180.00 Requesting approval to move forward with repair. On Hold for follow-up questions
- Commissioner Office ceiling tile replacement – In progress
- Apparatus Front Apron Repairs - In progress Apron sealed by district staff, striping scheduled for this week weather permitting. Thanks to all staff for the great job!
- EMS Recovery Billing – In Progress, Contract submitted to Quick Med Claims, LLC. Waiting for vendor to provide dates for onboarding
- Station 2 Generator Project - As per terms and conditions of sale and cancelation clause the district will be required to pay the 25% cancellation fee, requesting guidance on how to proceed.
- Outdoor Awing Soffit and Lighting Project – Soffit In progress and lighting completed, requesting approval to rent brake to complete the aluminum capping, rental will be for approx. 2 weeks. Estimated cost \$1,000.00. The remaining electrical work is scheduled to be completed this week.
- Powerplant Siren – Original vendor unable to complete work in a timely manner, new vendor contacted and will be completing the reinstallation of the repaired siren back at the site.
- PSTrax – In progress, new tablets setup, working with chief staff and any changes needed. Controlled Substance Agent working with vendor to enter main inventory, once completed EMS will begin using. HQ maintenance staff have begun using tablets for UST weekly and monthly inspections.
- Phone System – In progress, working with vendor and ISP on possible alternative to the hardware replacement.
- CPR Assist LUCAS device – PM performed by vendor, all units inspected and in working order.
- DOH inspection scheduled for this Wednesday October 26th, working on paperwork compliance in preparation for visit
- 2023 FDIC Conference – April 24-29, 2023. Requesting approval to reserve airfare and hotel accommodations as conference fills quickly. Received approval to reserve 5 rooms for conference.
- Requesting Executive Session for personnel and litigation.
- Discussion 6-3-18B regarding possible repairs and replacement of boat motors.
 - Commissioner Deveny made a motion to approve a Permissive Referendum in the amount of \$60,000 for the replacement of unit 6-3-18B boat motors, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Cangeleri

- **Bills total: \$82,094.86**
 - Commissioner Deveny made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- **Resolution to override 2% Tax Cap** (see attached **WRFD Resolution No. 1**)
 - Commissioner Wallace made a resolution to override 2% Tax Cap (11.8%), seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- **Resolution to Approve Final 2023 Budget** (see attached **WRFD Resolution No. 2**)
 - Chairman McQueeney made a resolution to approve final 2023 budget, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.

Attorneys Report:

Attorney Ring

- Not present

Chief's Report:

Chief Gluck

- **Submitting the Following Items:**
 - Chief's Recommendation for District Staff Response
- **Material Requests Laserfiche:**
 - Registration for 2 members to attend EMT-Basic Original class hosted by Ridge FD
 - Registration for 2 members to attend Lt. Joseph DiBernardo training
- **Follow-Up:**
 - Request update on status of influenza vaccine request for October 20th, 2022.
 - Request information on the EMS program: who will be serving as agency CME coordinator; escalation pathway for clinical care issues; who is liaison to the agency medical director; status of RSI program and names of credentialed providers
- **Informational:**
 - Fire Prevention activities to be held at Kiddie Academy on Tuesday October 18, 2022.
 - Fire Prevention activities to be held at WRFD HQ on Thursday October 20, 2022 for homeschooled local children.
 - Fire Prevention activities to be held at Wading River Elementary School on Wednesday October 26, 2022.

Executive session requested by District Manager Michalakopoulos to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Chairman McQueeney made a motion to move to executive session, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.

Adjournment for Executive Session: 1925

Reconvene from Executive Session: 2020

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman McQueeney

- Made multiple motions regarding to adjustments in current employee Paramedic pay, hiring and position appointment for district employees:
 - Employee #E1029 \$36 per hr.
 - Employee #E1007 \$36 per hr.
 - Employee #E1063 \$28 per hr.
 - Hire 2 additional full-time paramedics at \$34. Per hr. (\$70,720)
 - Appoint paramedic Jade Andracchi as Controlled Substance Agent
- Chairman McQueeney made a motion for the above district paramedic pay increases, hiring and appointment, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- Discussed a motion to increase Permissive Referendum E7 by an additional \$55,000 to cover the excess cost of purchasing two, 2022 Tahoe's off OGS Contract with Commander Fleet (Black Tahoe SSV \$68,988; Red Tahoe SSV \$75,910).
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to amend and increase Permissive Referendum E7 for the purchase of two Responder Vehicles by \$55,000, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- Requested DM set up additional training for HVAC System for district staff and any commissioners interested.
- Made a motion to amend Chief Requirement Policy
 - Chairman McQueeney made a motion to remove ICS 400 of Chief Requirement Policy, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- Discussion regarding fuel management system.
- Requested purchase a replacement TV for EMS Room at HQ
- Request to reserve meeting room for BSA Scouts for ceremony on Mach 4th 2023, 3pm-5pm.
- Requested District Manager verify that portable generators are checked for upcoming season.

