

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
9/8/2020**

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

ABSENT: IT/Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds, Chairman T. Emerson

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo, Dorgan Family: Skip, Diana, Janice, Caitlyn, Kelly, Lacey, Steve; Matt Wheeler; Mike Sauer; BC K. Helfer; FF's: A. Young, A. Horowitz. T. Clark, A. Ball, J Nesbitt, C. Grierson, M. Hare, M. Woledge; Lt's: S. Carter, B. Adams; Capt. J. Klein

The 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.

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- Lt. Michael Dorgan was sworn in and pinned by his wife Caitlyn. He will be the new Training Lieutenant.

PUBLIC TOPICS

Chairman read the District's established procedure for handling public topics set forth on each agenda as follows:

- A. The Board will now conduct the public comment period for those who have notified the Secretary no later than 15 minutes prior to this meeting.
 - B. When the Chairman calls upon you, please stand and state your name/address and what you want the Board to consider.
 - C. As the Board conducts essential business at this meeting, a 3-minute rule on all public comments has been established. Please do not expect the Board to answer any questions at this time.
- Joe Camiolo asked if there were going to be any changes with election process to please let him know. The same for the budget hearing.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 8/11/2020 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner B. Rickman, To approve the regular 8/25/2020 meeting minutes.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -absent, 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.

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

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner B. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 5769-5786 totaling \$66,281.85 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/8/2020.

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

*THIS PAGE HAS BEEN SET
ASIDE IN MEMORY OF*

Bertrand "Bud" Morgan

*NORTH GREECE LIFE MEMBER
CHAPLAIN*

FIRE POLICE OFFICER

AUGUST 16, 1939—SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

Date	Sent
8/14/20	Fire report for 179 Sherri Ann Lane fire on 6/30/20 by mail
8/21/20	Fire Report for 151 Kinmont Drive 8/11/20 by mail
8/24/20	Fire Report for 8/11/20 fire at 341 Applewood Drive by email
8/31/20	Fire report for 151 Kinmont Drive 8/11/20 by mail
9/1/20	Congratulations on birth of baby to The Sullivan Family
9/4/20	Sympathy card to Jane Morgan on the passing of her husband Bud.
Date	Received
8/13/20	Fire report for 179 Sherri Ann Lane fire on 6/30/20
8/20/20	Fire Report for 151 Kinmont Drive 8/11/20
8/20/20	Fire Report for 8/11/20 fire at 341 Applewood Drive
8/31/20	FOIL for fire report 8/11/20 at 151 Kinmont Drive

Secretary K. Dutton

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MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To hold a public hearing on the proposed 2021 budget hearing on October 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Meeting to be held at station 1 and to allow the publishing of a notice of the public hearing for the budget in the official newspaper of the district.

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

Treasurer W. Bedford

- The budgeted amount for the Retirement system needs to be adjusted. ERS is within budget, but the PFRS is increasing and we did not budget enough due to never knowing what the percentage will be. Overall, we will be short \$52,540. Two solutions were offered: modify the budget at the end of the year or hit our Retirement Reserve account. The treasurer prefers to not use our reserve fund. The board agrees with this. However, we do need to modify the proposed 2021 budget to prevent this again next year.

2020.7000.15.09.08

MOTION BY Commissioner B. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To amend the proposed budget by increasing the PFRS Retirement Line by \$125,000.

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

IT/Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds-Necessarily Absent

Administrator T. Gretzinger-No Report

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- We have had 2,023 calls year to date, 47% were EMS.
- There will be a Code F for Bud Morgan on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM at Bartolomeo Funeral Home on Vintage Lane. Bud’s funeral mass is Thursday, September 10th, 11 AM at St. Mark’s Church on Kuhn Road.
- North Greece has received official notification that the Recruit Firefighter Training Program (RFFT) has been approved for September 28th by the State Fire Administrator. A schedule has been worked out and planning continues. This is the first time a full RFFT has been done in suburban Monroe County. Graduation is tentatively planned for late-December.

- Fishers Fire Department, St. Paul Fire Department and City of Batavia Fire Department have recruit candidates in the NG RFFT. These departments will be charge to recoup our costs.
- The Motorola Accountability System is operating with training to come later this month. Fire Police portable radios are being programmed later this week as we're awaiting on ID's from the County. There will be a quick demo at the next board meeting.
- The license plates for both sold Tahoe's were turned into DMV last week with receipts to come in the mail. The appointment to register the new Tahoe is set for November 5th.
- Hurst E-Tools are now in full service on Q-270.
- The commissioners are scheduled to meet the new recruits on September 28th.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- There is a walk-around scheduled with the construction manager and contractors tomorrow. The notice will be in the paper Thursday.

Commissioner A. DeCarlo-No Report

Commissioner M. MacKenzie

2020.7000.16.09.08

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District has previously adopted a requirement by resolution under Town Law § 176, subparagraph (7) requiring candidates for fire district office to submit their request to be placed on the election ballot in the form of a nomination submitted in petition form subscribed by twenty-five qualified voters of the district; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has raised concerns regarding activities that involve close face to face contact such as a person meeting with registered voters to obtain their signature on a petition; and

WHEREAS, Town Law § 176, subparagraph (7) provides the alternative of permitting candidates to be placed on the ballot by simply submitting a letter to the fire district secretary declaring their candidacy; and

WHEREAS, the Board can implement that procedure by rescinding the prior resolution requiring candidates for district office to declare their candidacy by submitting a petition form subscribed by twenty-five qualified voters of the district;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the prior resolution adopted by this Board requiring candidates for district office to declare their candidacy by submitting a petition form subscribed by twenty-five qualified voters of the district, is hereby rescinded and candidates for district office in 2020 and until a subsequent candidate petition resolution may be re-adopted may declare their candidacy by submitting a letter in writing copy, which is attached to this resolution signed by them to the fire district secretary informing him/her of his/her intention to a candidate for office and describing the office and term of office which he/ she seeks.

____Date_____

Kari Dutton
Fire District Secretary
North Greece Fire District
1766 Latta Road
Rochester, NY 14612

Re: Annual Fire District Election for 2020;
Declaration of Candidacy for Elected Office

Dear Secretary Dutton:

Please be advised that I, _____, residing at _____ in the North Greece Fire District and a resident of the North Greece Fire District, hereby declare that I will be a candidate for the office of Fire Commissioner with a term of office from _____ to _____, at the 2020 Annual Fire District Election to be held on December 8, 2020 and request that you place my name on the ballot for that office for the said 2020 Annual Fire District Office.

Very truly yours,

Signature

Print Name

The foregoing resolution was duly put to vote, and on roll call the vote was as follows:

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

- The use of absentee ballots was discussed. They are an option for the district to use every year. The governor may choose to make an executive order requiring them but hasn't extended the current one to include this date at this time. The board still prefers to not use absentee ballots.

Commissioner B. Rickman-No Report

Chairman T. Emerson-Necessarily Absent

- Commissioner DeCarlo said that Commissioner Emerson will continue to try to contact the representative regarding the micro-antennae for Verizon.

Atty. Ray DiRaddo

- Budget Hearing – Consideration should be given to how the hearing is held. He thinks that it should be totally remote, or totally open, or a combination. You must allow for participation. They could sign up when they come in. If it's online a box to comment in, or a third option is an email address that comments, or questions can be sent to ahead of time. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To move to executive session at 6:39 PM to discuss contract negotiations.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To return to regular session at 6:57 PM.

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

2020.7000.17.09.08

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To accept the firefighters CBA agreement.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:58 p.m.
M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -absent, M. MacKenzie – yes, W. Rickman - yes Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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