

VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
7:00 p.m. –Village Fire Department

Minutes

Notice is hereby given of a Budget Workshop of the Fire Commission of the Village Fire Department to be held on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.** or upon completion of the special meeting at the Village Fire Department, 901 Corbindale Rd. Hedwig Village, Texas 77024. The meeting will be open to the public and a quorum of the board of commissioners will be physically present at the above location.

WORKSHOP:

1. Call to order

Present & Voting Were:

City of Hedwig Village
City of Bunker Hill Village
City of Spring Valley Village
City of Piney Point Village
City of Hunters Creek
City of Hilshire Village

Commissioner Matt Woodruff, Chair
Commissioner Keith Brown, Vice Chair
Commissioner Allen Carpenter, Secretary
Commissioner Zeb Nash, Treasurer
Commissioner Rob Adams, Member
Commissioner Robert (Bob) Buesinger, Member

Present Were:

City of Hedwig Village
City of Hilshire Village
City of Bunker Hill Village
City of Piney Point Village
City of Spring Valley Village
Village Fire Department

Alternate Mayor Tom Jinks
Alternate Mike Garofalo
Alternate Clara Towsley
Alternate Aliza Dutt
Alternate John Lisenby
Fire Chief, Howard Miller
Administrative Staff, Marlo Longoria & Katherine Stuart
Attorney Brandon Morris

Randle Law Firm

Not Present Were:

City of Hunters Creek

Alternate Fidel Sapien

Commissioner Woodruff asked Fire Chief, Howard Miller to present a high-level overview as to what he sees as the 2025 Budget and express any extraordinary items that the commission needs to focus on. The purpose of this is not to discuss the items tonight, but to set the stage for the Budget Workshop one week

Budget Workshop – 3/20/2024 High-level Overview

from tonight.

2. Comments from the Public (Comments are limited to 3 minutes each)

None

3. A workshop will be held to discuss the following items that may be considered at the Commission’s next regular meeting or at any future meetings. The following item is for discussion purposes only and no formal action will be taken.

a. 2025 Budget – Draft 1

Chief Miller presented the Proposed 2025 Budget – Draft 1

- Retirement benefits options
 - TMRS
- Overtime not included in the draft 1 - 2025 Budget
- No increase in the Salary draft 1 - 2025 Budget
- Possible increasing the new Deputy Chief’s vehicle cost on the Capital Replacement plan from \$100,000 to \$150,000 due to cost increases

Equipment

- Extrication equipment
- Rescue Boat - inflatable \$20,000/ \$35,000 for a metal boat
- Rescue SCBA - 200,000 Capital Replacement full change out for all employee Air packs
- Updated training the tower in poor shape \$60,000
- TMRS 16% high-level or 11% lower level

Commissioner Nash inquired about the recent settlement for Houston FD's new salary and possible raises and whether the change has affected any of our employees.

Commissioner Brown stated the increase would probably take a year to take effect.

Commissioner Woodruff to stayed that the commission wants to ensure that the overall compensation package for our firefighters stays competitive and the commission would continue the discussion with the budget process.

Commissioner Brown suggested that the Commission review the insurance broker/policies carried by the Village Fire Department

4. Adjournment

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Buesinger.

Audio link to 3-20-24

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