



GATES FIRE DISTRICT



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**Gates Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
Budget Hearing
TUESDAY, October 17, 2023
6:30 PM**

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance

Daniel Cox, Chairman
Louis Comenale, Jr., Vice Chairman
David Hancock, Commissioner
James R. Werth, Commissioner
David DiCaro, Commissioner
Alan R. Bubel, District Fire Chief
Timothy D. Goole, District Assistant Fire Chief
Brittany Gould, Treasurer
Julie Spencer, Deputy District Treasurer
Donna Capone, District Secretary

Guests

Absent

Mark C. Butler, Esq., Legal Counsel-Excused.

Public Hearing called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Comenale.

Chairman Cox identified all the emergency exits within the building.

Chairman Cox made formal introductions of staff in attendance.

Chairman Cox introduced the Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Proposed Budget in accordance to New York State Town Law.

Our policy on Rules of Public Comment provides for the public to comment one-time for three minutes (a one-minute warning will be given) Questions will not be

answered at this time. You will be asked to state your name and address for the record. The public comment period will be after the Treasurer's presentation.

District Treasurer Brittany Gould facilitated a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2024 Proposed Budget.

Treasurer Brittany Gould reviewed the Mission Statement of The Gates Fire District.

The 2024 proposed budget is \$16,982,155 which consists of various appropriations offset by revenues from leases, interest and appropriations set aside from 2022 to be used to reduce the 2024 taxes.

The Gates Fire District operates in two municipalities, the Town of Chili and Town of Gates. The assessed value in total of these two municipalities is approximately \$2.8B. Town of Chili makes up about 17% of the Fire District tax levy and Town of Gates is about 83%.

The 2024 proposed budget and tax levy are increasing 6.7% and 3.3%, respectively, from 2023. The Gates Fire District exceeded the tax cap by only .3% or about \$49K.

Chairman Cox explained the purpose of this hearing is to allow any person to speak in favor of or against the proposed budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

At this time would anyone like to address the Board of Fire Commissioners?

Don Iannone, 4099 Lyell Road addressed the Board.

Charles Johnson, 150 Rowley Drive addressed the Board.

Joann Marianetti, 53 Golden Oaks Way addressed the Board.

Joe Antonio, 25 Twin Oak Drive addressed the Board.

Cherie Stuhler, 11 Jordan Avenue addressed the Board.

Scott Bubel 36 Landau Drive addressed the Board.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the October 17, 2023, Budget Hearing at 6:49 p.m. made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Werth. Commission polled: All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Capone
District Secretary