

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
February 15, 2022
*UNAPPROVED***

Immediately following the Commissioners Meeting

Call to Order: Mark Johanson opened the hearing and called it to order at 6:26pm.

Roll Call:

Board Members: Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson present; Bob Long was absent and excused.

Public Present In Person: Laraine King, Ken King, Robert Roudebush and Brian Loutrel

Public Present via Zoom: Dottie Long, Mike Bonanno and Tom Mangels

Opening Discussion: Treasurer Laraine King said the Budget Committee worked to keep the budgets level funded. Mark Johanson noted Mountain Lakes' valuation went up in 2021 and the tax rate will drop in 2022. After discussion, the Commissioners decided to read and ask for public input on each article individually with notes as follows:

2022 Article 1: (General Operations Budget): Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 2: (Water Dept. Operating Budget): Kristi Garofalo noted a rate increase was not recommended in 2022 and several new homes have been added to the MLD water system with more on the way. Otherwise, there was no discussion and no changes were made.

2022 Article 3: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 4: Kristi Garofalo said this article is included because the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) requires an appropriation for all deposits to Capital Reserve Funds and an overpayment refund needs to be re-deposited to the General Operations Legal Expenses Capital Reserve Fund. Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 5: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 6: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 7: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 8: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 9: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 10: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 11: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 12: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 13: Little to no discussion; no changes made. Tom Mangels asked for a report on all of the Mountain Lakes Capital Reserve Funds showing the 2021 starting balances, the pluses and minuses through the year, and the ending balance. ***Kristi Garofalo will create the report and send it to Tom Mangels; she will also make it available to anyone else interested in the data.***

2022 Article 14 (Non-Monetary) Water Tariff Amendment: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2022 Article 15 (Non-Monetary) District Elections: Little to no discussion; no changes made. Mike Bonanno asked if people running for office could sign up to let others know they are running. The Commissioners explained Mountain Lakes does not use an official ballot and MLD elections use nominations and second from the floor of the meeting. Mike Bonanno asked if someone could nominate themselves; after discussion, it was agreed ***Kristi Garofalo will check with legal counsel and send the answer to those present.*** Mark Johanson noted that he will run for re-election as District commissioner.

2022 Article 16 (Non-Monetary) Any Other Legal Business: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

Budget Committee Appreciation: Robert Roudebush said Treasurer Laraine King did a fine job chairing the Budget Committee again in 2022. Laraine King said they had a great team with lots of good input and good feedback as they put together the proposed budgets.

Proposed Warrant Approval: Mike Roberts made a motion to accept the budgets and articles recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee without changes, and to put the accepted articles on the 2022 warrant for voter approval. Mark Johanson seconded and the motion passed.

Mark Johanson moved to adjourn and Mike Roberts seconded. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo