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August 4, 2025

North View Fire District Truth and Taxation Board Meeting Minutes

The North View Fire District Trustees convened in a Fire Board Meeting session on August 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the North View Fire Station. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was electronically mailed to each Trustee to the Utah Public Meeting Notice Site, Standard Examiner, and posted at the North View Fire Station on August 4, 2025. Notice of the 2025 annual meeting schedule was electronically mailed to the Utah Public Notice Website and to the Standard Examiner. Pursuant to the NVFD Electronic Meetings Policy adopted March 16, 2011, One (1) or more trustees may have participated electronically, and the NVFD Station 21, 315 E. 2550 N., North Ogden, Utah, is designated as the anchor location, where members of the public may monitor and, when appropriate, participate in the meeting. After notifying the District Clerk, Trustees may have participated electronically by telephone, Skype, FaceTime, or any method that facilitates communication electronically.

Present:

Chairperson Timothy Wheelwright
Vice-Chairperson Jay Johnson
Trustee Chris Clark
Trustee Cameron West
Trustee John Arrington
Trustee Meredith Aardema
Trustee Kristen Mechem
Chief Kristopher Maxfield

Staff Present:

Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Ryan Barker (electronically)
Deputy Chief Jeremiah Jones
Battalion Chief Thomas Maples
Nicci Roylance, District Clerk
Jeff Davis, Accountant
Leonard Call, Treasurer

Public:

Dave Wade

Brian Bartholomew
Kevin Karras

1. 6:00 P.M. Public Hearing: On Proposed Tax Increase for the North View Fire District 2025-2026

- Chairperson Wheelwright welcomed the Public to the meeting.
- Chairperson Wheelwright stated that this is a continual process. Chairperson Wheelwright noted that we have a Budget Committee made up of the Administration and Board Trustees.
- Trustee Mechem motioned to enter a Public Hearing. Vice-Chairperson Johnson seconded the motion.
- Chairperson Wheelwright noted that the time is 6:05 p.m., so within the bounds of the Truth and Taxation rules.

Voting

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee Mechem	aye
Trustee West	aye
Trustee Clark	aye

- Chief Maxfield stated that we budget based on our Strategic Plan, which our Board has approved annually. The goal was to establish the Paramedic Program, which we achieved on July 1, 2025. In the first month of the program, we served 122 people.
- Chief Maxfield stated that we are tracking data for the calls that we run. Chief Maxfield noted that we are trying to improve our ISO score, which could provide savings on the citizens' insurance rates. Chief Maxfield stated that we want to have all resources available to our citizens. Chief Maxfield stated that we are getting the training for Heavy Rescue. Chief Maxfield noted that we are proposing to get accredited. Staffing to be able to have the correct number of employees to service our city's emergencies. Chief Maxfield stated that we need to plan our fleet plan since it can take up to three or four years to build a new apparatus.
- Chief Maxfield noted the need for new stations and stated the data for the reasoning behind the placement of upcoming stations.

