

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners

Location: Eastchester Town Hall

(Thursday, September 14, 2023)

Board Members Present:

Chairman Paul Carlo

Commissioner Brian E. Keating

Commissioner Paul M. Ranellone

Commissioner Anthony J. Lore, Sr.

Commissioner Tony Cerasi

In Attendance:

Chief Brian Tween

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom

Secretary Marissa "Isang" Smith

1. Call to Order

Action: 1.1 - Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Carlo.

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Executive Session

Chairman Carlo made a motion to go into executive session for matters regarding current litigation and the medical history of a particular person. The Board unanimously agreed.

Return to Public Session: 7:40 PM

4. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom submitted the following report:

September 14, 2023

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, Eastchester Fire District
From: Jamie Hedstrom, Treasurer
Subject: Actual vs. Budget Comparison, August 2023

The financials as of August 31, 2023 present a net budget surplus of approximately \$850K.

The following accounts that are anticipated to need a budget transfer based on YTD spending include the following:

- 1150.5 Insurance
- 3105.4 Uniforms
- 3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance
- 9060.81 Hospital
- 9050.8 Physician/Medical costs (assuming physicals in 2023)

We will continue to monitor these accounts for future transfers.

Construction Projects:

Location	Vendor	Description	Cost	Remainder	Funding
Station 4	Vinco	Apparatus Floor	\$ 852,474.76	\$ 5,800.00	Split- remainder General Fund
Station 4	B&B	Heating & ADA Compliance Includes Change Orders 2&3	\$ 649,533.00	\$ 649,533.00	Capital Reserve
Station 3	Highland Associates	Apparatus Floor- Architectural Only	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 34,500.00	General Fund

Current Balance in Capital Reserve: \$1,123,181.05
Remainder after Station 4 Permissive Referendum (\$760,000): \$363,181.05

At this time I would recommend that we request an estimate of fees from UES for the remainder of the Station 4 project, for the Board's review and approval.

RFP for Audit Services

Every five years, we are required by the NYS Comptroller's Office to issue an RFP for professional auditing services. Our last RFP covered the audit years 2018-2022 and was awarded to BST & Co, CPAs, LLP. It is now time to go out for RFP for 2023 and future periods.

In order to proceed, the Board needs to pass a resolution allowing us to publish a notice in The Journal News of the RFP. Then, the proposed timeline is below:

RFP issued by: September 21, 2023 (after passing resolution tonight)
 Due date for proposals: November 30, 2023
 Selected firm notified: December 18, 2023 (selection to be made by Board at December 13th meeting)
 Contract date: January 10, 2024

The RFP will be published on NYS Contract Reporter.

Other:

Treasury Direct Investments

We have resumed our investments in 4-week Treasury bills through our Treasury Direct account in \$3M increments. The current interest rates are approximately 5.3%. To date we have earned approximately \$220K in interest, which was not anticipated in the budget. The interest earned from our Treasury Direct investments is being allocated to the tower ladder that will be delivered in 2024.

2024 Proposed Budget

Unlike in previous years, no carryover will be available for purposes of the 2% tax cap, as the District exceeded the tax cap for the 2023 budget. Based on the tax base growth factor and allowable levy growth factors that have been provided by NYS, as well as a partial exclusion for NYSLRS pension contributions, the District has the ability to increase taxes approximately 3.28% without exceeding the tax cap.

Tax Cap Calculation 2024

Last Year's Levy	19,816,022.50
Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0056
Allowable Levy Growth Factor	1.02
	20,325,532.07
Available Carryover	_____
Allowable 2024 Levy	20,325,532.07
ERS Exclusion	185.00
PFRS Exclusion	140,099.00

Tax Levy Limit, Adjusted for Exclusions 20,465,816.07

Allowable Difference (Increase) 649,793.57
Allowable % Increase 3.2791%

Budget Factors

- The budget will not include any additional personnel, and the District will benefit from anticipated decreased firefighter salary costs due to replacing Tier 2 retirees with Tier 6 hires with lower starting salaries.
- The budget includes \$500K for the Pierce pumper truck that was committed to be purchased at the August 2023 meeting.
- The budget does not include any funds for the tower ladder that was committed to be purchased in 2022; the tower ladder will be purchased with a combination of grant funds, Treasury Direct interest, unreserved surplus funds, and the \$400K allocated to this purchase in the 2023 budget.
- The budget includes no additional “large” purchases or capital improvements.
- NYSHIP costs were underbudgeted for 2023, as at the time of the budget preparation we did not have any estimate of premium increases. The increases, which were published in December 2023, represented an approximate 17% increase. NYSHIP rates for 2024 will not be published prior to adopting a final 2024 budget.
- NYSLRS has published its projected invoices for 2025. The rates increased approximately 15% for PFRS and 11% for ERS. These increases on their own require a \$435K increase to the budget. Note that this increase was not initially anticipated, as the rates increased only 4.5% in 2023 and decreased in 2022.
- GL Accounts that will require increases in the 2024 budget based on 2023 spending and trends include:
 - Officer salaries
 - 1150.5 Insurance
 - 3105.4 Uniforms
 - 9050.8 Physician/Medical costs
 - 3413.2 Overtime- Fire Prevention
 - 3416.1 Terminal Leave

Potential Budget Options

Option 1

Budget increase of 5.3%, which exceeds the tax cap. This covers the increases to both the District’s healthcare costs (NYSHIP) and pension costs (NYSLRS), which total approximately \$1M/a 5% budget increase combined.

Option 2

Appropriate Fund Balance to avoid exceeding the tax cap. If the Board does not vote to exceed the tax cap for 2024, the District will need to appropriate unreserved surplus funds to cover \$410K of the above increases. Note that these are contractual increases outside of the control of the District, and they are subject

to future increases. Unreserved surplus funds are also being allocated for the tower ladder as discussed above.

Budget Timeline

The proposed budget must be adopted by September 26th.

The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 17th.

