

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**144 NEWTON STREET**  
**SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS 01075**

DOING OF SPECIAL MEETING  
December 14, 2017

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of Fire District No. 1, South Hadley, Massachusetts, met at the hour and place designated.

Meeting was digitally voice recorded.

It took 44 district voters 36 minutes to discuss and vote on the following articles during the Special meeting held at the Fire Department Headquarters, 144 Newton St., South Hadley, MA on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00pm.

**ARTICLE 1.-Fire Department Borrowing**

Motion was made by Kevin Taugher, seconded by Michael Wozniak.

**VOTED: Yes- 40, No-4, Motion passes**

The District voted to appropriate and borrow the sum of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) to pay the costs of acquiring a new fire truck and related departmental equipment and assets, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(1) and 9 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor; and further, that any premium received by the District upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further, the District is authorized to contract for and expend any Federal, State or other aide available for the project; and further that the borrowing authorized by this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or other aide received by the District on account of this project; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Questions and comments: There were many questions, answers and comments regarding the borrowing for the new fire truck.

Q: Why does the District need a new fire truck?

A: Because of the aging equipment that the District currently has.

Q: Will Fire District No.2 or the College be contributing to the cost of the truck?

A: District 2 will not and hopefully the college will but that was unknown at the time of the meeting.

Q: Why does the District need a 100' ladder truck?

A: It is not just the height of the building's but also the reach. Many houses in the District are set further back from the road.

Q: What will be the effect on the tax rate?

A: That depends on the interest rate at the time of borrow. An example borrowing chart was shown with rates of 2.5% and 3.5 % Showing an increase of \$0.14-\$0.15 on the tax rate.

### **ARTICLE 2.-Transfer from fire Vehicle Stabilization**

Motion was made by Michael Wozniak and seconded by Kevin Taugher.

#### **VOTED: by unanimous affirmative vote 44/0**

The District voted to appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the New Fire Truck Account, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$200,000.00 from the Fire Vehicle Stabilization Account or to take any other action relative thereto.

Questions and comments: None

### **ARTICLE 3.-Transfer money from Free Cash**

Motion was made by Bruce Perron and seconded by Michael Wozniak.

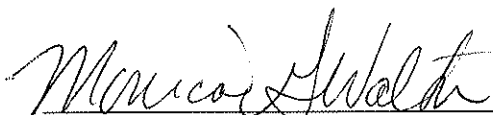
#### **VOTED: by unanimous affirmative vote 44/0**

The district voted to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 for the building improvement account for the repairs needed for the fire station bay floors and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from unreserved free cash or to take any other action relative thereto.

Questions and comments: None

Adjournment: a motion was made by Mark Beauregard and seconded by Kevin Taugher. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

  
Monica G. Walton, District Clerk