

Budget Hearing

Garrison Fire District

Board of Commissioners

Budget Hearing – October 20, 2020

Minutes of the Budget Hearing of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 20th of October 2020

1. Call to Order. The meeting of the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Prentice, at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner's Present: Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Bohl, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary, Chief, Members of the public – who signed in on attached sheet.

2.The Board then opened up the hearing for public comments.

- Jim Erickson stated he felt the long range plan should be more closely reviewed during the budget process. There should be a more complete truck schedule and planning for the future expense of new trucks and maintenance of the aging current trucks. He feels the District should have a workshop in advance of the budget planning sessions to discuss the upcoming needs of the company. Jim also feels strongly the District should purchase the upgraded multi band radios for the future. He feels with the increased concerns regarding brush fires the District should update and expand the equipment they have to fight those types of fires. Jim also feels the District needs to improve its efforts to get new members to join the Department.
- Commissioner Lomonaco thinks a workshop is a good idea but it should be Company driven as they have the most knowledge of the needed equipment. She feels the District needs a detailed list of things that need to be done or purchased with a priority listed to each submitted by the Company.
- Commissioner Bohl feels that the budget should have been increased to buy the new radios and additional items this year.
- Commissioner Prentice feels the new radios need to be purchased but there is time to review it and work on it next year. He is glad to participate in a long range plan workshop.

3.The Board then allowed to let the public discuss their concerns with the budget.

Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to close the hearing at 7:56 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary