GATES FIRE DISTRICT

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Gates Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
Budget Hearing
TUESDAY, October 20, 2026
6:30 PM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Attendance
James Werth, Chairman
Daniel Cox, Vice Chairman
Louis Comenale, Jr., Commissioner
Charles Johnson, Commissioner
Mark Quill, District Assistant Fire Chief
Brittany Gould, Treasurer
Julie Spencer, Deputy District Treasurer
Donna Capone, District Secretary

Guests
see attached sign-in sheets

Absent
Timothy D. Goole, District Fire Chief-Excused
Kevin Mahoney, Esq., Legal Counsel-Excused

Public Hearing called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cox.

Chairman Werth identified all the emergency exits within the building.

Chairman Werth made formal introductions of staff in attendance.

Chairman Werth introduced the Public Hearing regarding the 2027 Proposed Budget in accordance to New York State Town Law.

Our policy on Rules of Public Comment provides for the public to comment one-time for three minutes (a one-minute warning will be given). You will be asked to state your name and address for the record. The public comment period will be after the Treasurer's presentation.

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District Treasurer Brittany Gould facilitated a PowerPoint Presentation on the 2027 Proposed Budget.

Treasurer Brittany Gould reviewed the Mission Statement of The Gates Fire District.

The 2027 proposed budget is $21,292,730 which consists of various appropriations offset by revenues from leases, interest, surplus of equipment, use of reserves and insurance recoveries.

The Gates Fire District operates in two municipalities, the Town of Chili and Town of Gates. The assessed value in total of these two municipalities is approximately $4.36B. Because of the equalization rates in each town, the District levy apportionment changed from the previous year. The apportionment of the Town of Chili increased from 14% to 15%, and the Town of Gates decreased from 86% to 85%.

Gates Fire District exceeded the tax cap which was overridden by the Board of Fire Commissioners in the September 24, 2026, minutes.

Chairman Werth explained the purpose of this hearing is to allow any person to speak in favor of or against the proposed budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

At this time would anyone like to address the Board of Fire Commissioners?

Carol Scuro, 840 Westside Drive addressed the Board
Colin Arthur, 39 Paddington Drive addressed the Board
Heather Maher, 12 Mercury Drive addressed the Board

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn the October 20, 2026, Budget Hearing at 6:50 p.m. made by Commissioner Werth and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Werth-approved, Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Capone
District Secretary

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	2027 Budget Draft
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
A2401 · Interest Income	425,000.00
A2410 · A T & T Wireless Lease	29,000.00
A2770 · Miscellaneous Income	30,000.00
A5031 · Interfund Transfers	202,000.00
Surplus Proceeds	35,000.00
Total Income	721,000.00
Expense	
A3410.1 · Personal Services	
1001 · Firefighter Regular	4,820,000.00
1002 · Firefighter Overtime	840,000.00
1003 · Firefighter Longevity	30,000.00
1004 · Firefighter Comp Cash Out	48,200.00
1005 · Firefighter Training Overtime	60,000.00
1006 · Firefighter Holiday Pay	323,400.00
1007 · Firefighter 207a	51,200.00
1011 · Officer Regular	2,630,000.00
1012 · Officer Overtime	540,000.00
1013 · Officer Longevity	49,400.00
1014 · Officer Comp Cash Out	39,500.00
1015 · Officer Training Overtime	50,000.00
1016 · Officer Holiday Pay	172,700.00
1017 · Instructor Overtime	25,000.00
1020 · Fire Chief/Asst Chief Regular	344,400.00
1022 · Chief/Asst Chief Overtime	50,800.00
1023 · Chief/Asst Chief Longevity	7,000.00
1024 · Chief/Asst Chief Comp Cash Out	33,900.00
1026 · Chief/Asst Chief Holiday Pay	23,500.00
1031 · Dispatcher Regular	315,100.00
1032 · Dispatcher Overtime	97,900.00
1033 · Dispatcher Longevity	7,600.00
1034 · Dispatcher Comp Cash Out	4,800.00
1036 · Dispatcher Holiday Pay	21,900.00
1037 · Part-time Dispatcher Regular	9,500.00
Total 1050 · Administrative Staff	727,530.00
Total A3410.1 · Personal Services	11,323,330.00

