

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
6/9/2020**

PRESENT: Chairman T. Emerson, Commissioners Alan DeCarlo, M. Beaty, M. MacKenzie, B. Rickman; Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Atty. R. DiRaddo

ABSENT: Administrator T. Gretzinger

PUBLIC:

Vice-Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted the fire exits. The opening of the meeting was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our departed members.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To approve the regular 5/12/20 meeting minutes.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, M. MacKenzie – yes, W. Rickman - yes Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner B. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 5/26/20 meeting minutes.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, M. MacKenzie – yes, W. Rickman - yes Carried

Treasurer W. Bedford

- Treasurer Bedford read the monthly financial report, detailing receipts, disbursements, exception report, budget summary, grants, and status of permissive referendums. Financial report appended to minutes.
- There was a discussion regarding how we've been paying bills during the pandemic with online bill paying and how things are done differently. Made some phone calls. We are good. 1 check was missing and was rewritten. We requested. The treasurer and deputy treasurer have been dealing with the bank and realized that some checks were written and some payments were sent electronically due to the customers on file request. It looks as if all payments were made.
- There is one person in arrears for health insurance. They have been contacted by email and the Administrator was included.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner B. Rickman, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Bedford.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, M. MacKenzie – yes, W. Rickman - yes Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner B. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to approve payment of vouchers Nos. 5613-5636 totaling \$40,448,354 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 6/9/20.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, M. MacKenzie – yes, W. Rickman - yes Carried

Monthly Correspondence

Date	Sent
5/19/20	Report sent to Andinez Domgijoni representing BMW NA for incident at 555 and 563 Drumcliff Way car fire on 6/5/17
5/20/20	report sent to Nichole M. Tuggles for fire report for 47 Muriel Drive on 5/13/20
5/27/20	Permissive Referendum to Messenger Post legal for posting in 6/4/20 edition
6/9/20	Reports sent for 512 Affinity Lane as requested
Date	Received

5/18/20	FOIL for incident at 555 and 563 Drumcliff Way car fire on 6/5/17
5/19/20	Foil request for fire report for 47 Muriel Drive on 5/13/20
6/9/20	FOIL for 512 Affinity Lane reports for the past 12 months from Orchard Apts.

Secretary K. Dutton

IT/Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds

- He was back to work at headquarters yesterday and today.
- He will not be travelling to attend Spice World this year as it has been changed to virtual.

Administrator T. Gretzinger-necessarily absent

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- 1,280 calls year to date, 48% EMS.
- County Fire Chiefs August Equipment Show is now cancelled.
- Training programs at PSTF are starting to reopen, no word on State training.
- The Fire District is now cutover to WEX Cards for the gasoline vehicles. There is no more fuel dispensing of any type at the GCSD Bus Garage.
- In the next 2-weeks, School Drive next to NGFD Headquarters will be closed for the start of demolition to those school district buildings. Buses have been relocated. The project to rebuild this area is slated to be at least 2-years in duration.
- Skywave Communications will be in the Fire District on Friday to change over the station alerting and PA monitors to the new trunk radio system. Both VHF and trunk radio systems need to be maintained until the trunk system goes fully operational.
- Fire station re-openings: If all goes well for the remainder of this week, I expect to re-open the fire stations back to normal conditions on the 15th. The decision is day to day right now as the dynamics from New York State do change daily. The board approved.
- The Chief's Tahoe is now in service and we're in the process of taking the 2011 Tahoe out of service for sale and putting the 2017 Ford into service for Fire Prevention/Fire Safety Team. Thank you to the BOFC for the replacement vehicle. We should be putting the old one up for sale this week.
- Battalion Chief Battaglia has returned from gall bladder surgery.
- Bartlett Landscaping will provide an estimate to repair the lawn and landscaping at Headquarters where the trenches needed to be dug for the replacement sewer line and cleanout installations, I'll get the information to Commissioner Beaty.
- The parking lot lighting was repaired earlier today at Headquarters, Tom Chugg has notified the RG&E for the lighting they maintain at Station 1 and our electrical contractor will check the parking lot lighting at the Training Facility.
- The board was reminded that we need a date to start negotiating with the firefighter's union. Commissioners MacKenzie and DeCarlo will be involved.
- The Chief will work with Tina on configuring the room for the next board meeting.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- We are still in the process of getting quotes on pavement and concrete for all stations.
- A request was made to meet in person for the next meeting.
- Lauterborn Electric came to repair outdoor lighting when called this morning.

Commissioner A. DeCarlo

Commissioner M. MacKenzie

- The MCFDOA has cancelled the June meeting. They plan to meet in September.
- Tomorrow night the 4 town fire districts will be having a zoom meeting with CGR to hear the consolidation report which will be released June 16th.

Commissioner B. Rickman-No Report

Chairman T. Emerson

- The Chief was thanked for his hard work on the reimbursement for COVID from the county
- He has signed a business affirmation for NY state that we have a reopening plan and will be following it. A copy has been given to Tina and Chief.
- The secretary sent out the Budget timeline to all.

Deputy Treasurer 2 Ken Preston

- The state recognizes OFPC is delinquent in 3 areas: the chief's qualifications, the volunteer cancer bill as well as the lemon law. He will be sending a letter off to the fire administrator asking to sit down in his office and find out what their plans are on those 3 issues. The board doesn't have to certify participants until the end of the year or early next year, so we do have some time.

Ray DiRaddo

- In person for meetings has been put off to July 6th. We need to make sure that the whole board is visible on camera for public viewing of the meeting.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:31 p.m.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, M. MacKenzie – yes, W. Rickman - yes Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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