

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
1766 Latta Road Station #2  
8/25/2020**

**PRESENT:** Chairman T. Emerson, Commissioners M. Beaty, A. DeCarlo, M. MacKenzie, B. Rickman; Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, IT A. Hinds

**ABSENT:**

**PUBLIC:** Capt. S. Carter, FF's: S. Bagley, M. Castronovo

The 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 all those who are struggling.

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**MOTION BY** Commissioner T. Emerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel discipline and hiring at 6:01 p.m.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To return to regular session at 6:45 p.m.

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

**2020.3000.17.08.25**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To hire 6 firefighters from the Monroe County Civil Service List with a start date of September 28, 2020. On the recommendation of the interview committee, the following candidates will be appointed to the position of firefighter pending successful completion of their background checks and physicals; Michael Jarreau, John Driscoll, Andrew Mann, Timothy Donnelly, Charles McMahon, and Nicholas Rector.

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

**2020.3000.18.08.25**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To appoint Tyler Galka to the position of firefighter as a transfer from the Brighton Fire Department, with a start date of September 28, 2020. FF Galka will be hired at the 6-year step of the 2020 FF pay scale of \$73,953.

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

- The interview committee was thanked for their hard work during this hiring process.

**2020.3000.19.08.25**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. MacKenzie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To promote FF Michael Dorgan to the position of Fire Lieutenant effective August 30, 2020 at a salary of \$87155.90

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

**Commissioner A. DeCarlo**

- Inquiries were made regarding a possible micro antennae placement on station 1 for Verizon. If we are interested, it would take approximately 2 years for them to complete the study to see if it's a good location. It would be located on the roof. It would first be a 5-year contract and then a 25-year paying \$1800 annually. They would need an easement to come onto property when needed. It would boost coverage at that station. Commissioner Emerson will call and ask about payment to other sites to make sure the offer is not too low. He will also find out about any liability coverage.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner T. Emerson, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 5750-5768 totaling \$55,294.20 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 8/25/2020.

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

- There was a discussion regarding renewal of the contract for the emergency pre-emption system. The main concern seemed to be liability. Lt. Steve Carter was asked his opinion. He is of the opinion that is especially helpful at station 3.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner T. Emerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, To renew the emergency pre-emption system maintenance contract with the county of Monroe.

*M. Beaty-no, A. DeCarlo-no, T. Emerson -yes, M. MacKenzie – no, W. Rickman -no Failed motion*

#### **Secretary K. Dutton**

- An update was given regarding retention of meeting information per the LGS-1 Schedule. Please make sure to check the schedule before destroying documents used at inter department meetings and when representing the district at meetings outside the district.

#### **Commissioner M. Beaty**

- There was a discussion regarding hiring a construction manager to handle the project at station 1.

#### **2020.1000.5.08.25**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To hire John Radesi to be the construction manager for the paving project at station 1 with a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

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

- Our attorney will review the RFP. There should be no conflict of interest since Christa Construction should not be bidding on the project. The deadlines should be moved to coincide with the next board meeting.

#### **2020.1000.6.08.25**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To move ahead with the RFP for replacing station 1 pavement.

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

#### **2020.4000.20.08.25**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To approve J. Klein college course request to take 3 courses for 10 hours, for the fall semester, cost not to exceed \$3500 to include books.

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

- Sec. Dutton will see if the Symposium in the Sun is still happening.

#### **Treasurer W. Bedford**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the proposed was presented to the board. The only change was the projected interest rates on our investment accounts.

#### **2020.7000.13.08.25**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner T. Emerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To approve the 2021 proposed budget as presented to the board including a fund balance transfer of \$1,100,000.

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

#### **IT A. Hinds**

- The board would like to continue meeting at station 1 which allows for social distancing with the public invited to the next meeting.

**Chief S. DeRosa**

- The fire police radios are in. Programming will begin September 4th.
- The town accountability system held its 2<sup>nd</sup> training session today with all chiefs in attendance. Chief DeRosa is every excited to demonstrate this new system to the board.
- The final phase of the project are pagers. There are some concerns when going to the trunk system. Voice pagers will no longer be able to see what is going on. Volunteer safety is a concern. The county will not repair digital pagers in the future. We are currently experimenting with Unication pagers. It is currently our station alerting in 3 firehouses. A proposal to purchase Unication pagers for everyone is coming. They would include a charger, antennae, and pager at a cost of \$700 each. The department has been asked to assist with this endeavor. The district currently has funds left in this year's budget to accomplish this. There will be a need for 100. The department will be asked to purchase 40 of those.
- When purchasing the last 14 sets of turnout gear, we bought an additional liner considering the cancer bill. There have been issues and complaints. All openings were sealed which encapsulated the firefighter. This caused overheating, dehydration and elevated heart rate issues. The chief authorized removal of the elastic. Elizaco is paying for the first 4 sets and we will pay for the other 10. This has been a problem with other fire districts also.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:34 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