



SLATER-MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Greenville County Council
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400
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RE: SLATER-MARIETTA FIRE DISTRICT

Honorable Chairman Meadows, Finance Chairman Tripp and County Council:

The Slater-Marietta Fire District, South Carolina (the "District") was created and established as a body politic and corporate, pursuant to Act No. 1170 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the year 1968, as amended. The District is located wholly in the County and was established for the purpose of providing fire protection services within the District.

The Greenville County (the "County") Council (the "Council"), as the governing body of the County, is empowered by Title 6, Chapter 11, Article 5 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Enabling Act") to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act.

Pursuant to the Enabling Act, the District Board (the "Board") hereby petitions the Council to approve a public hearing and authorize the Board, subject to the favorable results of a Referendum to be held on or about 7/1/21, to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$3,000,000 in one or more series, as the Board shall determine, for (i) the acquisition, construction, installation, furnishing and equipping of a new fire station; (ii) renovations to existing fire stations; and (iii) the acquisition of one or more fire trucks, brush trucks and various items of equipment for the District; and (iv) paying issuance costs. The District believes that its ISO may be improved with the location of the new station to be located on Highway 11.

The District's readiness and training meets a high standard for fire service provision, and we currently maintain an ISO rating of 4. The District continues to find the most cost-effective solutions to provide for increasing operational costs, replacing outmoded equipment, and providing additional facilities. FY2021 operational, capital and debt service expenditures are projected at approximately \$521,000. The current millage for the District is 15.8 mills for operations and 9.2 mills for maintenance of a reserve/fund balance as allowed under S.C. Code § 6-1-320(D).

Included in your package is a five year financial model including revenues, expenses, and capital improvements (the "Financial Model"). The Financial Model includes a FY22 proposed operating millage equivalent to the CPI + Pop for FY22 (preliminary) and FY21 (banked millage). Since the FY22 number has not yet been released by the State, we have estimated a 7% operating millage increase, or approximately 1.1 mills) for FY22. We also request that you once again approve 9.2 mills for the maintenance of a reserve/fund balance as allowed under S.C. Code § 6-1-320(D). The 1.1 mil increase in operating millage would increase ad valorem taxes by approximately \$4.40 for each \$100,000 value, as compared to the previous tax year.

We would like to make you aware of the following:

- The District covers approximately 51 square miles and is staffed by four full-time and 16 part-time firefighters. The District also has eight volunteer firefighters.
- Over the past three years, the District has requested funds from several sources to address issues. Grant funding has provided the following:
 - Air Packs
 - Extrication Equipment
 - Rescue Equipment
 - Turn Out Gear
 - Forestry Equipment
 - Staffing Grants
- The District plans to host a minimum of three informational meetings for residents and businesses located in the District to advise them of the improvements planned for the District, the financial impact upon the homeowner and the community benefits to be expected.
- The *most important reason* for these improvements is to improve upon the services that we provide our citizens.

Attached you will find the Financial Model; the Petition Resolution and Petition; the Resolution adopted by the District in support of the Revenue and Expenditure Projections; and the Fire District Millage Request Application. Please review the attached information and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support and consideration for the District.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Brown

Robert A. Brown
Fire Chief

Attachments

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE SLATER-MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Whereas, the Slater-Marietta Fire Department (the "Department") is a special purpose District, which provides fire protection services within the Department's boundaries, wholly within Greenville County; and,

Whereas, in order to provide the required services and to meet the fire protection needs to the residents of the Department, certain capital improvements must be undertaken; and

Whereas, proper planning and management for the provision of fire services in the Department requires a long-range capital improvement plan (the "CIP") to keep up with and adequately respond to the growth and demand for service in the Department; and

Whereas, it is the finding of the Department that not only is the Department's CIP necessary to adequately serve the needs of the residents of the Department, but if implemented, will continue to enhance the level of those services; and

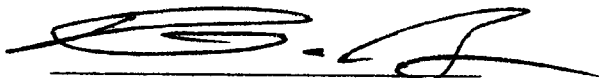
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department hereby approves the CIP that is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

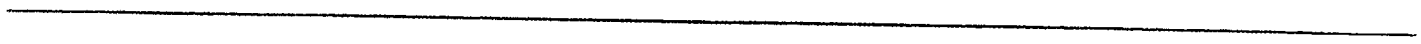
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department design and carry forward a plan to implement the CIP and seek adequate required approvals from Greenville County to fund the CIP.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING this 27th of April 2021.


Chairman, Slater-Marietta Fire Department

ATTEST:





Slater-Marietta Fire District, South Carolina
PRELIMINARY: ANALYSIS SUBJECT TO REVIEW, REVISION AND FUTURE CONDITIONS

| Fiscal Year | Budget | Projection | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| Operating Revenues | | | | | | |
| Operating Millage | \$ 285,972 | \$ 318,370 | \$ 345,843 | \$ 350,828 | \$ 358,090 | \$ 361,431 |
| Reserve/Fund Balance Millage | \$ 208,978 | \$ 185,380 | \$ 188,181 | \$ 190,983 | \$ 193,848 | \$ 196,756 |
| Interest Income | \$ 1,298 | \$ 1,300 | \$ 1,300 | \$ 1,300 | \$ 1,300 | \$ 1,300 |
| FEMA SAFER Grant | | | | | | |
| Other Income | | | | | | |
| Total Revenues & Funds Available | \$ 476,248 | \$ 605,060 | \$ 536,104 | \$ 543,111 | \$ 551,238 | \$ 559,487 |
| Operating & Maintenance Expenses | | | | | | |
| Personnel | | | | | | |
| Payroll | \$ 239,750 | \$ 243,346 | \$ 246,998 | \$ 250,701 | \$ 254,462 | \$ 258,279 |
| SS Payroll, Unemployment Tax & Medicare | \$ 22,584 | \$ 22,923 | \$ 23,267 | \$ 23,816 | \$ 23,970 | \$ 24,330 |
| Retirement | \$ 28,140 | \$ 28,562 | \$ 31,480 | \$ 34,439 | \$ 34,956 | \$ 35,480 |
| Group Health, etc. | \$ 65,261 | \$ 68,240 | \$ 67,232 | \$ 68,241 | \$ 69,284 | \$ 70,303 |
| Workers Comp Insurance | \$ 10,260 | \$ 10,414 | \$ 10,571 | \$ 10,730 | \$ 10,891 | \$ 11,054 |
| Volunteer Incentive | \$ 16,908 | \$ 17,162 | \$ 17,419 | \$ 17,681 | \$ 17,948 | \$ 18,215 |
| Total Personnel | \$ 382,903 | \$ 388,647 | \$ 396,947 | \$ 406,468 | \$ 411,489 | \$ 417,862 |
| Insurance | \$ 29,429 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,300 | \$ 20,605 | \$ 20,914 | \$ 21,227 |
| Utilities | \$ 20,831 | \$ 20,920 | \$ 21,234 | \$ 21,552 | \$ 21,876 | \$ 22,204 |
| Fuel | \$ 9,257 | \$ 7,772 | \$ 7,889 | \$ 8,007 | \$ 8,127 | \$ 8,249 |
| Maintenance & Repairs | \$ 16,275 | \$ 13,558 | \$ 13,759 | \$ 13,968 | \$ 14,175 | \$ 14,388 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | \$ 4,759 | \$ 7,045 | \$ 7,150 | \$ 7,257 | \$ 7,366 | \$ 7,477 |
| Fire Fighting EMT Equipment | \$ 23,130 | \$ 18,000 | \$ 18,270 | \$ 18,544 | \$ 18,822 | \$ 19,105 |
| Communications Equipment | \$ 12,386 | \$ 10,810 | \$ 10,972 | \$ 11,137 | \$ 11,304 | \$ 11,473 |
| Physical, Training & Fitness | \$ 2,500 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,060 | \$ 4,121 | \$ 4,183 | \$ 4,245 |
| Laundry & Uniforms | \$ 3,500 | \$ 4,400 | \$ 4,468 | \$ 4,533 | \$ 4,601 | \$ 4,670 |
| Supplies | \$ 9,250 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,568 | \$ 4,636 | \$ 4,706 | \$ 4,776 |
| Professional Legal & Accounting | \$ 7,000 | \$ 4,100 | \$ 4,162 | \$ 4,224 | \$ 4,287 | \$ 4,352 |
| Operating & Maintenance Expenses | \$ 621,029 | \$ 603,780 | \$ 513,778 | \$ 523,990 | \$ 531,860 | \$ 539,828 |
| Net Operating Revenues | \$ (44,774) | \$ 1,300 | \$ 21,327 | \$ 19,121 | \$ 19,388 | \$ 19,669 |
| General Obligations | | | | | | |
| GO Obligations | | | | | | |
| Series 2021 GO Bonds | | \$ 208,250 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 |
| GO Debt Millage | | \$ (208,250) | \$ (225,000) | \$ (225,000) | \$ (225,000) | \$ (225,000) |
| Total Current & Proposed Obligations | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| District Millage Limitation | | | | | | |
| Operating Millage | 15.8 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.9 |
| Reserve/Fund Balance Millage | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| GO Debt Millage | | 10.2 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.1 |
| Total Millage | 25.0 | 36.3 | 37.2 | 37.2 | 37.2 | 37.2 |
| Operating Millage Increase Requested | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Based Upon | \$20,150 | Value of a Mill | | | | |

Analysis is forward looking, based upon certain assumptions and inputs. Actual results may differ from projections.



**Fire District Millage Request Application
Contact Information**

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|---|---|
| District Name: SLATER MARIETTA FIRE DISTRICT | State FDID Number: 57-0842-287 (23222) |
| Fire Chief's Name: ADAM BROWN | Email: abrown@slatermariettafd.org |
| Mailing Address: 3001 GEER HWY | City, State, Zip: MARIETTA, SC 29661 |
| Contact Person's Name: ADAM BROWN | Email: ABROWN@SLATERMARIETTAFD.ORG |
| Address: 3001 GEER HIGHWAY | City, State, Zip: MARIETTA, SC 29661 |
| Phone: 864-836-3143 | Fax: 864-836-3142 |

Financial Operations

Please Check One of the Following Options:

- Our district is seeking to maintain our current millage rate
- Our district is seeking a millage rate increase
- Our district is seeking bond approval

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| FD Annual Budget: \$474,950.00 | Value of One Mill: \$20,150 |
| FD Current Millage Rate: 25 | Value of Total Millage: 503,750 |
| Taxes collected last fiscal year (July 1-June 30): \$488,083.24 | |
| Supplemental non-tax income last fiscal year (grants, fundraisers, etc.): \$0 | |
| Number of Paid Firefighters: 4 Full-Time 16 Part-time | Number of Volunteer Fire Fighters: 8 |

*For the following financial measurements, please provide a dollar amount.
(Any additional pertinent information can be detailed in an attached sheet.)*

Debt Service: \$34,626.64
(Include annual amount of any/all payments on stations, apparatus, and equipment)

Operating Expenses: \$521,020.00
(Include all normal operating expenses, including operational overhead and salary expenses)

Reserve/Savings: \$324,964.30
(Include any/all reserve and/or savings currently on hand for breakdowns, purchases or replacements)

When did your district last request a millage increase? 2019

Was your request granted? YES

If so, please detail your accomplishments with the additional revenue? (You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

Performance Data

ISO Rating: 4

Year Rating Received: 2019

Population served (daytime):10,000

Population served (nighttime):9,500

Number of Households: 4,500

Number of Businesses: 120

Total Number of Calls Last Year (fiscal year?): 1173

Number of Structure Fires: 45

Number of MVA's: 73

Number of Medical Calls: 476

Number of Brush Fires: 13

Number of Vehicle Fires: 8

Number of Mutual Aid Calls: 60

*For the following questions, please circle or highlight "Y" for Yes or "N" for No.
(Any additional pertinent information may be provided in a separate sheet.)*

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|---|--------------|
| Is your district registered with the State Firefighter Mobilization? | Y / N |
| Does your district participate in the South Carolina Fire Incident Reporting System? | Y / N |
| Is your district in compliance with the SC Firefighter Registration Act? | Y / N |
| Does your district meet requirements of OSHA Standard 1910.30 for Infectious Disease Control? | Y / N |
| Does your district perform annual SCBA fit testing on all active personnel? | Y / N |
| Do your district's firefighters meet minimum OSHA training requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your district perform annual testing on all ground and aerial ladders to meet NFPA standard? | Y / N |
| Does your district meet all NIMS requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your district have a fire prevention program? | Y / N |
| Does your district have a Fire Safety inspection program? | Y / N |
| Does your district have a pre-fire plan program? | Y / N |
| Does your district meet minimum hose testing requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your district meet minimum pump testing requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your department meet minimum apparatus requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your district meet minimum equipment on apparatus requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your district have a preventive maintenance program for your apparatus? | Y / N |
| Does your district provide physicals to all members? | Y / N |
| Do all of your members meet the minimum training requirements for their specific job titles? | Y / N |
| Does your district meet minimum communication requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your district meet Narrow Band Requirements? | Y / N |
| Does your district house an EMS vehicle? | Y / N |

For the following questions, please provide the more detailed information necessary to understand the complexities for your district. You may attach separate sheets as necessary to fully answer the questions.

- 1. Please describe any businesses or structures which require special equipment or represent potentially dangerous calls.**

3 Textile plants
Slater Hall (Old and wooden 3 story structure)
Stowall water treatment plant
Foothills Propane
Nursing home
Lindsey Oil Company
Avalonia Special Needs Facility

- 2. Please list any mutual aid agreements or operational or resource sharing agreements your district participates in with other fire districts.**

Statewide mutual aid agreement
Countywide mutual aid agreement
Pumpkin town Fire Department (Auto Aid)
Dacusville Fire Department (Auto Aid)
Tigerville Fire Department (Auto Aid)
Glassy Mountain Fire Department (Auto Aid)
North Greenville Fire Department (Auto Aid)
Contractual Agreement for River Falls Fire Service Area

- 3. Please describe how, if at all, the requested millage increase will impact your district's ISO ratings.**
Slater Marietta put in for the SAFER grant through FEMA for an additional full-time person per shift. We are also looking to supplement our full-time personnel with more part-time personnel during the day-time hours. We currently have on part-time person each day for 8 hours in the evening, and 24 hours on the weekends.

The requested bond would build the Station on Highway 11 just outside of Pleasant Ridge County Park, the goal is to staff that station 24 hours with personnel trained at the Emergency Medical Technician level. If this is accomplished Slater Marietta should go from an ISO 4 to an ISO 3.

- 4. Please describe the tax-exempt properties in your district and the services you provide to these entities.**

Slater Marietta Fire District has North West Middle School and Slater Elementary School, as well as numerous churches. S Slater Marietta Fire Department provides all hazard emergency response, fire inspections, as well as fire prevention education.

Please assign a priority rating to your millage increase request from the following options:

Priority 2

Priority 1: Without the increase, we cannot continue to provide the level of service that we are giving currently. Our ISO ratings could be affected negatively. The need is dire.

Priority 2: Without the increase, we cannot purchase needed equipment to improve the level of service we are currently giving. ISO ratings may or may not be improved. This priority level also allows for needed specialty equipment to be acquired.

Priority 3: Without the increase, we can continue to provide excellent service to our district, but the increase will allow us to improve our operation in an exemplary way. ISO ratings may potentially be improved.

Opportunity for Council person(s) statement:

I, _____, County Council representative to this fire district, **Support / Do Not Support** this request.

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Please include with your application the following documents:

- A formal letter from the Commission stating the intentions to either maintain or increase millage;
- Last year's financial audit;
- A five-year plan (spreadsheet) showing projected revenues as well as operating and capital expenditures;
- Any background information necessary to justify the need of a millage increase; and
- A signed resolution from the governing body approving the operating/capital plan and millage increase.

All applications should be mailed or emailed to:

Greenville County Finance Committee

Attn: John Hansley, Deputy County Administrator

301 University Ridge, Suite 2400

Greenville, SC 29601

or

jhansley@greenvillecounty.org

**Slater-Marietta Fire District
Capital Improvement Plan**

| DESCRIPTION | FUNDING SOURCE | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Replace Station 72 | GO Bonds | \$ 1,500,000 | | | | | \$ 1,500,000 |
| Station 70 (Headquarters) Renovation | GO Bonds | \$ 100,000 | | | | | \$ 100,000 |
| Station 71 Renovations | GO Bonds | \$ 100,000 | | | | | \$ 100,000 |
| Engine #70 Replacement | GO Bonds | \$ 650,000 | | | | | \$ 650,000 |
| Tanker #70 Replacement | GO Bonds | \$ 350,000 | | | | | \$ 350,000 |
| Squad Truck #70 | GO Bonds | \$ 250,000 | | | | | \$ 250,000 |
| Engine #72 Replacement | GO Bonds / Lease Purchase | | \$ 100,000 | | | | \$ 100,000 |
| Engine #95 Replacement | GO Bonds / Lease Purchase | | \$ 100,000 | | | | \$ 100,000 |
| Apparatus Equipment | GO Bonds / Lease Purchase | | \$ 72,000 | | | | \$ 72,000 |
| Radios | Grant | \$ 227,000 | | | | | \$ 227,000 |
| | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Total | | \$ 3,177,000 | \$ 272,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,449,000 |