

Chairman James Rogers called the Public Budget Meeting of the North Merrick Fire District to order at 7:00 PM. Present Commissioners were; Commissioner Brian Ellensohn, Commissioner Scott Rockwin Commissioner James McCauley, Commissioner James Rogers and Commissioner Paul Wilders. Also present was District Treasurer Maura Fabian, District Attorney Joseph Pusateri, and District Clerk David Ward.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Rockwin.

A discussion was held on the 2025 District Budget, a motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner McCauley unanimously approved to adopt the 2025 North Merrick Fire District Budget \$ 3,537,961. : Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)

A discussion was held on the 2024 District Election, a motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner McCauley unanimously approved the enclosed "Notice of Election": Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissionr McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)

A discussion was held on the air conditioning in the hall, a motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved the emergency purchase of UV lights for the air conditioning in the hall 4 units at a total cost of \$ 4582.00: Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissionr McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)



North Merrick Fire District
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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LEGAL NOTICE

2024 NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL ELECTION

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT SHALL BE HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING LOCATED AT 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK, 11566. THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION MEETING ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH, 2024 AT 1 PM. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY THOSE PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT AND ARE REGISTERED WITH THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON OR BEFORE THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024 SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

FIRE COMMISSIONER (FIVE YEAR TERM) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT NOMINATIONS FOR FIRE COMMISSIONER, SHALL BE SUBMITTED ONLY ON THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT.

PETITION FORM MAY BE OBTAINED IN PERSON ON OR AFTER THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE, 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK 11566. SAID PETITION FORM SHALL BE SUBSCRIBED TO BY AT LEAST (25) TWENTY-FIVE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT. THE PETITION FORM SHALL SET FORTH THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE, HIS OR HER ADDRESS, AND THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS NOMINATED. ALL NOMINATING PETITIONS SHALL BE FILED AT THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH DAVID WARD, DISTRICT CLERK, 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK, 11566 ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20TH 2024 AT 4 PM.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DAVID WARD DISTRICT CLERK
NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 15, 2024

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1: OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2025 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on September 26, 2024 and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 15, 2024 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2025 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2025 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00%, or inflationary rate increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2025 budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00%, or inflationary rate increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$ 3,537,961.00

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner McCauley unanimously approved to adopt this resolution # 1: Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)

Chairman James Rogers	- YES
Commissioner James McCauley	- YES
Commissioner Brian Ellensohn	- YES
Commissioner Scottichael Rockwin	- YES
Commissioner Paul Wilders	- YES

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: October 15, 2024, New York

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2025 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on September 26, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 15, 2024 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2025 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2024 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00 % or inflationary rate, increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

WHEREAS, previously at this meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2025 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the North Merrick Fire District for 2025 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$ 3,537,961.00

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved to adopt this resolution # 2: Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.

Chairman James Rogers	- YES
Commissioner James McCauley	- YES
Commissioner Brian Ellensohn	- YES
Commissioner Scottmichael Rockwin	- YES
Commissioner Paul Wilders	- YES

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: October 15, 2024, New York

With no other business meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
Respectfully Submitted
David M. Ward
District Clerk

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTED BUDGET SUMMARY 2025

Total Appropriations		\$ 3,633,254.00
Less:		
Estimated Revenues	\$ 95,293.00	
Estimated Appropriated Unreserved Fund Balance	-	95,293.00
Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes		\$ 3,537,961.00

TAX APPORTIONMENT

(to be used when a fire district is in more than one town)

Town	Assessed Valuation (AV)	Equalization Rate (ER)	Full Valuation (AV/ER)	Total Full Valuation Percentage (1) / (2)	Apportioned Tax = (3) x Real Property Tax to be Raised
					\$ -
Total	\$ -	0%	\$ -	0%	\$ -

** Must agree with Budget Summary "Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes"

Town	Apportioned Tax
	\$ -
Total Apportioned	\$ -

I certify that the estimates were approved by the fire commissioners on:

9/10/2024
(Date)


FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT ADOPTED BUDGET REVENUES 2025

		Actual Revenues 2023	Budget as Modified 2024	Preliminary Estimate 2025	Adopted Budget 2025
A1081	Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 78,894	\$ 73,403	\$ 77,293	\$ 77,293
A1640	Ambulance Charges	51,160	-	18,000	18,000
A2401	Interest and Earnings	34,762	-	-	-
A2410	Rental of Real Property	1,900	-	-	-
A2660	Sales of Equipment	35,000	-	-	-
A2680	Insurance Recoveries	13,661	-	-	-
A2701	Refunds of Prior Year's Expenditures	362	-	-	-
A4389	Federal Aid, Other (specify): Public Safety	201,429	-	-	-
A5788	Leases	20,081	-	-	-
	TOTALS	\$ 437,249	\$ 73,403	* \$ 95,293	\$ 95,293