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Option 1

Eastchester Fire District 2024 DRAFT
Eastchester, NY Fire District

5.30% YOY Change

	2023 Budget	2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
Appropriated Fund Balance				
Income				
1001 Real Property Taxes	19,816,022.50	20,866,263.00	1,050,240.50	5.30%
2401 Interest Earnings	-	-	-	0.00%
2701 Insurance Recoveries	0.00	-	-	0.00%
2705 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	-	-	0.00%
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	21,000.00	21,000.00	-	0.00%
Total Income	\$ 19,837,022.50	\$ 20,887,263.00		
Expenses				
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	6,020,000.00	5,800,000.00	(220,000.00)	-3.65%
9060.81 Hospital	2,950,000.00	3,507,800.00	557,800.00	18.91%
9010.8 NYS Retirement	2,815,000.00	3,250,000.00	435,000.00	15.45%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	520,000.00	520,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.21 Cap Imp Station 4 Exterior			-	0.00%
3410.22 Cap Imp Station 4 Interior			-	0.00%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	1,260,000.00	1,300,000.00	40,000.00	3.17%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	850,000.00	870,000.00	20,000.00	2.35%
9020.8 Social Security	760,000.00	779,000.00	19,000.00	2.50%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	542,000.00	560,000.00	18,000.00	3.32%
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	830,250.00	830,250.00	-	0.00%
3413.3 Overtime- Training	94,600.00	96,965.00	2,365.00	2.50%
3413.4 Overtime- Sick Incentive	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	0.00%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	255,000.00	255,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	201,000.00	201,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	208,000.00	216,000.00	8,000.00	3.85%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	170,000.00	175,000.00	5,000.00	2.86%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	176,200.00	176,200.00	-	0.00%
9060.82 Dental	135,000.00	140,000.00	5,000.00	3.70%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	145,000.00	200,000.00	55,000.00	37.93%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	73,000.00	74,825.00	1,825.00	2.50%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.00%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	46,000.00	46,000.00	-	0.00%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	15,000.00	40,000.00	25,000.00	166.67%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	-	-	-	
3090.2 Certiorari	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.47 Consultants fees- Lawyers	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.46 Consultants fees- Engineers	65,000.00	65,000.00	-	
3410.48 Labor Consultants/Attorney fees	-	-	-	
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	120,000.00	70,000.00	(50,000.00)	-41.67%
1150.5 Insurance	120,000.00	145,000.00	25,000.00	20.83%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	130,000.00	130,000.00	-	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	0.00%
3070.2 Telephone	55,000.00	55,000.00	-	0.00%
3414.1 EMT Training	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.00%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.00%

Eastchester, NY Fire District

5.30% YOY Change

	2023 Budget	2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	0.00%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	37,822.50	38,823.00	1,000.50	2.65%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	30,000.00	60,000.00	30,000.00	100.00%
3160.4 Fire Training	26,000.00	26,000.00	-	0.00%
3105.4 Uniforms	54,250.00	75,000.00	20,750.00	38.25%
3120.4 EMS Supplies	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.00%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.00%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	66,200.00	66,200.00	-	0.00%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.44 Accountant Year-End fees	17,500.00	17,500.00	-	0.00%
3040.2 Tires	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	0.00%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	10,000.00	10,500.00	500.00	5.00%
3155.4 Sewer Tax	13,000.00	14,000.00	1,000.00	7.69%
1110.5 Outside Services	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	0.00%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	0.00%
3415.1 Sick Leave Incentive	-	-	-	0.00%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	0.00%
1180.5 Education & Travel	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	0.00%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.00%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	11,000.00	11,000.00	-	0.00%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
3130.4 Office Supplies	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	0.00%
9120.8 HEP B Testing	-	-	-	-
3135.4 Postage	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	0.00%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	0.00%
1160.5 Equipment Rental	-	-	-	0.00%
3140.4 Subscriptions	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	0.00%
1190.5 Recruitment	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	-	-	-	-
3410.48 Labor Consultants/Attorney fees	-	-	-	-
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	-	-	-	-

Total Expenses 19,837,022.50 20,887,263.00

5.300% YOY Change

Option 2

Eastchester Fire District 2024 DRAFT
Eastchester, NY Fire District

3.231% YOY Change

	2023 Budget	2024	\$ Difference	% Difference
Appropriated Fund Balance	0.00	410,000.00		
Income				
1001 Real Property Taxes	19,816,022.50	20,456,263.00	640,240.50	3.23%
2401 Interest Earnings	-	-	-	0.00%
2701 Insurance Recoveries	0.00	-	-	0.00%
2705 Miscellaneous Income	0.00	-	-	0.00%
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	21,000.00	21,000.00	-	0.00%
Total Income	\$ 19,837,022.50	\$ 20,887,263.00		
Expenses				
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3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	520,000.00	520,000.00	-	0.00%
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3411.1 Holiday Pay	542,000.00	560,000.00	18,000.00	3.32%
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	830,250.00	830,250.00	-	0.00%
3413.3 Overtime- Training	94,600.00	96,965.00	2,365.00	2.50%
3413.4 Overtime- Sick Incentive	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	0.00%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	255,000.00	255,000.00	-	0.00%
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9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.00%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	46,000.00	46,000.00	-	0.00%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	15,000.00	40,000.00	25,000.00	166.67%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	-	-	-	
3090.2 Certlorari	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.47 Consultants fees- Lawyers	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	0.00%
3410.46 Consultants fees- Engineers	65,000.00	65,000.00	-	
3410.48 Labor Consultants/Attorney fees	-	-	-	
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	120,000.00	70,000.00	(50,000.00)	-41.67%
1150.5 Insurance	120,000.00	145,000.00	25,000.00	20.83%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	130,000.00	130,000.00	-	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	0.00%
3070.2 Telephones	55,000.00	55,000.00	-	0.00%
3414.1 EMT Training	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.00%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.00%

Tax Cap Calculation 2024

Last Year's Levy		19,816,022.50
Tax Base Growth Factor	<u>1.0056</u>	19,926,992.23
Allowable Levy Growth Factor	<u>1.02</u>	20,325,532.07
Available Carryover		
Allowable 2024 Levy		20,325,532.07
ERS Exclusion		185.00
PFRS Exclusion		140,099.00
Tax Levy Limit, Adjusted for Exclusions		20,465,816.07
Allowable Difference (Increase)		649,793.57
Allowable % Increase		3.2791%
Proposed Levy		20,456,263.00
Proposed Increase	3.231%	640,240.50
Does Proposed Increase Exceed the Tax Cap?	No	

**Account Balances
As of August 31, 2023**

Account Balances

Checking/AP	3994	\$	382,953.42
Payroll	0950	\$	35,544.18
Capital Improvement Reserve	5995	\$	1,124,588.76
General Investment	5606	\$	4,677,509.76
Treasury Direct	TD	\$	12,000,000.00
Subtotal		\$	18,220,596.12

Calculation of Unassigned Balance- THROUGH YEAR END			
Balance as of 8/31/23		\$	18,220,596.12
Estimated Operating Expenses		\$	(5,000,000.00)
Holiday Pay 1		PAID	
PERMA		PAID	
Holiday Pay 2		\$	(275,000.00)
NYSLRS		\$	(2,750,000.00)
Balance 12/31/23		\$	10,195,596.12
Less: Amount in Reserve, restricted to capital improvements ONLY		\$	(1,124,588.76)
Unassigned Balance 12/31/23		\$	9,071,007.36
Appropriated Balance:			
Operating Expenses to Avoid TAN	\$	(5,490,729.64)	
Ladder Truck (FEMA Grant & Treasury Direct Interest)	\$	(274,000.00)	
		\$	(5,764,729.64)
2024 Budget Encumbrances:			
Captain's Car	\$	(120,000.00)	
Ladder Truck	\$	(400,000.00)	
Total	\$	(520,000.00)	
Assigned- Ladder Truck Remainder	\$	(678,000.00)	
Portion of Balance Unassigned		\$	2,108,277.72

2024 Budget Highlights

1 This budget includes compensation and benefits for 79 paid firefighters and officers

Firefighter	61
Lieutenant	10
Captain	6
Assistant Chief	1
Chief	1
Total	79

2 Comp & Benefits account for approximately 90% of the budget

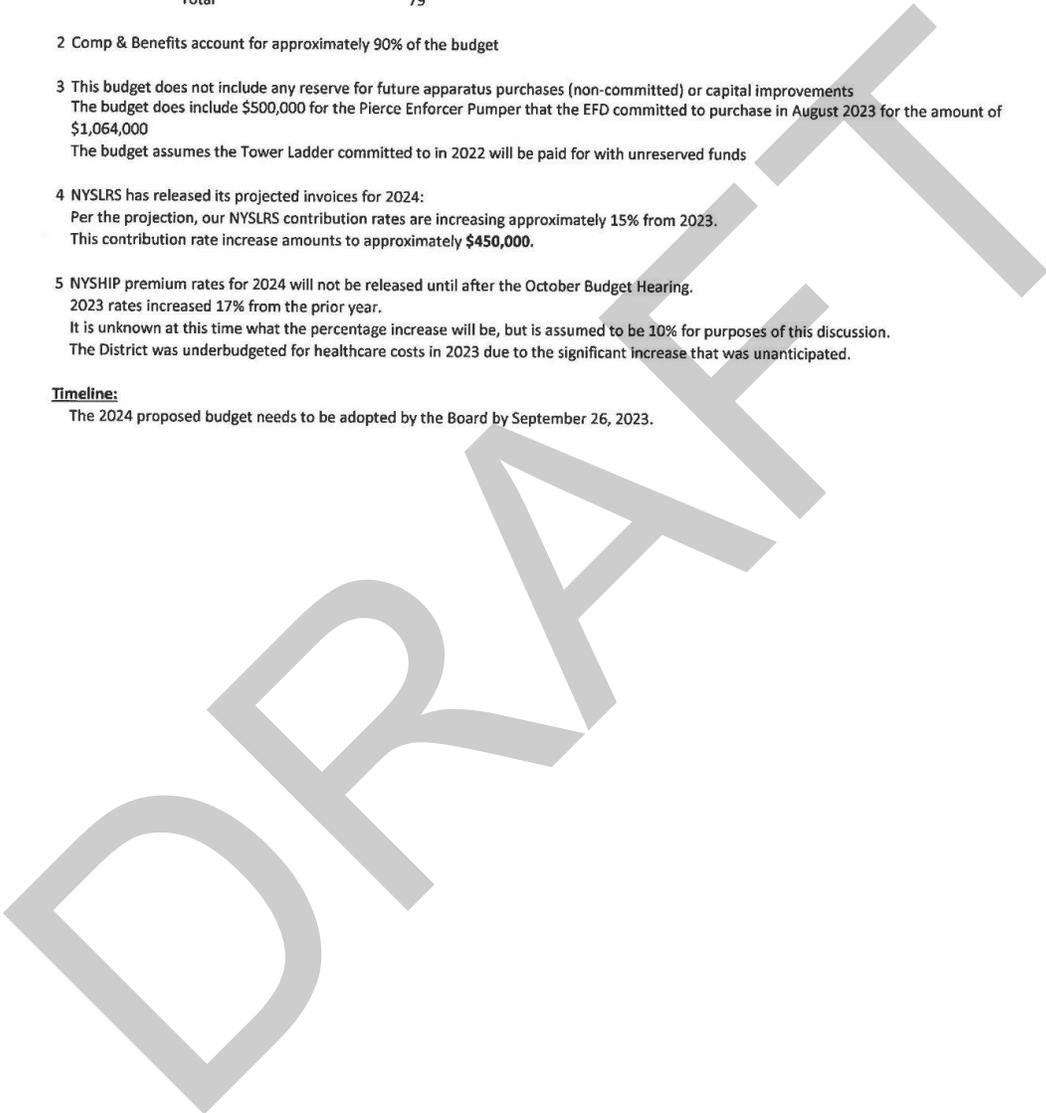
3 This budget does not include any reserve for future apparatus purchases (non-committed) or capital improvements
The budget does include \$500,000 for the Pierce Enforcer Pumper that the EFD committed to purchase in August 2023 for the amount of \$1,064,000
The budget assumes the Tower Ladder committed to in 2022 will be paid for with unreserved funds

4 NYSLRS has released its projected invoices for 2024:
Per the projection, our NYSLRS contribution rates are increasing approximately 15% from 2023.
This contribution rate increase amounts to approximately **\$450,000**.

5 NYSHIP premium rates for 2024 will not be released until after the October Budget Hearing.
2023 rates increased 17% from the prior year.
It is unknown at this time what the percentage increase will be, but is assumed to be 10% for purposes of this discussion.
The District was underbudgeted for healthcare costs in 2023 due to the significant increase that was unanticipated.

Timeline:

The 2024 proposed budget needs to be adopted by the Board by September 26, 2023.



Apparatus Purchase Commitments

Ladder Truck Commitment		1,852,000.00
2023 Budget	400,000.00	
FEMA Grant- received	54,000.00	
SAM Grant- pending	500,000.00	
Treasury Direct Interest- thru 8.10.23	220,000.00	

Remainder- Unreserved Surplus **678,000.00**

Pierce Enforcer Pumper Commitment		1,064,000.00
2024 Budget	500,000.00	
2025 Budget	500,000.00	
2026 Budget	64,000.00	

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Anticipated NYSHIP Costs 2024

Average Monthly Cost 2023	253,000.00
Estimated Total Cost 2023	3,036,000.00
Estimated Medicare B Premium Reimbursements	140,000.00
Total Anticipated 2023 Costs	3,176,000.00
2024- Estimated 10% increase	3,493,600.00

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NYSLRS Estimated Costs

2024 Estimate- pay in 2023			
Tier	Salary	Rate	Contribution
2	\$ 6,264,934.00	31.40%	\$ 1,967,189.28
5 cont	\$ 798,796.00	26.50%	\$ 211,680.94
5	\$ 268,025.00	29.90%	\$ 80,139.48
6	\$ 2,256,447.00	21.40%	\$ 482,879.66
			\$ 2,741,889.35

Tier	Salary	Rate	Contribution
A15	\$ 154,232.00	9.40%	\$ 14,497.81

2025 Projection- pay in 2024						
Tier	Salary	Projection Factor	Projected Salary	Rate	Contribution	% Inc
2	\$ 6,264,934.00	0.97	\$ 6,076,985.98	35.90%	\$ 2,181,637.97	14%
5 cont	\$ 798,796.00	1.04	\$ 830,747.84	30.50%	\$ 253,378.09	15%
5	\$ 268,025.00	1.04	\$ 278,746.00	34.30%	\$ 95,609.88	15%
6	\$ 2,256,447.00	1.25	\$ 2,820,558.75	24.70%	\$ 696,678.01	15%
					\$ 3,227,303.95	

Tier	Salary	Projection Factor	Projected Salary	Rate	Contribution
A15	\$ 154,232.00	1.20	\$ 185,078.40	11.20%	\$ 20,728.78

	\$ 3,248,032.73
Prepayment	\$ 3,224,843.00
Savings	\$ 23,189.73

Eastchester, NY Fire District
Budget vs. Actuals: FY2023 - FY23 P&L
Jan-August 2023

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Use of Capital Reserve				
Budget Encumbrances	120,246.83	120,246.83	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	19,816,022.50	19,816,022.50	0.00	100.00%
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure	6,597.00		6,597.00	
2401 Interest Earnings	221,626.27		221,626.27	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	71,448.18		71,448.18	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	18,800.00	14,000.00	4,800.00	134.29%
Total Income	\$ 20,254,740.78	\$ 19,950,269.33	\$ 304,471.45	101.53%
Gross Profit	\$ 20,254,740.78	\$ 19,950,269.33	\$ 304,471.45	101.53%
Expenses				
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	15,483.30	15,000.00	483.30	103.22%
1110.5 Outside Services	8,521.45	8,000.00	521.45	106.52%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,367.55	0.00	1,367.55	
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	6,603.08	7,333.36	(730.28)	90.04%
1150.5 Insurance	100,521.47	90,000.00	10,521.47	111.69%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,726.20	8,000.00	(5,273.80)	34.08%
1180.5 Education & Travel	492.44	3,333.36	(2,840.92)	14.77%
1200.5 Recruitment	1.49	5,000.00	(4,998.51)	0.03%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	49,732.27	94,526.60	(44,794.33)	52.61%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	4,096.52	13,333.36	(9,236.84)	30.72%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	25,908.61	25,402.18	506.43	101.99%
3040.2 Tires	11,209.93	10,666.68	543.25	105.09%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	28,181.08	33,333.36	(5,152.28)	84.54%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	44,927.62	53,333.36	(8,405.74)	84.24%
3070.2 Telephone	17,252.82	36,666.68	(19,413.86)	47.05%
3090.2 Certiorari	26,075.15	133,333.36	(107,258.21)	19.56%
3105.4 Uniforms	53,657.45	41,795.48	11,861.97	128.38%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	801.75	3,333.36	(2,531.61)	24.05%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	52,617.99	100,000.00	(47,382.01)	52.62%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	6,600.36	13,333.36	(6,733.00)	49.50%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	51,171.61	44,133.36	7,038.25	115.95%
3130.4 Office Supplies	3,565.15	5,333.36	(1,768.21)	66.85%
3135.4 Postage	812.26	1,000.00	(187.74)	81.23%
3140.4 Subscriptions	615.00	800.00	(185.00)	76.88%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,545.00	1,000.00	545.00	154.50%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	800.00	0.00	800.00	
3155.4 Sewer Tax	11,899.64	13,000.00	(1,100.36)	91.54%
3160.4 Fire Training	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100.00%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	56,435.69	50,000.00	6,435.69	112.87%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	43,012.51	75,955.31	(32,942.80)	56.63%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	4,897.35	4,000.00	897.35	122.43%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	140,580.43	86,666.68	53,913.75	162.21%

3410.11 Fire Chief salary	139,262.40	144,666.68	(5,404.28)	96.26%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	113,233.60	113,333.36	(99.76)	99.91%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	552,432.00	566,666.68	(14,234.68)	97.49%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	825,928.00	840,000.00	(14,072.00)	98.32%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	3,891,234.92	4,013,333.36	(122,098.44)	96.96%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	46,239.28	48,666.68	(2,427.40)	95.01%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	18,075.00	25,000.00	(6,925.00)	72.30%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	109,864.41	117,466.68	(7,602.27)	93.53%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	57,320.22	60,000.00	(2,679.78)	95.53%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees			0.00	
3410.44 Year-End fees	16,500.00	17,500.00	(1,000.00)	94.29%
Total 3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ (1,000.00)	94.29%
3410.46 Consultants fees	4,500.00		4,500.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	29,450.00	43,333.36	(13,883.36)	67.96%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	16,306.50	60,000.00	(43,693.50)	27.18%
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 50,256.50	\$ 103,333.36	\$ (53,076.86)	48.64%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	7,764.84		7,764.84	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	103,122.51	134,000.00	(30,877.49)	76.96%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	243,267.24	271,000.00	(27,732.76)	89.77%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	124.80		16.00	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	474,353.02	553,500.00	(79,146.98)	85.70%
3413.12 Overtime- Training		0.00	0.00	
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	31,816.08	66,666.68	(34,850.60)	47.72%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	22,198.95	26,666.68	(4,467.73)	83.25%
3414.1 EMT Training	18,432.42	15,000.00	3,432.42	122.88%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	80,980.56	85,000.00	(4,019.44)	95.27%
9010.8 NYS Retirement		0.00	0.00	
9020.8 Social Security	503,051.99	506,666.68	(3,614.69)	99.29%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	22,357.96	25,214.98	(2,857.02)	88.67%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	235,154.00	255,000.00	(19,846.00)	92.22%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	43,849.13	23,000.00	20,849.13	190.65%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	12,547.50	20,000.00	(7,452.50)	62.74%
9060.81 Hospital	2,286,032.16	2,212,500.01	73,532.15	103.32%
9060.82 Dental	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	48,000.00	50,000.00	(2,000.00)	96.00%
Total Expenses	\$ 10,878,512.66	\$ 11,424,795.04	\$ (546,282.38)	95.22%
Net Operating Income	\$ 9,376,228.12	\$ 8,525,474.29	\$ 850,753.83	109.98%
Net Income	\$ 9,376,228.12	\$ 8,525,474.29	\$ 850,753.83	109.98%

