

**Board of Directors**  
**Budget Committee Meeting**  
**April 7th, 2021**  
**Mohawk Valley Fire Station #1**  
**92068 Marcola Rd.**

**Call to Order:** President Woodworth called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Ted Arnold, needed to call the meeting to order and elect new officers. Ted Arnold called to open the budget meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Elmer Shew  Quentin Holmes  Eric Stevenson   
Kevin Woodworth  Peggy Shultz

Budget Committee Members: Edward (Ted) Arnold  Kandice (Kandi) Diskin   
Amy Stephens  Val Rylands  Jeff Little

**Elect Officers**

Elmer nominated Ted to stay in as chair and Quentin seconded; it was approved 7-0. Ted ask for nominated for the secretary; Amy nominated Val and it seconded by Quentin. It was approved 7-0.

**Review of Budget**

Chief read the budget statement. Val asked about the LOSAP and Chief explained. President Woodworth explained conflagration.

Chief discussed some highlights of the budget.

Page 11 Equipment Reserve Fund

We have over \$300,000 in the fund

Ed asked about when we will buy the next engine. Chief is expecting about 2023-2024 budget year. He wants to downsize vehicles to lower maintenance costs. Ed asked about how much an engine is costing. These days it is \$375,000 and then probably about 12% increase in price each year.

Page 12 General Fund Resources

It includes taxes estimated to receive and collected in year levied; about a 6% interest. It includes equipment, fire protection contract, conflagration, grant, and fuel reimbursement revenues. Ted asked about grant revenues. We write 2-3 grants a year so we always budget for it since we have been receiving grant money.

Page 16 General Fund

There was a 10% health insurance increase and a 6% increase in PERS. The staff payroll increased but this will level out as all paid employees are almost to the step max. Ed asked about health premiums. The district pays 100% of the premiums. Amy asked about the unemployment tax increase; this is paid by the employer. There was discussion on the health insurance special district pools.

Page 17-18 Detailed expenditures for materials and services.

We are now providing a cell phone stipend to all paid employees. The biggest expense is fuel. We are trying to increase incentives for volunteers each year. This is good news as our district was paying the highest per call. The dispatch fees are now lowered and for all districts after all districts came to an agreement. President Woodworth asked about Mary Cole Days. Since it was cancelled last year due to COVID and may again be this

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year, it could be eliminated again all together, but will try to put on some event for the community even if it is not Mary Cole. Elmer asked about station 5 electricity. We have made some improvements, but it is still high and even EPUD cannot find a reasoning, so it is still be watched. Otherwise not much has changed.

Page 19 Detailed expenditures for capital outlay.

Our facility improvements went down since we don't have any big projects coming up. We have 3 more payments on the pumper and we could probably pay it off early. President Woodwoth mentioned the cheap cost of \$15,000 to get a modular building from the school district for our new weight room.

Page 20-21 Bonded Debt

We have to keep the bond debt and revenues on a separate sheet. We are in year 3 and have 2 more years till pay off. Ted wanted to know the original rate, Chief didn't know but did say the rates are locked in when you get them. President Woodworth mentioned the sheriff's office is going out for a bond to get a deputy resident for our district.

Chief said that is the summary and asked for any more questions. There were none.

Chief mentioned that our contingency fund has been lowered. He discussed the grants we have been working on.

There was praise for the Chief and discussion that we didn't need a second meeting. Ted read the budget resolution and it was signed. Val motioned to approve the budget and it was seconded by Amy. It was approved 7-0.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Motion to Adopt**

There was praise for the Chief and discussion that we didn't need a second meeting. Ted read the budget resolution and it was signed. Val motioned to approve the budget and it was seconded by Amy. It was approved 7-0.

Ted made a motion to adjourn. It was unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Public comment is invited. Portions of this meeting may be held in executive session as per **ORS 192.660**. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to **Chief Steven Wallace at 541-933-2907**.

Agenda Posted: Marcola Community Market, Mohawk Valley Fire District #1, Mohawk General Store, Website.

Submitted by Brenda Williams