



BUDGET MEETING

May 9, 2023

The Budget Meeting of the Electors of the Westfield Fire District was held at the Firehouse, 653 East Street, Middletown, CT on May 9, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm by Chairman Amy.

Commissioner Amy asked if there was anyone that needs to place a vote before voting is closed, hearing none he asked that the votes be counted while he conducted the rest of meeting.

Recording Secretary Linda DeManche read the call of the Budget Meeting which appeared as a legal notice in The Middletown Press on April 26, 2023; the Hartford Courant on April 27, 2023, filed at the Town Clerk's Office of the City of Middletown (copy attached) and posted on the Westfield website.

On a **MOTION** by Matthew Scarrozzo and seconded by David Peterson it was approved to waive the reading of the previous Budget/Commissioner Election meeting held on May 10, 2022 and to accept as written & published, all in favor. The minutes are available on the website if you would like to read last year's minutes.

The Chairman briefly went thru the budget items pointing out general highlights. For the most part the significant changes are to utilities, diesel/gas, etc. that have been going up; one of the bigger items is the lease payment on the new Westfield 4 apparatus which added a \$108,000 this year; the other big item which was addressed in the cover letter published on the website is a significant increase in the stipends to the volunteer team. The plan is use that these funds to incentivize better response times, etc.; the Commission is working on specific details. There is budgeting for parking lot maintenance and sidewalk improvements. With the exception of those items everything was status quo with some minor adjustments. In the end the mill rate went down approx. 4%. The Chairman asked if there were any comments from the public, there was none.

While waiting for the budget results the Chairman went to the second item on the agenda; to transact any and all business, which may properly come before said meeting. As there were no additional questions the Chairman called for a brief adjournment until the ballots were counted.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order @ 8:06 p.m. for the results of the vote:

Chairman Amy announced the following results for the budget: the votes by paper ballots are as follows: **22 - Yes votes / 20 - No votes**; therefore, the budget amount of \$2,416,642 and the mill rate set at 1.744 for the 2023/2024 fiscal year has been approved.

The Chairman asked if there was anything further to come before this meeting, with no comment the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a **MOTION** by David Peterson, seconded by William Balch unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda DeManche
Fire District Administrator
as Recording Secretary