

- (b) A ratepayers meeting may be called by the area councillor, or the authority having jurisdiction to discuss any proposed changes in an area fire rate.
- 7.4 The Municipality will pay expenditures of fire departments upon approval of the Fire Services Coordinator. Purchase Orders shall be used for purchases over \$500.00 and these purchases must also be authorized by the Fire Service Coordinator and any two of the following: Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief or Treasurer for the particular fire department.
- (a) needed for items that are included in the budget
 - (b) needed for items not in the budget: ex. broken pump
 - (c) needed for items outside the budget: money left at the end of the budget year.
- 7.5
- (a) The Municipality will continue to assist fire departments in obtaining financing for capital expenditures.
 - (b) Fire departments will supply the Municipality with whatever information may be deemed necessary in order to assess the reasonableness of the proposed financing.
- 7.6
- (a) On or before April 1st of each year every fire department shall supply the Municipality with one copy of their projected operating budget for the next year.
 - (b) Financial Statements are to include all surpluses and deficits of each department.
 - (c) Surpluses may be accumulated by individual fire departments at the discretion of Council. ~~These funds will be accumulated in the Fire Services Reserve Fund and designated to the individual fire department.~~ Fire departments may request that surplus amounts be invested in a Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC) for a specific project at the discretion of Council. The municipality would make the investment and the return on the GIC would be credited to the specific fire departments surplus.
 - (d) Deficits incurred at the end of any given year are to be repaid in the subsequent year and included in the budget for that year.
 - (e) ~~Any fire department failing to file the required financial data by April 1st shall have future quarterly installments from the Municipality withheld until such time as the information is filed.~~
- 7.7
- (a) All expenditures that are for the benefit of an individual fire department will be paid for through the revenues accruing to the respective fire department from the area fire rate for that departments' district.
 - (b) From time to time the Municipality will consider requests for funding of fire