Eastchester, NY Fire District
Budget vs. Actuals: FY2023 - FY23 P&L
 January - December 2023

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Use of Capital Reserve				
Budget Encumbrances	234,483.71	234,483.71	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	19,816,022.50	19,816,022.50	0.00	100.00%
2401 Interest Earnings	221,626.27		221,626.27	
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure	6,597.00		6,597.00	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	71,448.18		71,448.18	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	18,800.00	21,000.00	(2,200.00)	89.52%
Total Income	\$ 20,368,977.66	\$ 20,071,506.21	\$ 297,471.45	101.48%
Gross Profit	\$ 20,368,977.66	\$ 20,071,506.21	\$ 297,471.45	101.48%
Expenses				
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	15,483.30	19,519.00	(4,035.70)	79.32%
1110.5 Outside Services	8,521.45	12,000.00	(3,478.55)	71.01%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,367.55	9,000.00	(7,632.45)	15.20%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	6,603.08	11,000.00	(4,396.92)	60.03%
1150.5 Insurance	135,094.47	120,000.00	15,094.47	112.58%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,726.20	12,000.00	(9,273.80)	22.72%
1180.5 Education & Travel	492.44	5,000.00	(4,507.56)	9.85%
1200.5 Recruitment	1.49	5,000.00	(4,998.51)	0.03%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	49,732.27	144,697.80	(94,965.53)	34.37%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	4,096.52	20,000.00	(15,903.48)	20.48%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	25,903.61	50,725.18	(24,821.57)	51.07%
3040.2 Tires	11,209.93	16,000.00	(4,790.07)	70.06%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	28,181.08	50,000.00	(21,818.92)	56.36%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	44,927.62	80,000.00	(35,072.38)	56.16%
3070.2 Telephone	17,252.82	55,000.00	(37,747.18)	31.37%
3090.2 Certiorari	26,075.15	175,000.00	(148,924.85)	14.90%
3105.4 Uniforms	53,657.45	54,250.00	(592.55)	98.91%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	801.75	5,000.00	(4,198.25)	16.04%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	52,617.99	150,000.00	(97,382.01)	35.08%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	6,600.36	20,000.00	(13,399.64)	33.00%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	51,171.61	66,200.00	(15,028.39)	77.30%
3130.4 Office Supplies	3,565.15	8,000.00	(4,434.85)	44.56%
3135.4 Postage	812.26	1,500.00	(687.74)	54.15%
3140.4 Subscriptions	615.00	1,200.00	(585.00)	51.25%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,545.00	1,500.00	45.00	103.00%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	800.00	10,000.00	(9,200.00)	8.00%
3155.4 Sewer Tax	11,899.64	13,000.00	(1,100.36)	91.54%
3160.4 Fire Training	18,000.00	26,000.00	(8,000.00)	69.23%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	56,435.69	70,000.00	(13,564.31)	80.62%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	43,012.51	146,325.63	(103,313.12)	29.40%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	4,897.35	4,000.00	897.35	122.43%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	140,580.43	130,000.00	10,580.43	108.14%

3410.11 Fire Chief salary	139,262.40	208,000.00	(68,737.60)	66.95%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	113,233.80	170,000.00	(56,766.40)	66.61%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	552,432.00	850,000.00	(297,568.00)	64.99%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	825,928.00	1,260,000.00	(434,072.00)	65.55%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	3,891,234.92	6,020,000.00	(2,128,765.08)	64.64%
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3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	7,764.84		7,764.84	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	103,122.51	201,000.00	(97,877.49)	51.30%
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3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	31,816.08	100,000.00	(68,183.92)	31.82%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	22,357.96	40,000.00	(17,642.04)	55.89%
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3416.1 Terminal Leave	80,980.56	145,000.00	(64,019.44)	55.85%
9010.8 NYS Retirement		2,815,000.00	(2,815,000.00)	0.00%
9020.8 Social Security	503,051.99	760,000.00	(256,948.01)	66.19%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	22,357.96	37,822.50	(15,464.54)	59.11%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	235,154.00	255,000.00	(19,846.00)	92.22%
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9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	12,547.50	30,000.00	(17,452.50)	41.83%
9060.81 Hospital	2,286,032.16	2,950,000.00	(663,967.84)	77.49%
9060.82 Dental	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	48,000.00	50,000.00	(2,000.00)	96.00%
Total Expenses	\$ 10,913,239.67	\$ 20,071,506.21	\$ (9,158,266.54)	54.37%
Net Operating Income	\$ 9,455,737.99	\$ -	\$ 9,455,737.99	
Net Income	\$ 9,455,737.99	\$ -	\$ 9,455,737.99	

NOTES:

Chairman Carlo inquired about Option 1 and Option 2, asking if Option 1 is a tax levy of 5.3% increase. Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom confirmed and shared that is an estimated tax impact per household of \$110 increase per household for the year. If the District moved forward on Option 2, it would be an estimated 65 dollars.

Treasurer Hedstrom reminded the Board the District is required to go out for an RFP on audit services every five years and that they were coming up on needing to go out for 2023. She shared the process involved in the RFP and requested the Board consider the motion she had circulated earlier.

5. Chief Report

Chief Tween submitted the following report:

Alarm activity: 329

Fire: 6

EMS/Rescue: 162

Mutual Aid Given: 2 (FDMV-1, PMFD-1)

- 1) The old 2102 vehicle that was flooded during the remnants of Hurricane Ida has been sitting in the rear lot for two years. The District was paid \$74,000.00 for the damage to the vehicle by our insurance company. The vehicle does not run. I request the Board's authorization to auction the 2016 Chevy Silverado and SpaceKap to the highest bidder using Auctions International.
- 2) I request the Board's authorization to purchase three Stryker Lucas 3 Chest Compression systems. We currently have two in service on E-31 and Car 2102. Adding three more devices will put one on all the front-line engines responding to EMS calls. They are used for CPR calls, can prevent members' injuries, and provide excellent non-stop CPR while the patient is packaged and transported to the hospital.
- 3) The District's lease with the Town of Eastchester for the Marble Schoolhouse Historical Society library will expire on 9/30/23. I request the Board's authorization to sign a lease agreement to extend the lease until 12/31/23, with no other changes, pending approval of the extension by the Eastchester Town Board. Hopefully, we will be back in the firehouse long before that date.
- 4) Part-time mechanic Hank Henninger is doing Vehicle and equipment maintenance in-house as much as possible. His report was emailed to the Board on 9/14/23.
- 5) Tim Dalton's weekly maintenance reports for August were emailed to the Board on 9/14/23.
- 6) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports were emailed to the Board on 9/6/23.
- 7) Currently, two members are out on long-term absence.
- 8) B&B Contracting Group has begun the work at the Chester Heights firehouse. There are several change orders for the work. One for additional sidewalk work, one for asbestos removal that is necessary due to pipes that were exposed during a wall demolition, and one to add radiator valves as recommended by the mechanical engineer Mang Wong.
- 9) Master Building and Contracting has completed the window removal and closure of the openings in the dorm and will begin installing the sheetrock on the stairwell walls and ceilings

next week.

10) September 11th was the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. I attended the Eastchester Memorial Service and the Westchester County Memorial Service. Maintenance Foreman Vincent Spadaro's name was added to the Westchester County 9/11 memorial for responders who have died from 9/11 cancer. His name joins Captain Philip Pinto's name on the memorial monument. I ask the Board to close tonight's meeting with a moment of silence for all those lost on 9/11/2001, and those that have died since 9/11/2001 from exposure to toxins during the rescue and recovery efforts.

Respectfully submitted September 14, 2023 by Chief Brian Tween

6. Secretary Report

Secretary Marissa "Isang" Smith submitted the following report:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 1) Website:
 - a) The public was notified on August 21st that the official Eastchester Fire District website address has been changed to "**eastchesternyfd.gov**". The old website address, "**eastchesterfd.com**," will redirect visitors to the new website address. Eventually, the email addresses for the employees may become "**@eastchesternyfd.gov**", but for now, all employee email addresses remain @eastchesterfd.com.
 - b) There were 595 new visitors for the month of August. The Hiring Process page is once again the top-performing page.
- 2) August Social Media: 3 Posts:
 - a) Instagram: @EastchesterFireDistrict
 - b) Facebook: Eastchester Fire District
 - c) X (formerly Twitter): Eastchester FD
- 3) The combined August/September newsletter will be sent out on 9/18

FOIL OFFICER

- 1) Our office received 4 FOILs in August

RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

- 1) The inventory clerks submitted their final report and map of district records. I will distribute this along with my remarks to the Board early next week.
- 2) Deliverables for the LGRMIF inactive record project have been drafted and sent to NYSA for review. I will share my drafts with the Board before making the final submission.
- 3) Electronic content management system research: I will submit my findings for the October meeting for the Board's consideration.

FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION

- 1) Resolutions have been prepared for the Board for the September meeting. Due to Tuckahoe Community Center being unavailable on December 12th, I shared with the Board alternate locations for their consideration.
- 2) Fire District Election materials will be updated and available on the Eastchester Fire District website (EastchesterNYFD.gov) early next week.

OFFICE - GENERAL

- 1) OML Document for September Meeting
- 2) Minutes have been updated and posted to the website
- 3) Updated 2023 resolutions spreadsheet
- 4) Regular office tasks as needed, including scheduling, billing, customer service, and staff support.

7. Business Office Recommendations

Action: 7.1 - Payment of Bills

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves to pay the bills and vouchers as presented. The Board has been supplied with two sets of bills and one credit card bill. Chief Tween has reviewed all prior to the meeting, except certiorari claims and those specifically marked as reviewed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has requested the Board approve the following:

Warrant 1- 9/14/23 - \$677,139.81

Warrant 2- 9/14/23 - \$838.43

Credit Card – 9/18/23 - \$2,567.23

Total: \$680,545.47

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Chairman Carlo

No: Commr. Keating

Action: 7.2 - RFP for Audit Services

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves the District to publish in the official public notice newspaper, The Journal News, an RFP for Auditing Service for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, with the option to renew for a term not to exceed five years. The RFP is expected to be advertised in September 2023, with bids required by November 30, 2023, and a bid awarded in December 2023.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Keating, Commr. Carlo

Action: 7.3 - Proposed Budget for 2024

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the proposed budget for 2024 with total Fire District expenditures of \$20,887,263 and a tax levy of \$20,866,263. The proposed tax increase is 5.3% and includes salary and benefits for 79 paid officers and firefighters. The proposed budget will/will not exceed the tax cap. The Board will move for final budget adoption at its meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7 PM in the evening at Fire District Headquarters after the completion of a Public Hearing.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

No: Commr. Keating

NOTES: Chairman Carlo felt Option 1 was the only option due to the drastically increased pension liability. Commr. Ranellone agreed with Chairman Carlo.

8. Other Business

Action: 8.1 - 2016 Silverado/SpaceKap Auction

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Tween to enter into an agreement with Auctions International to auction off the 2016 Silverado and SpaceKap.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Keating, Commr. Carlo

Action: 8.2 - Station 4 - Change Order - Sidewalk

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners approves the change order from B&B for Station 4 to: 1. Provide supervision and coordination. 2. Provide labor, material, clean-up, and rubbish removal. 3. Excavate and fill an area of approximately 5'-0" X 20'-0" to a depth of 11 inches from the beginning of the accessible ramp to the telephone pole. 4. Install 6" of compacted and tamped RCA aggregates. 5. Furnish and install rollout concrete reinforcing steel mesh. 6. Furnish and install 4,000 psi ready mixed concrete, troweled with broom finish. Proposed Cost: \$13,068.00

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

No: Commr. Keating

Action: 8.3 - Stryker Lucas Compression Devices

Resolution: WHEREAS, Eastchester Fire District owns and operates emergency equipment in its provision of fire protection services to residents in the Eastchester Fire District, and the individuals operating said equipment must know how to easily operate such equipment in order to quickly and safely provide said services; and WHEREAS, equipment manufacturers each have specific designs for emergency equipment which are not similar or the same from

one manufacturer to the next; and WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined, in accordance with the requirements of New York State General Municipal Law Section 103(5), that for reasons of economy and efficiency, there is a need for the standardization of emergency equipment purchases because training individuals on designs from multiple emergency equipment manufacturers is time-consuming, costly, and still allows the potential for confusion and mistakes associated with using multiple manufacturers with resulting delays in providing emergency response at moments when time is critical. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all future purchases of chest compression devices are hereby standardized to the following manufacturer's models, until further action from the Board of Fire Commissioners: Stryker; and be it further RESOLVED, that this Resolution will take effect immediately.

