



# TOWN BOARD MINUTES

## PUBLIC HEARING

### July 14, 2021

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Luther Fire Protection District (FD009) and Third Avenue-Mannix Road Fire Protection District (FD010) in the Town of East Greenbush is intended to be included in the proposed fire district.

The estimated tax rate per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the proposed district based on aggregate assessed valuation of taxable property within the proposed fire district utilizing the 2020 final assessment roll projected to be assessed, levied, and collected in the fire district's first fiscal year of operation is minimally changed from the current tax rate and projected to be a rate of \$.7374 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The amount of the total tax levy for fire protection and emergency services in 2022 is expected to be similar to the amount of the tax levy for 2021. The formula by which the amount of future tax levies are to be calculated by the proposed fire district is expected to be consistent with the historical practices utilized in determining expenses for the fire contracts that were used for the calculation of the tax levies in the fire protection districts. A detailed explanation of how the estimated rate of assessment was computed for properties in the proposed fire district is on file with the Town Clerk and available for public inspection.

### **Open Public Privilege**

Jean Schweigert – Noted she is a fireman of Best Luther Fire Department, Captain of EMS Squad, and also a board member. Stated she is pro becoming a fire district as it will allow the fire company to work similar to a school district with administrators and conditioners who would work on financial aspects, and firefighters would be working strictly with training and becoming a fireman. Mentioned nothing in the fire district should change, and that their going from protection district to fire district to make fire company a better environment and work as a whole and working with the town as well.

Chuck Milkiewicz – Stated he has been Chief of Best Luther Fire Department for 17 years and spoke in favor of fire district formation. Noted no change in the manner in which fire protection will provide to the residents served with the Best Luther Fire Department. Mentioned primary benefits of establishing fire district are budgeting, long term planning, and financial oversight will be placed under governmental body with sole responsibility of delivering fire service. Also mentioned fire district run similar to a school district, run by uncompensated commissioners who are residents of the district, elected annually.

Supervisor Conway – Read letter submitted by Jim Frankoski, President, Best-Luther Fire Dept. RE: Board of Fire Commissioners for the Best-Luther Fire District

The following residents of the Best-Luther Fire District, Inc. are recommended to be appointed as Commissioners to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Best-Luther Fire District effective October 2, 2021 for the term expiring on December 31, 2022. Mark Bodner, Christian Glander, David Milkiewicz, Jean Schweigert, and John Schweigert. The position of Secretary/Treasurer will be appointed upon the Fire District Commissioner's conducting interviews for the positions. Thank you. See attached letter.

Members of the public were provided an opportunity to address the Town Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Conway and seconded by Councilor Kennedy and brought to a vote as follows:

Supervisor J. Conway	VOTED: YES
Councilor H. Kennedy	VOTED: YES
Councilor T. Tierney	VOTED: YES
Councilor R. Matters	VOTED: YES
Councilor B. Fritz	VOTED: YES

Respectfully,

Ellen Pangburn  
East Greenbush Town Clerk



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July 21, 2021

Jeffrey Conway, Supervisor  
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**RE: Board of Fire Commissioners for the Best-Luther Fire District**

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Frankoski, President  
Best-Luther Fire Department, Inc.