

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
May 1st, 2017
Station 891
FY 18 Budget**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner John Harris
Commissioner Herbert Burnes
Commissioner Madison Chisum

Chief Rountree
Deputy Chief Webb

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 18:05.

Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Chisum seconded.
Motion approved.

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the March 29th, 2017 minutes.
Commissioner Harris seconded.
Motion approved.

Budget Fiscal Year 2018

Before the budgets were presented Chief Rountree explained to the board that on April 19th, we were presented with a letter that states the City and the Town will not be renewing the contract after it expires on December 31st, 2017. We currently have money allocated for FY18 & FY19. They still have one more payment due March 1st, 2018 which will be allocated for FY20. The payment, for the lawsuit that was ruled in our favor earlier this year, is still due to us but possibly pending appeal. That payment could potentially be used for another budget year.

Chief Rountree presented two budgets (included in the packet) for the upcoming fiscal year. The green copy included the normal 1.67 annual longevity bumps for all employees and also a 1.33 COLA. The orange sheet did not include the COLA. Everything else was identical. Also included in the budget packet was a white sheet that listed the capital improvement purchases.

Neither budget includes any new personnel. The salary line item saw a decrease due to a few firefighters retiring that were replaced with recruits.

(Chief Rountree used the "orange" budget to discuss line by line with the Commission.)

The employer portion of retirement will be increasing by 3%.

Insurance liability will go up due to a couple MVA's and the hurricane claims.

This year the internet account includes CrewSense, a scheduling program that allows officers to easily scheduled their crews, call for overtime, send out messages etc.

Communications – increase of \$9,000 for batteries, pagers & radio repairs and replacements.

Breathing Apparatus – increase of \$4,000 for maintenance.

Medical equipment – increase of \$5000. We used to get reimbursed for medical supplies years ago but that is no longer an option. We are having a hard time keeping up with our medical supplies on hand.

Firefighter supplies and Maintenance – We have not increased this account in a long time. An increase of \$6,000 is due to prices going up. I.e.: 1 helmet costs roughly \$300.

*Total operations budget = \$5,309,938 (non-COLA budget)

*Up \$102,664 from FY 2017.

*Using the estimated mil value of \$72,596.

*Increase the millage to the cap of 3.13% would equal 2.11 mils for Burton Fire District.

*Estimated to collect \$4,682,442 from the county.

*\$430,000 will be applied from City of Bft/Town of PR contract money (collected in 2016). \$229,950 will be applied to operations and the remainder to capital improvements.

*Projected \$392,546 shortfall.

Capital Improvements/wish list – These items are not items that will not be purchased right way only our true needs. Purchases will be held off until a mid-year review in case collections are not what we expect.

\$0 increase by taxation – will not be using impact fees or debt service.

The green budget is exactly the same as above except for the 1.33 COLA. It would create a potential shortfall of \$441,866 instead of \$392,546.

Commissioner Chisum motioned to approve the “green” 1.33 budget presented.

Commissioner Harris seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Executive Session

Commissioner Harris motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual situation.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Executive session began at 19:12.

Executive session ended at 19:43.

Commissioner Bright stated that a discussion ensued about a contractual agreement.
No action was taken.

Adjournment

Commissioner Harris motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Chisum seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 19:47.