

Claryville Fire District
Minutes from October 20, 2015 – Public Budget Hearing

The public budget hearing of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:32 PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2015, in the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall.

Present: Chairman/Commissioner Andrew Ford, Commissioners, Daniel Forger, Anthony Carminati and Terry McNamara. Absent: Morgan Wynkoop

Representing the Fire Department: Glenn VanDenBerg, Tom Matthews, Gary Frear, Desiree Jimenez and Virginia Frear.

Public: Peter Donnolo, Joy Monforte, Arnold Wager, Katherine Parr, Elaine Beck, Carl Schonbachler, Jane Carminati, Paul Schonmaker, James Sheeley, Lillian Scoles, Clifford Faintych, Michal Heron and Carol Lasco

Andy Ford started the meeting by reading to the public the format of the meeting. Andy also informed the public that during the election in December there would be on the ballot a proposal to start a new capital reserve fund for smaller capital equipment. Reason being is the current capital equipment reserve is for the purchase of trucks only.

Jim Tisch walked through the 2016 proposed budget and highlighted those accounts that had changes as compared to the 2015 budget. He stated that the budget is being presented with zero change to the tax levy. The overall budget was higher with the difference is being made up through the carryover from 2015. The total budget would be \$159,040 with the tax levy remaining flat at \$149,457.

Andy Ford opened it up to the public for comment and questions. Various members of the public made comment on the budget and asked clarifying questions. The one item in the budget that received a lot of comments, questions and suggestions was the amount of money going into the reserves.

At the end of the public comment segment, Andy thanked the public and said the comments would be taken into consideration when approving the budget in the regular meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM, UPON MOTION by Dan Forger, Seconded by Tony Carminati. All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Tisch, Sec/Treas.
November 5, 2015