

Minutes of the Public Hearing 2025 Proposed Budget

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, NORTH CASTLE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 ARMONK, NY October 14, 2024

Chairman Fisher called the hearing to order at 6:30 PM

The Secretary called the roll:

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| Commissioner Mario Dushi | Present |
| Commissioner William Fisher | Present |
| Commissioner Ernie Lombardi | Present |
| Commissioner Edwin Schultz | Present |
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| Treasurer Adam Ross | Present |

Chairman Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Fisher stated the following: *This is the public hearing regarding the 2025 proposed budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law, all Fire Districts must, prior to the adoption of their budget, hold a public hearing on their budget. This budget hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the budget process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with legal requirements has adopted their proposed budget on September 9, 2024, which is greater than 21 days prior to the budget hearing.*

Since North Castle Fire District 2 maintains a website, the proposed budget was posted on that website pursuant to the requirement of the Town Law.

The Secretary of the Fire District has filed with this District an affidavit stating that the notice of Public Hearing was published or posted at least 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in:

- *The official newspaper of the Fire District*
- *On the Fire Districts website*

The notice of public hearing specified the time and date when and the place where this public meeting would be held.

Upon its adoption the fire district secretary also made available for inspection and copying of the proposed budget to any interested person during district office hours.

The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public to make comments on the budget. Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the preliminary budget or any item in it. Please note that this is only a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the final budget.

Prior to the public comments portion of this budget hearing, we will hear from the Fire District Treasurer who will make a brief presentation about the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who attend this evening.

This budget may be adopted no later than November 4th and submitted to the budget officer by November 7th.

The Treasurer presented the following information:

Total proposed expenses for the 2025 North Castle Fire District #2 Operating Budget are \$1,907,219.00. Estimated miscellaneous revenues to be collected are \$26,500.00. Revenues funded by property taxes levied by the Town of North Castle are set at \$1,880,719.00.

Commissioner Fisher stated the following: *The public comment period begins. I will now ask any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to come forward so that person may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it. I request that if you wish to address the Board on the proposed budget, raise your hand to be recognized. Clearly state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Please direct all your questions to the board or the treasurer. This is not a question-and-answer session. Your question will not be answered when asked. The board is looking for your opinion on the budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. Please tell us what you are in favor of regarding this budget or what you are against. You may ask questions, but this board and the treasurer will not answer any questions until the conclusion of the public comments period.*

There were no members of the public present.

At 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Fisher stated: *The public comments period of the annual budget hearing has now concluded. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners are now allowed to ask questions.*

The Board of Fire Commissioners had no questions for the Treasurer.

Commissioner Fisher stated the following: *This public hearing regarding the 2025 proposed budget is declared closed. Can I receive a motion from a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners?*

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to close the public hearing and set the budget adoption date as October 14th. Commissioner Dushi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph P. McConnell
Fire District Secretary