WHEREAS, Eastchester Fire District owns and operates emergency equipment in its provision of fire protection services to residents in the Eastchester Fire District, specifically including Lucas 3.1 Chest Compression Systems with ProCare Lucas Prevent Service; and WHEREAS, Eastchester Fire District is in need of additional chest compression systems in order to effectively provide fire protection services to the residents of the Fire District; and WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has previously resolved that all future purchases of chest compression systems would be standardized from one manufacturer, Stryker; and WHEREAS, Stryker has not authorized any third-parties to sell chest compression systems, making Stryker the only vendor for its chest compression systems; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Eastchester Fire District authorizes Chief Tween to execute any and all documents required to purchase three Lucas 3.1 Chest Compression System with ProCare Lucas Prevent Service, including power supplies, spare batteries and a desktop charger, from Stryker at a total cost inclusive of shipping of \$71,535.69; and be it further RESOLVED, that this Resolution will take effect immediately.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Cerasi

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Keating, Commr. Carlo

Action: 8.4 - Marble Schoolhouse - Lease Agreement

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Tween to sign the lease extension with the Town of Eastchester. The lease will be the same as the existing one, with the end date changing from September 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023 pending Town Board approval.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Cerasi

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

No: Commr. Keating

Action: 8.5 - Station 4 - Dorm Flooring

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Tween to purchase flooring services for the dormitory area at Station 4 with Tri-State Supply for a total amount of \$6510.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Cerasi

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

No: Commr. Keating

Action: 8.6 - Fire District Election

Resolution: WHEREAS, Section 175-a of the Town Law provides for a system of registration for Fire District Elections; and

WHEREAS, a register of eligible Fire District voters must be prepared prior to the Fire District Election; and

WHEREAS, such register shall be prepared from names of persons who have registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resident electors of the Eastchester Fire District are hereby appointed to constitute the Eastchester Fire District BOARD OF ELECTIONS for the 2023 Annual Fire District Election: Chairman of Elections: Marissa Isang Smith

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire District's CHAIRMAN OF ELECTION be compensated in the amount of \$100 for her services; that the Board of Elections be compensated in the amount of \$100 for their services in preparing the registration records; and that the following be appointed as Election Inspectors at the Fire District Election to be held on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 and that they be compensated in the amount of \$100.

The County of Westchester Board of Elections will supply a list of approved election inspectors to utilize the electronic voting machines on Election Day.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in case any of the members appointed herein are unable or refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners or Election Chairman may appoint alternates who are resident electors and re-assign location as needed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Eastchester Fire District, having heretofore appointed a Board of Elections to comply with the registration and voting procedures set forth in Section 175 and 175-a of the Town Law, does hereby designate on or about the 27th day of November 2023, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. as the date and time of the meeting of the Board of Elections to prepare registration rolls for the Annual Election of the Eastchester Fire District. The Fire District Election will be held on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Leroy Gregory American Legion Post #979, 40 Bell Road Ave, Scarsdale

Tuckahoe Marble Hall 100 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe New York

Bronxville Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York

Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Pl, Eastchester, New York

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Legal Notice informing the resident electors of the Eastchester Fire District of this meeting be published one time by the Fire District Secretary in the official newspapers of the Eastchester Fire District between; November 8 - 15, 2023.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Eastchester Fire District will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, between the hours of 2:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the following locations for the purpose of electing one (1) fire district commissioner for a five-year term commencing January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2028.

Only those persons who have registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections on or before the 20th day of November 2023, and have resided in the Fire District for at least thirty days prior to the date of the election, shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for district office shall file written petitions subscribed by at least 25 qualified voters with the Secretary of the Fire District at 255 Main St, Eastchester, New York no later than November 22, 2023 by 4:00 pm. Petition forms shall be made available by the Secretary upon request and are available on the Eastchester Fire District website www.eastchesternyfd.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners has divided the Fire District into ten election districts, and that the locations of such election districts and the polling place for each such election district is as follows:

No. 1 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 27 and 34, and the polling place shall be the Leroy Gregory Post 979, 40 Bell Rd, Scarsdale, NY.

No. 2 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 5, 23, 29 and 36, and the polling place shall be the Leroy Gregory Post 979, 40 Bell Rd, Scarsdale, NY.

No. 3 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 6, 8, 26, 30 & 38, and the polling place shall be the Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Pl, Eastchester, NY.

No. 4 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 7, 9 and 39, and the polling place shall be the Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Pl, Eastchester, NY.

No. 5 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 24, 25 28 and 37, and the polling place shall be the Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Pl, Eastchester, NY.

No. 6 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 10, 11, 32 and 33, and the polling place shall be the Marble Hall, 100 Columbus Avenue Tuckahoe, NY

No. 7 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 12, 13 and 14, and the polling place shall be the Marble Hall, 100 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY.

No. 8 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 15, 31 and 35, and the polling place shall be Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Pl, Eastchester, NY.

No. 9 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 16, 17 and 18, and the polling place shall be the Bronxville Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville, NY.

No. 10 – Shall consist of Town Election District Nos. 19, 20, 21 and 22, and the polling place shall be the Bronxville Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Rd, Bronxville, NY.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners has provided for absentee ballots for fire district elections. An applicant for an absentee ballot shall submit an application setting forth:

- (1) his or her name and residence address, including the street and number, if any, or town and rural delivery route, if any;
- (2) that he or she is or will be, on the day of the election, a qualified voter of the district in which he or she resides in that he or she is or will be, on such date, over eighteen years of age, a citizen of the United States and has or will have resided in the district for thirty days next preceding such date;
- (3) that he or she is registered in the town;
- (4) that he or she will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the election for which the absentee ballot is requested because he or she is, or will be on such day:
 - (a) a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability or
 - (b) because his or her duties, occupation or business will require him or her to be outside of the county of his or her residence on such day,
 - (c) because he or she will be on vacation outside the county of his or her residence on each day; or,
 - (d) absent from his or her voting residence because he or she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony; and
- (5) All other information as required by law.