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A3410.2 · Equipment and Capital Outlay	
2101 · Office Furniture	9,500.00
2201 · St 1 Purchase & Improvement	2,700.00
2202 · St 2 Purchase & Improvement	100,000.00
2203 · St 3 Purchase & Improvement	0.00
2204 · Admin Purchase & Improvements	6,500.00
2205 · Pavillion Purchase & Improv.	5,000.00
2301 · New Vehicles & Accessories	178,000.00
2401 · Firematic Equipment	45,000.00
2403 · ADB/Civil Unrest	10,000.00
2404 · PPE	92,000.00
Total A3410.2 · Equipment and Capital Outlay	448,700.00
A3410.4 · Contractual	
4000 · Buildings and Grounds	
4001 · St 1 Maint & Repairs	36,000.00
4002 · St 2 Maint & Repairs	15,000.00
4003 · St 3 Maint & Repairs	10,000.00
4004 · Admin Building Maint & Repairs	3,000.00
4005 · Pavilion Maint & Repairs	500.00
4006 · Station Trash/Recycling	9,000.00
4007 · Common Station Maintenance	121,000.00
4008 · Small Tools	1,000.00
4009 · Water/Sewer	8,500.00
4010 · Gas & Electric	125,000.00
Total 4000 · Buildings and Grounds	329,000.00
4100 · Other Business Expenses	
4101 · Station 1 House Expenses	5,000.00
4102 · Station 2 House Expenses	5,000.00
4103 · Station 3 House Expenses	5,000.00
4104 · Postage and Printing	6,000.00
4105 · Office Supplies and Consumables	25,000.00
4106 · Business Expenses	6,200.00
4107 · Election Expense	1,000.00
4108 · District Awards	5,000.00
4108.1 · District Chief Awards	1,500.00
4109 · Dues & Subscriptions	9,000.00
4110 · Payroll Processing	14,000.00
4111 · Medical Flex Program Fees	30,000.00

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4150 · Community Risk Reduction	65,000.00
Total 4100 · Other Business Expenses	177,700.00
4200 · District Insurance	
4201 · V.F.B.L. Insurance	26,000.00
4202 · Property & Liability Insurance	67,000.00
4203 · NY Cancer Bill Insurance	3,000.00
Total 4200 · District Insurance	96,000.00
4300 · Professional Services	
4301 · Consultant Fees	35,000.00
4302 · Legal Fees & Notices	85,000.00
Total 4300 · Professional Services	120,000.00
4400 · IT Systems and Supplies	
4401 · Cellular Service	27,000.00
4401.1 · Internet & Phone	30,000.00
4402 · Computer Hardware	32,000.00
4402.1 · Computer Hardware Renewals	12,000.00
4402.3 · Computer Software/Renewals	120,000.00
4403 · Computer Consulting	5,000.00
4400 · IT Systems and Supplies - Other	
Total 4400 · IT Systems and Supplies	226,000.00
4500 · Vehicle Maint, Repairs & Fuel	
4501 · Gasoline	23,000.00
4502 · Diesel/Def Fuel	48,000.00
4580 · Tires	20,000.00
4581 · Aerial Ladder/Hydro	2,500.00
4582 · NYS Insp/Outside Vendors	19,000.00
4583 · Small Equipment	6,500.00
4585 · Vehicle Hardware	20,000.00
4586 · Vehicle Lift	15,000.00
4500 · Vehicle Maint, Repairs & Fuel - Other	94,000.00
Total 4500 · Vehicle Maint, Repairs & Fuel	248,000.00
4600 · Health & Safety	
4601 · Employee Phy & Shots	100,000.00
4602 · Safety Officer Seminars	7,000.00
4603 · Physical Fitness Program/Equip	10,000.00
4604 · Safety Equipment	6,000.00
4605 · Peer Counseling	20,000.00
Total 4600 · Health & Safety	143,000.00

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4700 · EMS	
4701 · EMS Supplies	36,000.00
4702 · EMS Training & Education	7,000.00
Total 4700 · EMS	43,000.00
4800 · Training & Education	
4800- Training & Education Other	2,500.00
4802 · NYS Chief Seminar	15,000.00
4803 · RFFT Program	30,000.00
4804 · Training Programs	36,500.00
4805 · Symposiums & Training Seminars	20,000.00
4806 · Training & Education Equipment	50,000.00
Total 4800 · Training & Education	154,000.00
4900 · Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	
4901 · SCBA Repair (SCBA Repair)	20,000.00
4903 · Regular Maintenance	38,000.00
4904 · Firematic Tools	13,000.00
4905 · PPE Repairs & Maintenance	25,000.00
4906 · Hurst Tool Repairs & Maint.	8,000.00
4907 · Radio Services	5,000.00
4908 · Vehicle/Portable Repairs	6,000.00
4909 · Voice Pager Maintenance	1,000.00
Total 4900 · Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	116,000.00
Total A3410.4 · Contractual	1,652,700.00
A3410.8 · Employee Benefits	
90108 · NYS ERS Pension	180,000.00
90158 · NYS P&F Pension	3,315,000.00
90308 · Social Security Employer (FICA)	800,000.00
90408 · WC Insurance	320,000.00
90458 · Life Insurance	14,000.00
90558 · Disability Insurance	20,000.00
90608 · Medical- BCBS	2,475,000.00
90608.1 · Dental- Guardian	50,000.00
90608.2 · Vision- Eye Med	11,000.00
90608.3 · HSA Funding	638,000.00
90608.4 · Employee Opt-Out Funding	62,000.00
90898.1 · Work Uniforms, Boots & Jackets	70,000.00
90898.2 · Employee Asst Program	4,000.00
90898.3 · Employee Tuition Reimb	30,000.00

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Total A3410.8 · Employee Benefits	7,989,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund	500,000.00
1990.4 Contingency Funds	100,000.00
Total Expense	22,013,730.00

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