

**MINUTES
TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 6, 2023**

A special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District Office in the Board Room, 3335 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, South Carolina at 9:00 am.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Hannah, Commission Chairman
Paul Bowen, Commission Vice Chairman/Treasurer
Ken Carter, Commission Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief
Alicia Jenkins, Administrative Data Coordinator
Stephanie Hackler, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist
Shane Bagwell, Deputy Chief
Marty Dixon, Assistant Chief

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jaime Daniel

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hannah at 9:03 am.

Chairman Hannah stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this special called budget workshop meeting were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Vice Chairman/Treasurer Bowen made a motion to go into executive session as per SC Code of Law Sections 30-4-70(a)(1) for discussion of employment, position requirements, and compensation of employees and Commissioners and other employment related issues. Secretary Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 9:04 am.

Vice Chairman/Treasurer Bowen made a motion to exit executive session. Secretary Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 9:16 am. No action was taken during executive session.

Secretary Carter made a motion to pay Commissioners \$747.50 per month as discussed in executive session. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hannah recognized Mrs. Jaime Daniel to present a draft of the FY 2024 Budget. The FY 2023 (2022 Tax Year) tax rate millage for the Fire Department is 74.5 and the proposed tax rate millage for FY 2024 (2023 Tax Year) is 81.0. The proposed percentage increase in the operating millage rate between FY 2023 and FY 2024 is 10.24%. The overall proposed millage increase is 8.72%. The total budgeted revenues and expenditures for FY 2023 was \$7,286,000 and proposed total for FY 2024 is \$8,261,000. The increase is primarily due to increased personnel costs, safety, maintenance, general insurance, occupancy, lease payments, reserves, and capital expenditures. In reference to the tax payer impact, according to the 2023 tax year proposed millage, the homeowner of a home valued at \$100,000 would pay approximately \$324 in property taxes for annual fire

protection, which is an increase of \$26.00 (or 6.5 mils) from the 2022 tax year. Fire Chief Baker then briefly expounded upon details of the Department's proposed capital expenditures and a brief discussion ensued.

Secretary Carter made a motion to accept the proposed mil rate increase of 81.0 and to designate staff to notify the public of the upcoming Public Hearing on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 4:30 pm. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimous.

There was no public in attendance; therefore, there was no public comment.

Without any further business, Secretary Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman/Treasurer Bowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.


Commissioner Jeff Hannah, Chairman

7-11-2023
Date Minutes Approved


Commissioner Paul Bowen, Vice Chairman/Treasurer


Commissioner Ken Carter, Secretary