Vice Chairman Moreno

- No report

Commissioner Deveny

- Request the use of 6-3-3 for trip to Albany on November 4th & 5th for Suffolk County for fire district business. BOFC and Chief's office approved.
- Discussion on fire department recruitment, requested permission to look into additional sign-age throughout fire district, will return with pricing. Will work with department recruitment committee.
- Working with NYS Assembly Women Jodi Giglio on boat launch site issues as window to dredge is approaching.

Commissioner Wallace

- Made a motion to hire new personnel
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to hire D. Coffey and A. Coffey as call-in EMT-B/Driver at current hourly rate, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.
- Wading River Fire District is hosting Riverhead Fire District meeting on Wednesday, October 26th, requested district approve refreshment for meeting

Chairman McQueeney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2032 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta, District Secretary
Wading River Fire District

**Wading River Fire District
2023 Budget**

Total Appropriations - From Page 2		\$ 3,720,500.00
Less: Estimated Revenues - From Page 3		<u>\$ 102,500.00</u>
Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes		<u>\$ 3,618,000.00</u>

TAX APPORTIONMENT

Town	Apportioned Tax
Riverhead	\$ 2,172,656.45
Brookhaven	\$ 1,445,343.55
Total Apportioned - From Page 4	\$ 3,618,000.00

I certify that the Estimates were approved by
the Fire Commissioners on October 17, 2022

Fire District Secretary

The Wading River Fire District estimates General Fund Balance to be \$650,000.

Appropriations

		Actual Expenditures 2021	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
A3410.1*	Total Personal Services	\$ 699,780.00	\$ 775,000.00	\$ 900,000.00
A3410.2	Equipment	\$ 72,070.00	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
A3410.4	Contractual Expenditures	\$ 848,742.00	\$ 859,520.00	\$ 1,093,500.00
A1930.4	Judgements & Claims			
A9010.8	State Retirement System	\$ 90,295.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
A9025.8	Service Awards	\$ 235,485.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
A9030.8	Social Security	\$ 53,796.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
A9040.8	Workers' Compensation	\$ 148,818.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
A9045.8	Life Insurance	\$ 34,186.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
A9050.8	Unemployment Insurance			
A9055.8	Disability Insurance	\$ 7,344.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
A9060.8	Hospital, Med. & Accident Ins.	\$ 151,939.00	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 275,000.00
A9060.83	Vehicle Insurance	\$ 52,218.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
A9085.8	Payments Disabled Fire Fighters			
A9710.6	Redemption of Bonds			
A9710.7	Interest on Bonds			
A9720.6	Capital Lease Principal			
A9720.7	Capital Lease Interest			
A9901.9	Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 570,000.00	\$ 560,000.00
A9950.9	Transfer to Capital Fund			
	Total	\$ 3,094,673.00	\$ 3,337,520.00	\$ 3,720,500.00

Estimated Revenues

		Actual Revenues 2021	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
A2262	Fire Protection & Other Services to Other Districts & Governments			
A2401	Interest and Earnings	\$ 3,742.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
A2410	Rentals			
A2665	Sales of Apparatus & Equipment	\$ 16,500.00		
A2701	Refunds of Expenditures	\$ 14,968.00		
A2705	Gifts and Donations			
A2270	Miscellaneous			
A2270	Pilot payments	\$ 117,636.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
A2770.1	State Grant			
A2770.2	Insurance Recoveries			
A2770	NYS Retirement Credits			
A4305	Federal Aid for Civil Defense			
A5031	Transfer from Capital Fund			
A5031	Transfer from Reserve Fund			
	Totals	\$ 152,846.00	\$ 101,500.00	\$ 102,500.00

Tax Apportionment

Town	Assessed Value	Equalization Rate	Full Valuation	Total Full Valuation Percentage	Apportioned Tax
Riverhead	\$ 185,670,809	10.14%	\$ 1,831,073,067	60.05%	\$ 2,172,656.45
Brookhaven	\$ 7,552,268	0.62%	\$ 1,218,107,742	39.95%	\$ 1,445,343.55
	<u>\$ 193,223,077</u>		<u>\$ 3,049,180,809</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 3,618,000.00</u>

WADING RIVER FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1 : OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX C AP

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Wading River Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2023 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Wading River Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 17, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 17, 2022 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2023 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2023 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.0 % increase in said tax levy, and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2023 budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.0% increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$3,720,500.00, and

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Commissioner McQueeney)	AYE
Commissioner Moreno)	AYE
Commissioner Deveny)	AYE
Commissioner Wallace)	AYE

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted

Dated: Wading River, New York
October 17, 2022

WADING RIVER FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2 : APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Wading River Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2023 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Wading River Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 17, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 17, 2022 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2023 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2023 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.0 % increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only

WHEREAS, previously at this meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2023 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Wading River Fire District for 2023 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$3,720,500.00.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows.

Commissioner McQueeney)	AYE
Commissioner Moreno)	AYE
Commissioner Deveny)	AYE
Commissioner Wallace)	AYE

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted

Dated: Wading River, New York
October 17, 2022