

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
1/26/16**

PRESENT: Chairman L. Andreano, Commissioners J. Camiolo, M. Dallessandro; Chief Patrick Meyers, Dist. Assistant Chief G. Dorgan, Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, HR T. Gretzinger, Deputy Treas. K. Preston
ABSENT: Commissioners Alan DeCarlo, J. Meath, Deputy Chief P. McManus
PUBLIC: Disp. Coordinator H. Boehl, Dir. D. Bartell, FF B. Adams, FF J. Williams, Lt. D. Dickerson

Chairman L. Andreano called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and noted the fire exits. The opening of the meeting was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Camiolo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Dallessandro, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos.1929-1983 totaling \$22,205.51 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 1/26/16.

*L. Andreano-yes, M. Dallessandro-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes
Carried*

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Dallessandro, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, To approve sending Lt. M. Knowles to Fire Officer I training February 16-April 16, 2016 at PSTF at no cost to the district.

*L. Andreano-yes, M. Dallessandro-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes
Carried*

2016.4000.19.01.26

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Dallessandro, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, To approve sending Lt. D. Dickerson to the FLBOA 2016 Codes Conference March 14-17, 2016 in Henrietta, with a cost not to exceed \$390.

*L. Andreano-yes, M. Dallessandro-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes
Carried*

2016.4000.20.01.26

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Dallessandro, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, To approve sending FF M. Woledge and Capt. K. Helfer to the Tech Rescue Conference at Montour Falls April 2-3, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$105 each.

*L. Andreano-yes, M. Dallessandro-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes
Carried*

- Training has been completed with Capt. D. Dugan and Capt. G. Knapp for Fire Police Dave Burky and Tim Finnemore. They have been cleared to drive the fire police vehicle. Matt Brown, Chris Marks, and Mark Knowles have been cleared to drive Rescue 278 and light vehicles.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Dallessandro, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, To approve new drivers per the Chiefs recommendation for the vehicles they were trained on. They are automatically covered on our insurance. Fire Police Dave Burky and Tim Finnemore have been cleared to drive the fire police vehicle. Matt Brown, Chris Marks, and Mark Knowles have been cleared to drive Rescue 278 and light vehicles.

*L. Andreano-yes, M. Dallessandro-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes
Carried*

- A discussion was held regarding the Dispatch to EOC project cutover plan. EOC has entered all of our information. Testing is forthcoming. AC Dorgan presented a plan which is appended

to these minutes. There was discussion regarding whether this change will be made. Comm. Andreano reiterated that the 2015 board already agreed to the change. Comm. Dallessandro was not involved in the process up to this point and realizes it was cost driven but is concerned that we will be losing something by not having our own dispatch center. AC Dorgan feels that we will lose some parts and gain some. From a budgetary standpoint, the budget approved reflects the savings of not having one. Commissioner Camiolo realizes that we are losing people who are familiar with the district. Barnard has left and they moved to 911 and it appears to be working well for them.

- Chief Meyers stated that we won't have monitoring of Fire Police unless an individual comes up on the County 4 channel. AC Dorgan states that they all need to have channel 4 programmed. There are still questions that need to be answered: will 911 be able to monitor Bryx, will there be extra cost for telephones, fire house and alarm systems?
- There are members of our family that need to know what we are doing in the area of dispatch.
- A list of jobs that need to be considered was presented.
 - The plan addressed creating some sort of laborer positions and hiring extra firefighters to reduce overtime.
 - Comm. Camiolo is not in favor of hiring 4 firefighters at this time. We have enough personnel and he doesn't see us needing any more due to mutual service. Mutual aid is not to supplement personnel per Comm. M. Dallessandro.
 - Comm. Dallessandro asked about the ride along program. Those doing this program are enjoying it but there have been problems with motivation. We are pushing more and have seen an increase in involvement. It is not regular enough to make a difference. Part of the day 3 days a week is covered on average. It is not consistent. He asked if the board has ever set benchmarks for how many people and response times and built a staff around the numbers? Standards have not been set in recent history. Much of that has been lost due to changeover of administration and board members. There would be a benefit to clearly defining, planning, and having everyone agree. It will bring a boost in morale. We need a goal for how many people and how quickly we will respond. There are national standards that should help us in this area.
 - Chief Meyers stated that none of this makes any sense until the board decides about dispatch.
 - Commissioner Andreano was puzzled by the discussion of whether we were closing. The history leading up to that decision happened before the commissioners present were on the board. There has been no overshadowing reason to keep dispatch open. None of us want to close it but fiscally it makes the most sense. The motion has already been made. The board needs to commit based on the vote that was taken so the dispatch knows their future. Two proposals were made, one kept us doing what we are doing now. The second was to close dispatch which cost less which is what was taken. Milestones need to be planned for the cutover, not rehash whether we will be stopping dispatch. The motion stated that it was funded through 2016. Commissioner Andreano stated that she was offended that we have not been considerate of our dispatchers. AC Dorgan stated that not fleshing the details out sends a mixed message. We aren't treating people like family.
 - Comm. Dallessandro asked if we could identify the funding and craft a model that ties a shutdown to the funding running out.
 - HR T. Gretzinger has come up with preliminary laborer positions. We should be able to come up with noncompetitive positions once we have certification of what the duties would be, but we need a formal plan first. No one else in the county has done a creation of these positions after shutting down their dispatch.
 - The list of duties that needs to be covered would need to be covered by these positions. We need a person to handle public relations, a purchasing agent. Two laborer full time positions and maybe a 3rd part time would cover the duties, but only 2 positions were budgeted.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Dallessandro, 2nd by Commissioner J. Camiolo, Based on the 2015 boards action, To move to close our dispatch center June 1, 2016 and create 2 full time laborer positions and one part time position title to be determined based on the classifications of civil service.
L. Andreano-yes, M. Dallessandro-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes
Carried

- Comm. Andreano would like to see us have a tighter grip of service delivery. It will assist in future planning.
- AC Dorgan will set up another meeting with the 4 dispatchers so that they know what decision has been made ASAP. Comm. Andreano would like to be present.
- Future planning will be discussed at a later date.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Camiolo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Dallessandro, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:52 pm.
L. Andreano-yes, M. Dallessandro-yes, A. DeCarlo-absent, J. Meath-absent, J. Camiolo-yes
Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Dutton, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
North Greece Fire District