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2023/2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2023

1. Call to Order –

The Preliminary Budget Hearing meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Kelly Ogilvie. A quorum was established by a verbal roll call of Directors Ogilvie, Bracco, Latini, Mulvihill and Chief Matt Bailey were recorded as present. Director Lemos recorded as absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

3. The hearing is now open to discuss and adopt the Preliminary Budget for the Fiscal year 2023/2024

4. Public Comment –

Mr. Briggs spoke on several items.

1. Mr. Briggs stated everything looks good but he was concerned that this budget reflects an estimated \$17,000.00 greater than the anticipated incoming revenue. Although during the Ad Hoc Committee meeting it was discussed that the budget items never hit the amount set during the budget and the amounts can be changed and reset anytime during the year. He is concerned that the budget is \$17,000,00 greater than last years estimated revenue. Something the Board should note.
 2. The recommendation to raise the Chief's salary from \$62,000.00 to \$63,250.00 represents less than 2% cost of living increase. Mr. Briggs commented on this last year had an 8% increase on average on cost of living and inflation rate. He felt the 2% was a little low and the Board should consider a little bit higher than 2%, he noted the time and work the Chief has done for the District and felt the Board should consider a higher amount than \$1,250.00. (Just his opinion)
- Director Mulvihill agreed that the Chief's raise was not enough and has felt for a long time the Chief needed a higher salary according to the hours worked and responsibility he holds. Director Mulvihill also stated that a set % annually might be the way to go.

- Director Bracco stated that he felt the Board needs to look closely at the numbers they think can work for the district and go that direction. As was stated earlier we can adjust the budget up or down as needed to be but he likes it where it is at.

Action Items:

**5. Adoption of the 2023/2024 budget –
Budget Review -**

The President guided the Directors item by item with discussion on each account and asked if there were any recommended changes for the 2023/2024 preliminary Budget. The Board reviewed and made the following changes:

1. Chiefs Salary – looking into possible change for the final Budget.
2. Health Ins. – reduced from 18,000.00 to 14,000.00
3. Physicals/shots reduced from 1500.00 to 1000.00
- 4. Telephone *service/pagers & lines raised from 5,000.00 to 6,500.00***
5. Legal fees raised from 5,000.00 to 10,000.00
6. Dispatching raised from 7,000.00 to 12,000.00
7. *Contingency left the same*
8. *Structure and improvements left at 25,000 and added the project of fencing in the property.*
9. Discussion on all other deficits accounts recalculated to meet the projected needs for the 2023/24 fiscal year
10. Director Ogilvie noted that this can be adjusted as needed.

📄 Prelim. Budget	\$519,996.00	Budget – 2023/2024
📄 Estimated Income	UNKNOWN	- Est. Income 2023/2024
Carryover 20/22	UNKNOWN	- Carry over from 2022/2023

The unknown amounts will be known in September when received from the County prior to setting the Final Budget in October.

Director Latini motioned to adopt the Preliminary Budget with noted changes for the 2022/2023, Director Mulvihill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Motion passed	Bracco -	Aye
	Latini -	Aye
	Lemos -	Absent
	Mulvihill -	Aye
	Ogilvie -	Aye

Adjournment:

With no other discussion or questions President Ogilvie entertained a motion to adjourn the preliminary budget meeting.

Director Mulvihill motioned to adjourn the preliminary Budget hearing, Director Bracco second the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

	Bracco -	Aye
	Latini -	Aye
	Lemos-	Absent
Motion Passed	Mulvihill -	Aye
	Ogilvie -	Aye

With no other business the preliminary budget hearing was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 pm after a short recess.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Bailey

Fire Chief/Board Clerk