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**Monroe Joint Fire District Meeting of September 24, 2020**

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Present:	Thomas Sullivan	Commissioner
	Jason Kalter	Commissioner
	John Centofanti	Commissioner
	Richard Goldstein	Treasurer
	Mary Ellen F. Beams	Secretary

Absent: Pat Patterson Commissioner

Treasurer Goldstein gave the updated number for the budget which is now at \$2,104,692.14. The Commissioners went over each line. Treasurer Goldstein informed the Commissioners that he will be deleting line 426-006 and moving the \$5,000.00 to line 650-001. This does not change the amount current amount of the budget that the Treasurer reported to the Commissioners.

**Close Special Meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Lowe, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval to close the special meeting at 7:30 pm.

Mary Ellen F. Beams  
Secretary, Monroe Joint Fire District.

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Present:	Thomas Sullivan	Commissioner
	Jason Kalter	Commissioner
	John Centofanti	Commissioner
	Thomas Lowe	Commissioner
	William Badura	Attorney
	Richard Goldstein	Treasurer
	Mary Ellen F. Beams	Secretary

Absent: Pat Patterson Commissioner

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**Resolution to Pay Bills**

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter seconded by Commissioner Lowe, the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Kalter, Lowe, Sullivan, Centofanti  
Nays 0

Approval to pay the bills presented to the Commissioners with the exception of Health Safety Report.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti, the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Lowe, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter  
Nays 0

Approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2020 special meeting and regular meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Commissioner Centofanti, seconded by Commissioner Lowe, the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Centofanti, Lowe, Sullivan, Kalter  
Nays 0

Approval of the minutes of the September 10, 2020 budget workshop meeting.

**Announcements**

Commissioner Sullivan had no announcements at this time.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Goldstein reported that the preliminary budget is at \$2,104,692.14. The budget came in under the 1.56% tax cap by \$66,623.00. The tax base growth factor is 1.0046 and the allowable levy growth factor is 1.0156.

**Adoption of the 2021 Preliminary Budget.**

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti, the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Kalter, Centofanti, Sullivan, Lowe  
Nays 0

Approval to adopt the preliminary budget for 2021 in the amount of \$2,104,692.00.

Commissioner Sullivan announced the Budget Hearing will be held on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the district office. The final budget will be delivered at the October 22, 2020 regular at Commissioners meeting.

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**Funds Transfer**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti, the following was  
Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Centofanti, Kalter, Lowe  
Nays 0

Approval for the Treasurer to transfer \$100,000.00 from 011-001 Fund Balance to 900-011 Capital Project Fund.

Treasurer Goldstein informed the Commissioners that he is working on fund balances in the general fund.

**Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report**

On a motion by Commissioner Centofanti, seconded by Commissioner Kalter, the following was  
Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Centofanti, Kalter, Sullivan, Lowe  
Nays 0

Approval to accept the Treasurers report.

**Chief's Report**

**New Member Application**

On a motion by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commission Centofanti, the following was  
Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners , Lowe, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter  
Nays 0

Approval of Michael Dascanio as an active firefighter member of Station No.2.

Assistant 1<sup>st</sup> Chief Lenahan spoke to the Commissioners about the computers still having Windows 7 which is not supported anymore. The computers are quite old and need to be replaced. Secretary Beams will get in touch with New Windsor IT to get some prices 6 desktops 2 laptops and 3 tough books for the Chiefs cars.

**Acceptance of Chief's Report**

On a motion by Commissioner Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Kalter, the following was  
Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Lowe, Kalter, Sullivan, Centofanti, Lowe  
Nays 0

Approval to accept the Chief's Report.

**Attorney's Report**

At this time there has been no response from the St#2 neighboring property owner in regards to the letter Attorney Badura sent him. The Harriman Village Building Inspector is going to look at this drainage issue.

Attorney Badura stated he had nothing new to report in regards to the Myer lawsuit.

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Attorney Badura informed the Commissioners that Commissioner Sullivan's term is up this year and the election will be held on December 8, 2020. Petitions will be available for pick up from the Secretary on October 26<sup>th</sup> and due back to her on or before November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Badura requested an Executive Session before the end of this meeting.

**Attorneys Report**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti, the following was  
Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Sullivan, Centofanti, Kalter, Lowe  
Nays 0

Approval to accept the Attorney's report.

**Building Maintenance Report**

Commissioner Kalter reported that he looked into another fire alarm monitoring system company and compared them with our contract with AFA. He recommends at this time there is no reason to switch companies. Trane was in looking at the boiler in regards to the gas pressure, Tech is not sure if it's a low pressure sensor problem. It has not occurred in the last week.

In the next few weeks Trane will come and install a drip leg on the boiler .

**St# 2 Boiler Drip Leg**

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, second by Commissioner Lowe, the following was  
Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Kalter, Lowe, Sullivan, Centofanti  
Nays 0

Approval to have drip leg installed to the boiler at St#2.

Commissioner Kalter reported that cracks in the engine bay floor area have been repaired.

**Building Maintenance Report**

On a motion by Commissioner Centofanti, seconded by Commissioner Lowe, the following was  
Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Centofanti, Lowe, Sullivan, Kalter  
Nays 0

Approval to accept the Building Maintenance Report.

**By-Law Change Request**

Commissioner Kalter discussed the requested by-law change on page 3:

The officers of each company shall consist of (1) Captain (2-3) Lieutenants- (3<sup>rd</sup> activated if needed at the request of company captain).

Commissioner Kalter does not like the way it's written but he doesn't have a better way to write it.

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Adopted                      Ayes 0

Nays 4 Commissioners, Lowe, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter

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Motion failed.

**LOSAP**

Secretary Beams reported that she had requested all sign in sheets from each stations Captains to be handed in no later than this evening, at this time she has received no sheets from any stations. She will send out another email requesting the sign in sheets for LOSAP point events.

**Truck Committee Update**

The Rescue Committee is meeting with EVI on October 6, 2020 to take suggestions and make final drawings and specs.

The Mini Pumper Committee hopefully will have more progress soon.

**Public Comment**

Jim Ebner stated, that he felt the Department By-Laws do not need to be changed. Lakeside has a Captain and 2 Lieutenants. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenants position is held open yearly. Those positions need to be voted in.

Jon Dolch stated we need to look at the apparatus replacement values in the insurance policy.

**Executive Session**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Lowe the following was

Adopted    Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Lowe, Kalter, Centofanti

Nays 0

Approval to enter into an executive session to discuss a particular person or persons.

**Return to Regular Session**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kalter, the following was

Adopted                      Ayes 4 Commissioners Sullivan, Kalter, Centofanti, Lowe

Nays 0

Approval to return to regular session.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Centofanti, second by Commissioner Kalter, the following was

Adopted                      Ayes 4 Commissioners, Centofanti, Kalter, Sullivan, Patterson, Lowe

Nays 0

Motion to adjourn the Monroe Joint Fire District meeting of September 24, 2020.

Mary Ellen F. Beams, Secretary, Monroe Joint Fire District