Such application must be received by the district secretary at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his or her agent.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PAUL CARLO
CHAIRMAN
EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

The Fire Board Chairman is authorized to execute all documents provided by the Westchester County Board of Election and authorized vendors for the use and transportation of the electronic voting machines for the December 12, 2023, annual Fire Commissioners election.

Polling election officials who come to the training swearing-in ceremony at the Marble Hall, 100 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY, at 6 p.m. will be paid the amount of \$50.00.

Co-election officials will be paid \$25.00 for setting up, and polling official pay on Election day will be \$100.00.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Keating, Commr. Carlo

NOTES: Commr. Lore asked if the election inspectors work full day or if the shifts are split. Secretary Isang Smith advised the shifts are split up, but if they work both shifts (full day), they would still only receive \$100 as that is the maximum payment amount allowed by Town Law. Commr. Lore asked Chairman Carlo about using the Tuckahoe firehouse. Chief Tween advised to use Marble Hall for accessibility. Commr. Ranellone felt Marble Hall would be a better option for holding the polling location in Tuckahoe.

Action: 8.7 - Change Order - Station 4

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners approves the change order from B&B for Station 4 to:

1. During demo we exposed pipes that need to be removed
2. Per Engineers response to RFI #20
3. Removed ACM containing pipe insulation and properly dispose of same
4. Provide supervision and coordination.
5. Provide labor, material, clean-up, and rubbish removal.
6. We exclude sample testing
7. We exclude air monitoring
8. This is a "small job" as such we are pricing without NYS filings
9. Should a consultant develop a full scope of work, we reserve the right to review and price same. Any pricing changes will be submitted for approval

For a proposed cost of: \$8,596.00

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

No: Commr. Keating

Action: 8.8 - Change Order - Station 4

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners approves the change order from B&B for Station 4 to:

1. Per Engineers response to RFI #17
2. We will purchase and deliver 13 each flow control valves
3. We will install 13 each flow control valves, 1/2" NPT STV balancing valves
4. One per radiator
5. Provide supervision and coordination.
6. Provide labor, material, clean-up, and rubbish removal.

Proposed Cost: \$8,126.00

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

No: Commr. Keating

9. Future Meeting Dates

October 17, 2023 - Eastchester Town Hall - Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting

10. Comments from Local 916

Union President John Howard shared information on donating to Fill the Boot charity. John Howard thanked the Benevolent for their generous donation. John Howard shared that members would run in the Tunnel to Towers on September 24th. Howard also shared that next Wednesday, the 20th, Local 916 will deliver toys for Lifting Up Westchester. Howard invited the Board to the Union picnic on September 23rd at Interlaken Beach. Lastly, Howard congratulated Firefighter Kenneth Simonides on his retirement after serving the Town for over three decades between the fire service and DPW.

11. **Comments from the Public**

-Resident Mike Parici (16 Lockwood Avenue) - Parici shared positive comments on seeing progress at Station 4. Thanked the Board for moving in the right direction.

-Kenneth Simonides (144 Henderson Avenue) - Simonides wished to address a personal situation and desired a resolution. Simonides read off a memorandum dated June 16th, 2021, a notice of questioning and production of documents. Simonides believed that the memorandum was in relation to a FOIL request by Chief of Police Timothy Bonci. Simonides proceeded to read the FOIL submitted by Bonci. Simonides shared that the accusations made in the FOIL were false. Simonides read a letter from Chief Tween to Timothy Bonci dated April 15th, 2021. Simonides read a portion of the letter regarding records related to GML and 207a. Simonides read another letter requesting he come in for questioning with the Eastchester Fire Department. Simonides expressed frustration over the questioning process and how he has not received anything from the Fire Department, the Chief, or the Board of Fire Commissioners stating resolve of the former issues. Simonides demanded a formal apology from the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Chief, in writing and verbal response, regarding the issues he shared. Simonides shared he believed Bonci submitted the FOIL requests as a retaliatory measure in response to Simonides speaking on behalf of his stepson, Anthony Barberan, at a Town Board meeting. Simonides requested an explanation from the Board regarding the previous issues brought up.

Chairman Carlo shared he was unfamiliar with the issues and could not speak to it or form an apology from the Board. Simonides shared he believed he was entitled to a resolution on the issues. Simonides believed former Chief Bonci attempted to have him fired from the fire department as retaliation. Simonides referenced a federal lawsuit his stepson brought against the Eastchester Police and shared that the issues he brought up with the Eastchester Fire Department are a part of that federal lawsuit. Simonides reviewed the issues he found involving questioning by the Eastchester Fire Department and a private investigator. Simonides asked the Board when the Eastchester Firefighters became targets. Chairman Carlo asked how the Board targeted the Firefighters and shared that they were not targeting any firemen. Simonides continued to express anger over the experiences involving the questioning and the private investigator.

Simonides accused Commr. Keating of his behavior near his house and asked him why he was acting that way. Commr. Keating disagreed with Simonides on his behavior. Simonides and Commr. Keating continued to discuss their disagreements regarding

Keating being near Simonides' house. Chairman Carlo shared the Board would take Simonides' comments into consideration. Commr. Ranellone thanked Simonides for his years of service to the Town. Chief Tween shared he congratulated Simonides in his report the previous month.

-Anthony Fiore (Village of Tuckahoe) - Fiore asked if the polling location at Marble Hall would have a separate entrance for voting. The Board confirmed it would be a separate entrance from the main one for voters to access the community room.

12. Comments from the Commissioners

Commr. Lore shared that one of the retired firefighters' uncles passed away, Peter Cirrincione. Commr. Lore and Chairman Carlo shared their condolences to the Cirrincione family and said they would include his name in the moment of silence at the end of the meeting.

Commr. Ranellone proceeded to share his annual speech regarding September 11th. Commr. Ranellone shared that a year ago, in July, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and was glad to report that he no longer has cancer.

Commr. Cerasi commended Commr. Ranellone for his service on 9/11. Commr. Cerasi proceeded to share that he was looking for an artist to help design a patch of the Eastchester Fire District and the Local 916 logo for the windows at Station 4.

13. Adjournment

Action 13.1 - Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Chairman Carlo unanimously agreed upon

A moment of silence followed for the victims of 9/11, Vincent Spadaro, retired Captain Philip J. Pinto Jr., and Peter Cirrincione.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.