Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting

Date: October 18 th , 2022	Location: Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters	
Roll Call (X = Present)		
 X 5yr Roger Boughton X Scott Sammons 3yr William McNamara 2yr David Brechter X 1yr Joseph Mains X Sec'y Mike Dauner X Treas. Wendy Trojak 	_X_ Chief Clark R. Mains _X_ Asst. Roger Brandt _X_ Asst. A.E. Stokes Asst. Mike Lange	Floor: J. Lamb G. Banks R. Naccarato

Meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Mains at 19:37 hours.

Treasurer Trojak advised that there was a typographical error on the budget under PILOT's. It should reflect \$12,000 not \$1,200. This did not affect the overall budget as it was a typo in one box and did not affect the overall math.

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 Port Ewen Fire District Budget

Jim Lamb:

- Addressed the budget and the 2% increase. Board noted it was not a 2% increase and was under 2%. Jim felt with a new firehouse and engine coming the district should promote good will by not increasing the budget. Secretary Dauner noted that when he and Treasurer Trojak prepared the 2022 and 2023 Budgets there was a balanced budget for 2022 with no increase and a less than 2% increase in 2023 despite double digit % percent increases on utilities and expenses. He further stated that the reason the board places the amount into reserves they do is so as they do not have to go to bond for trucks and can budget them such as the Engine recently purchased for over \$800,000 without a tax increase. Secretary stated that the board will be looking to use money in the budget upon consolidating building s towards the bond payment so they did not look at a decrease in budget. Commissioner Boughton stated with recent repairs to current Engine 1 and need to keep in service until new engine delivered budget is warranted. Jim Lamb asked that they consider a 0% increase again as last year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sammons, 2nd Commissioner Boughton to close the public hearing on the 2023 proposed fire district budget. 3ok motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mains, 2nd Commissioner Sammons to accept the 2023 Port Ewen Fire District Budget as presented. 3ok motion carried.

- Treasurer Trojak presented a voucher to Commissioners for payment.
- Fan in women's room needs repair.
- School tax bill for newly acquired fire district property was paid and moving forward there will be no further school tax bills.
- Commissioner Boughton inquired on demolition bids. Secretary Dauner stated Delaware Engineering was prepared to accept the low bidder however was awaiting comparison costs on tipping fees for material before making an official recommendation.

Motion to adjourn made at 19:56 by Commissioner Sammons, 2nd by Commissioner Boughton. 3ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner District Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. 2023 Fire District Budget and legal notice on Budget Hearing
- 2. Legal Notices on Firehouse Property house demolition bids and 2021 Audit