* Transfer to Budget Summary

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
ADOPTED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS 2025

	Actual Expenditures 2023	Adopted Budget 2024	Preliminary Estimate 2025	Adopted Budget 2025
A3410.1 Personal Services	\$ 333,498	\$ 348,817	\$ 372,028	\$ 372,028
A3410.2 Equipment and Capital Outlay	334,842	250,000	250,000	250,000
A3410.4 Contractual Expenditures	1,055,826	1,200,610	1,224,925	1,224,925
A4540.4 Ambulance Contractual Expenditures	-	-	1,620	1,620
A9010.8 State Retirement System	41,527	51,550	56,548	56,548
A9030.8 Social Security	25,513	26,685	28,460	28,460
A9040.8 Workers' Compensation	100,980	109,554	109,974	109,974
A9045.8 Life Insurance	26,839	28,500	28,500	28,500
A9055.8 Disability Insurance	11,170	13,901	13,250	13,250
A9060.8 Hospital, Medical and Dental Insurance	98,125	131,750	146,711	146,711
A9788.6 Principal on Lease Contracts	6,387	-	7,550	7,550
A9788.6 Interest on Lease Contracts	836	-	876	876
A9901.9 Transfer to Other Funds	1,387,457	1,219,075	1,392,812	1,392,812
TOTAL	\$ 3,423,000	\$ 3,380,442	\$ 3,633,254 *	\$ 3,633,254

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT

WORKSHEET A

COMPUTATION OF STATUTORY SPENDING LIMITATION

Full Valuation	\$ 3,807,762.352.94
Less: First Million of Valuation	\$ 3,806,762.352.94
Multiply Excess by .001 Expenditures Permitted on Full Valuation Above \$1,000,000	\$ 3,806,762.35
Add Expenditure Permitted on Full Valuation Below First \$1,000,000	\$ 2,000.00
Statutory Spending Limitation	\$ 3,808,762.35
Add Exclusions from Statutory Spending Limitation (Town Law 176(18) (from Worksheet B and Worksheet C)	\$ 2,590,948.00
Add Spending Authorized by Voters in Excess of Statutory Spending Limitation (Town Law 179)	\$ -
Sum of Statutory Spending Limitation, Exclusions and, Excess Spending Authorized by Voters	\$ 6,399,710.35
Less Budget Appropriations	\$ 3,633,254.00
Statutory Spending Limitation Margin	\$ 2,766,456.35

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT

WORKSHEET B

EXCLUSIONS FROM STATUTORY SPENDING LIMITATION

1.	Hydrant Rentals	\$ 184,388.00
2.	Lease of Water Supply	-
3.	Principal and Interest on Bonds/Municipal Contracts	-
4.	Compensation and Fringe of Paid Personnel	506,001.00
5.	NYS Retirement	56,548.00
6.	Self Insurance	-
7.	VFBL/ Workers Compensation	109,974.00
8.	Service Awards	250,000.00
9.	Blanket/Accident Insurance	41,238.00
10.	Disability Insurance	-
11.	Social Security	28,460.00
12.	Tax Anticipation Note	-
13.	Judgements and Claims	-
14.	Auto Insurance	40,000.00
15.	Monetary Awards	-
16.	Fuel for Emergency Vehicles	32,395.00
17.	Annual Independent Audit	12,600.00
18.	Appropriations to Reserve Funds	1,142,812.00
19.	Contributions to State Unemployment Ins Fund	-
20.	Amounts Received from Outside Contracts	-
21.	Use of Gift Proceeds	-
22.	Use of Insurance Proceeds for Replacement Property	-
23.	Income from Sale or Investment of District Obligations	-
24.	Insurance Premiums for Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefit	13,250.00
	Total Exclusions	\$ 2,417,666.00

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT

WORKSHEET C

OTHER EXCLUSIONS FROM STATUTORY SPENDING LIMITATION

1.	USE OF PROCEEDS FROM BONDS	\$	-
2.	EXPENDITURES FROM RESERVE FUNDS	\$	173,282.00
3.	PREMIUMS FROM SALE OF OBLIGATIONS	\$	-