- Vice-Chairperson Johnson asked what the \$150,000 PMA Aboard fees were. Chief Maxfield stated that is what we have been paying annually to other agencies to come into our area as Paramedics.
- Chief Maxfield stated that the budget is based upon our Capital, with the Ladder 21 Debt at \$241,728, and the New Ambulance at \$327,316.
- Chief Maxfield discussed our depreciation program for the fleet program. Chief Maxfield stated that, unfortunately, what we are saving every year will only give us part of the cost of our fleet program due to inflation of that equipment.
- Chief Maxfield stated that if the Board were to accept the 0.001177 Tax Rate, it would be paying for that new ambulance and other things presented in the expenditures. (Minute 40:10)
- Chief Maxfield presented the impact it would have on the citizens of the different rates. (Slide Rate Comparison)
- Brian Bartholomew asked how we got the Median Household Value. Chief Maxfield stated that the County provides the value.
- Kevin Karras asked if the most significant driver of the tax increase is our Fleet Program and equipment. Chief Maxfield stated he is correct.
- A discussion was held about our new Impact dues that went into effect July 24, 2025.
- Trustee Aardema asked if there is any plan for the \$200,000 from the 2024 year. Chief Maxfield stated that it is more assets than liquidity. Jeff Davis, Accountant, indicated that it is more considered equity that would be in our Capital Fund. Trustee Aardema asked if it could be in our depreciation fund. Jeff Davis noted that we could put some in the depreciation. Jeff Davis stated it is not considered cash. Trustee Aardema stated that we would like to keep 2-3% each year in the General Fund. Jeff Davis stated that she was correct, but we also have different accounts where we put the money, such as Capital Assets, Bond, and Depreciation.
- Chairperson Wheelwright stated that the time has come to listen to the Public. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that since there is a small number of people in the public, they will be able to make comments up to five minutes.
- Public Comments: Brian Bartholomew, North Ogden, stated that he hasn't been to a Fire District meeting in a while. He stated that the tax rate is reasonable. He wanted to know how many calls were considered an emergency. He had concerns about us going on what is regarded as an emergency. Brian Bartholomew stated he got to do a ride-along with Salt Lake City and how fun it was. Brian Bartholomew stated that most of these calls were not an actual emergency. Brian Bartholomew has concerns that we are using lights and sirens for non-emergency situations. Brian Bartholomew stated is there a way to determine a real emergency? Brian Bartholomew asked if we could save 10%

where would we put it? Brian Bartholomew asked for the people that don't use the service could we give it back to the citizens. Chairperson Wheelwright stated it may be a legal and political issue.

- Kevin Karras, Harrisville, stated he is good with the rate. He said his appreciation to the Board.
- Vice-Chairperson Johnson motioned to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Mechem seconded the motion.

Voting

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee Mechem	aye
Trustee West	aye
Trustee Clark	aye

2. Discussion and/or action on Resolution Adopting Final Tax Rate and Budget for 2025/2026

- Chairperson Wheelwright stated that the Board could table the motion till the Board Meeting later in August, or pass the rate tonight.
- Trustee Mechem stated she felt really comfortable after Chief Maxfield's presentation. She stated that nobody wants a tax increase but we do provide a service and we want to provide the best service.
- Trustee Mechem motioned to approve .001177 Certified Tax Rate. Trustee Arrington seconded the motion. Trustee Aardema asked if anyone disagreed with the tax increase. Everyone stated that they were comfortable with the tax increase. Trustee Arrington asked Trustee Aardema why she disagrees. Trustee Aardema stated that since she has been on this Board, we have increased every year. Trustee Aardema stated that she knows that taxes are a necessary evil. Chief Maxfield stated that we have lost a lot of money due to inflation. Trustee Aardema stated that she disagrees with the administration's wage increase and that we are outpacing others. Chief Maxfield stated that wages were market-driven. Trustee Aardema stated that there are areas where we could be leaner. Chairperson Wheelwright stated he disagrees with the wages due to the fact that we could not retain or get anyone to apply for a few years. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that for our District, we are at the bottom of the pack in our County. Vice-Chairperson Johnson stated that he appreciated Trustee Aardema's insights and a good check on the system. Vice-Chairperson Johnson stated how far we have come, and we are an essential service, with a new Battalion Training Chief, and how we have

changed in one year. Vice-Chairperson Johnson stated that he felt the rate was acceptable. Chairperson Wheelwright called for a Roll Call to increase the rate to 0.001177.

Roll Call

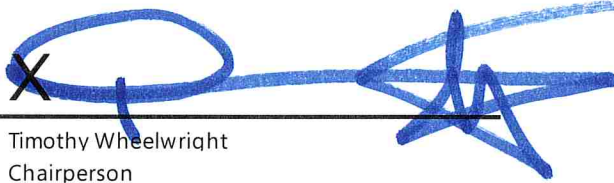
Chairperson Wheelwright	yes
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	yes
Trustee Arrington	yes
Trustee West	yes
Trustee Clark	yes
Trustee Mechem	yes
Trustee Aardema	no

3. Adjournment

- Trustee West made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Trustee Mechem seconded the motion.

Voting

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee Mechem	aye
Trustee West	aye
Trustee Clark	aye



Timothy Wheelwright
Chairperson



Nicci Roylance
District Clerk

These minutes were approved on Sept 25, 2025.