

South Hempstead Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
October 20, 2026

BUDGET HEARING PROCEDURE AND PROCESS

- a. Roll Call
- b. Pledge of allegiance
- c. Public Hearing on Budget:
 - i. Chairman reads the following notice
 1. ***This is the public hearing regarding the 2027 proposed budget. In accordance with New York State Town Law, all Fire Districts must, prior to the adoption of their budget, hold a public hearing on their budget. This budget hearing must be held in such a manner to maximize participation in the budget process. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the contents of the budget. The Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with legal requirements has adopted their proposed budget on the 22nd day of September, 2026, which is 21 days prior to this budget hearing.***
 2. Since the South Hempstead Fire District maintains a website, the proposed budget was posted on that website pursuant to the requirement of the Town Law.
 3. The Secretary of the fire district has filed with this district an affidavit
 - i. ***Stating that the notice of this public hearing was published or posted at least 5 days before the date specified for the hearing in***
 1. ***The official newspaper of the fire district,***
 2. ***The official signboard of the Town or Towns where the district is located,***
 3. ***On the fire district's website, and***
 4. ***On the website of the Town or Towns where the district is located.***
 4. The notice of public hearing specified the time, date, and the place where this public hearing would be held.
 5. Upon its adoption, the fire district secretary also made available for inspection, and copying the proposed budget to any interested person during district office hours.
 6. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow members of the public to make comments on the budget. Any person may be heard in favor of, or against, the preliminary budget or any item in it. Please note that this is only a proposed budget until the Board of Fire Commissioners adopts the final budget.
 7. Prior to the public comment portion of this budget hearing, we will hear from the Fire District Treasurer who will make a brief presentation about the preliminary budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are present. The Fire District Treasurer will be asked to submit the proposed budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners and members of the public who are here this evening.
 8. This budget must be adopted no later than November 4th and submitted to the Town Hall budget officer by November 7th.

ii. THE TREASURER PRESENTS THE PROPOSED BUDGET

- a. During this period the Treasurer should make a brief summary of the proposed budget.
- b. The treasurer should not answer specific questions during this time so not to make this a question and answer session.

iii. THE CHAIRMAN NOW STATES

The public comment period begins. I will now ask any person present wishing to be heard on this proposed budget to come forward so that that person may be heard in favor of, or against, the proposed budget or any item in it. I request that if you wish to address the Board on the proposed budget, you come to the podium directly in front of us, or raise your hand to be recognized. Clearly state your name and address for the record. Please limit your comments to five (5) minutes. Please direct all your questions to the Board or the Treasurer. This is not a question and answer session. Your question will not be answered when asked. The board is looking for your opinion on the budget or any part of it, whether favorable or not. Please tell us what you are in favor of regarding this budget or what you are against. You may ask questions, but this Board and the treasurer will not answer any questions, until the conclusion of the public comments period.

- a. The public make comments on the budget
- b. Conclusion of the public comment portion of the hearing.

The chairman now states:

The public comment period of this annual budget hearing has now concluded. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners are now allowed to ask questions.

- c. The members of the Board of Fire Commissioners now ask questions.
- d. The Chairman, if able to do so, will now answers question discussed during the public comments period and Fire Commissioners questioning period.
- e. Hearing Closed

The Chairman States:

This public hearing regarding the 2027 proposed budget is declared closed. Can I receive a motion from a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners?

Motion made by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Maher to adopt the 2027 budget on October 20, 2026. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Russo to close the public hearing at 18:15. All in favor. Motion Carried.

South Hempstead Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
Budget Hearing Minutes

Meeting Called to Order on October 20, 2026 @ 18:00 hours.

Presiding: Chairman Thomas Maher

In Attendance: Commissioner Frank Russo
Commissioner John Kelly
Secretary/Treasurer Jessica Occhiuto

The purpose of this hearing is to present the 2027 budget to the Public.
There was 0 members of the public in attendance. The Treasurer read off the 2027 proposed budget.

The 2027 budget is within the 2% cap. \$1,005,560.

Motion made by Commissioner Kelly seconded by Commissioner Maher, to accept the 2027 budget as is for \$1,005,560. All in favor. Motion carried.

2010 Pierce (742)

- Replacement AC compressor through Firematic, \$1,956.00

Motion made by Commissioner Maher, seconded by Commissioner Kelly to replace the AC compressor on the 2010 Pierce. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Russo. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 18:15 hours.

**SOUTH HEMPSTEAD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2027
WITHIN REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the South Hempstead Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2027 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 South Hempstead Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 20, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 20, 2026 at said budget hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the South Hempstead Fire District for 2027 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$1,005,560.

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

Commissioner Thomas Maher	)
Commissioner Frank Russo	) AYES
Commissioner John Kelly	)

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Jessica Occhiuto
Secretary/Treasurer

Dated: South Hempstead, New York
October 20, 2026