

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
2013 Fire Budget Public Hearing  
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Vestal Fire District, County of Broome and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 605 Vestal Parkway W, Vestal, NY on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**PRESENT:**        **Fire Commissioner John Schaffer**  
                      **Fire Commissioner Fran Majewski**  
                      **Fire Commissioner David Marnicki**  
                      **Fire Commissioner Patty Fitzgerald**  
                      **Fire Commissioner Steve Milkovich**

**ALSO PRESENT:**     **Fire Chief Pat McPherson**  
                              **Assistant Fire Chief Company #1     Doug Rose**  
                              **Assistant Fire Chief Company #2     Pat McPherson**  
                              **Assistant Fire Chief Company #3     Ronald Birdsall**  
                              **Assistant Fire Chief Company #4     John Paffi**  
                              **Fire Department Secretary Sue Bowen**  
                              **Fire Department Members: Ed Hildebrand, Chuck**  
                              **Paffie & Dave Bown**  
                              **Town Clerk Emil Bielecki**  
                              **Deputy Town Clerk Kathie Young**  
                              **Comptroller Laura McKane**  
                              **NYS OEM Tom McCartney**  
                              **YNN News reporter**

Fire Commissioner Schaffer convened the meeting at **6:00 PM** and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Fire Commissioner Schaffer offered the **Affidavit of Publication** and **Proof of Posting** for the Public Hearing for the **2013 Fire District Budget** and then opened the Public Hearing proceeding with a power point presentation (a copy of which is shown below) highlighting the most significant items in the proposed operating budget.

Commissioner Schaffer commended the Fire Department for all their hard work on

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this budget.

**PROPOSED 2013 VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**



**VESTAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- 142 Members
- 4 Potential New Members
- Largest Fire Department in Broome County and Surrounding Areas

**2012 vs. 2013 Budget**

	<b>Fire District Appropriations</b>	<b>Tax Levy</b>	<b>Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessment</b>
2012 Budget:	\$ 1,214,213	\$ 1,079,120	.5552
2013 Proposed Budget:	<u>\$ 1,223,182</u>	<u>\$ 1,071,020</u>	.5587
Change:	\$ 8,969	\$ (8100)	.0035

**MAJOR ITEMS**

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|---|------------|
| • Debt Service                              | \$ 277,786 |
| • Transfer from Fire to LOSAP               | \$ 118,000 |
| • Workman's Compensation                    | \$ 157,500 |
| • Operational Materials, Supplies, Expenses | \$ 103,965 |
| • Vehicle Maintenance                       | \$ 143,125 |
| • Fire Equipment                            | \$ 47,355  |
| • Salary & Benefits – Secretary             | \$ 63,276  |

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• Building Improvements & Additions to Capital Reserves	\$ 43,000
• Utilities & Building/Grounds (insurance, Fuel, building maintenance)	\$ <u>163,725</u>
	<b>\$1,117,732</b>

Fire Commissioner Schaffer concluded his presentation

**Fire Commissioner Comments**

Fire Commissioner Majewski commended the Fire Department and Chief McPherson. However, he cautioned them from taking too much from their reserves. He wants to make sure that they have a cushion. He would like the reserve to be higher.

Councilman Milkovich also commended the Fire Department.

Fire Commissioner Fitzgerald stated that the Town of Vestal is very fortunate to have our Fire Department. People don't realize how many calls they answer. She thanked them for the great job they do.

Chief McPherson stated that they could not do this job without the great staff and dedicated members.

Fire Commissioner Schaffer stated that he is looking forward to working with the Fire Department in making additional improvements. He thanked them for all that they do and then closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Fire Commissioner Marnicki, seconded by Fire Commissioner Milkovich, to adopt the 2013 Fire District Budget.

Comptroller McKane recommended that the Board not adopt the budget at this time because she is waiting for the Worker's Compensation numbers which may change the final figures.

Fire Commissioner Marnicki withdrew his motion.

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**Vote for Adoption of 2013 Fire District Budget Set for October 24, 2012**

On a motion of Fire Commissioner Marnicki, seconded by Fire Commissioner Milkovich, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5      Majewski, Fitzgerald, Milkovich, Marnicki, Schaffer  
Nays 0

Resolved to hold the vote adopting the 2013 Fire District Budget at the Regular Meeting of the Town Board on October 24, 2012.

**Adjournment**

On a motion of Fire Commissioner Marnicki, seconded by Fire Commissioner Milkovich, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM. Carried unanimously.

**Submitted by:**

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**Fire District Secretary Emil Bielecki**