

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/13/2020**

PRESENT: Chairman T. Emerson, Commissioners M. Beaty, M. MacKenzie, B. Rickman;
Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Fire Chief S.
DeRosa, Atty. R. DiRaddo, Deputy Treasurer 2 K. Preston

ABSENT: Commissioner A. DeCarlo

PUBLIC:

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.

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. Since the only notification came in later than 15 minutes before the meeting it was not permitted.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 9/8/2020 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To approve the regular 9/22/2020 meeting minutes.

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

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

MOTION BY Commissioner mb, br, 2nd by Commissioner, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 5821-5863 totaling \$121,122.71 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 10/13/2020. This includes the addition of two vouchers that came in later today from Uniform Express for \$1,455 and Messenger Post Media for posting the permissive referendum for \$142.27.

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

| Date | Sent |
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| 9/11/20 | Fire Report for 8/11/20 fire at 341 Applewood Drive |
| 9/23/20 | Email sent to Lawrence Resch upon his request of details for running for Commissioner election. |
| 9/29/20 | Response to Larry Resch for Election |
| Date | Received |
| 9/11/20 | FOIL request for Fire Report for 8/11/20 fire at 341 Applewood Drive |

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| 9/21/20 | FOIL request for Fire report for 8/31/20 car fire at 232 Meadowbriar Rd. for Christa Cersosimo |
| 9/23/20 | Email from Lawrence Resch regarding commissioner election |
| 9/29/20 | Email from Larry Resch with questions regarding election |
| 10/1/20 | Copy of letter Chief DeRosa sent to Chief Andrews, Barnard Fire District thanking him for the donation of ground ladders for use at the training ground from their retired Ladder 221. |
| 10/9/20 | Letter from Joe Camiolo: declaration of candidacy for Fire commissioner 5-year term. |
| 10/9/20 | Thank you card from the family of Bertrand W. Morgan, II for the flower arrangement sent to the funeral home. |
| 10/9/20 | FOIL request for car fire at 232 Meadowbriar Rd on 8/31/20 from Eric Hobbs Lexis Nexis for Zoe Lerkins, 2 nd request for different insured party. |

Secretary K. Dutton

- There was a discussion regarding the December election and extra protection for the tellers. Shields may make people feel more comfortable. We will make sure to have sanitizing supplies, and either 2 ballot colors or 2 boxes, gloves, masks, and plexi-glass shields.
- There was a discussion regarding moving meetings back to station 2. It was decided that we will remain at station 1.

Treasurer W. Bedford

- The board was informed of projected PFRS Retirement increases for 2022 of 31.1%. The treasurer will keep an eye on this, and we will have to raise our budget and put some in the reserve if possible, to cover this. We have not received any money out of this CARES act as promised.

IT/Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds

- Request to purchase new Smart Board at \$9,787.47 to upgrade station 1 to an 85-inch screen. There would then be one available for use at the training ground. He would also like to purchase 3 new computers at \$1,600 each for the existing smart boards to extend their life a few years. There is approximately \$34,000 left in the budget that isn't already planned for a purchase.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To purchase a new smart board and 3 new computers for existing smart boards at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

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

- Our I-Pad's battery life has been shortened due to age of devices. We are at the average life span of these products. Request to replace 10 of them as that is all we need. We used to have 11. This would be in place of what the County suggested in a fancy expensive package. We feel that Bryx and Red alert along with our new radios is enough and will not be purchasing from them. 10 units would cost \$11,500. It was suggested we purchase out of the IT budget. Shouldn't be a problem unless something unforeseen happens then will be looking for IT money. They will have Verizon cell service. Devices are used by 3 first due apparatus, 278, 277, Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, fire police, Duty Officer, spare Duty Officer buggy, and IT. There is some value in the existing units and we can probably recoup some of the cost by trade in or resale.

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MOTION BY Commissioner B. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To purchase 10 iPads at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.

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

- NY state negotiated a contract with Verizon for cell phones that we were able to piggy back off of. Our new plans are \$31.50 per phone per month. We should consider lowering the stipend we currently offer for 2021. Andy would like to see one more bill to make sure these are our new rates. He will modify the sop and bring it to board for approval once it's ready.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- Penflex is our current LOSAP administrator. A year ago, most of the actuaries and consultants left Penflex together and started their own business. We have not been getting good service from Penflex since this happened. The annual statements arrived today that should have been here in June. The new company, Firefly, is offering nice options. Members can go in and take care of some things themselves. Most communication will be electronic. They mail out all annual statements. It costs \$400 a year less. Tins is confident of the team. They are waiving transition fees and could take over November 1, 2020, with no cost for the last 2 months of this year.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To have Firefly handle our LOSAP program effective November 1, 2020.

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

- There was a discussion about having our medical provider do physicals on our premises this year rather than going to Occu Meds facility. There is additional cost. It will be \$200 an hour for 1 Physicians Assistant, 1 nurse, 1 tech. They believe they can do 3 physicals per hour. We have 66 people that need physicals currently so this should be an additional cost of \$4500 to \$4800. However, we would not have to pay overtime cost of \$2800 as in the past. There would also be the benefit of protection from going to their facility where there would be potential contact with illness. One whole group would get their physical in a day. They are also willing to come on a Saturday should we need it for volunteers. The board was good with this change.

Attorney Ray DiRaddo

- The legal case with CHS was dismissed by a pre-complaint notice to dismiss. Normal progression would be a complaint, a response, then the issue is joined. This was different. Once the petition came in, an immediate motion to dismiss was made based on the complaint. We did win, but the issue never got addressed, it was thrown out based on standing. It should have never been brought. Be cautious when reading the results. CHS did not do what they should have done. They have 30 days to appeal, although they will not be very successful. The issue of standing is fundamental. Comm. Coyle resigning and Commissioner DeCarlo dismissing himself from discussions were the right things to do.

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- Thanks to Andy for all his hard work. He has had a rough time over the past few weeks due to issues.
- We have had 2,327 responses year to date. 47% were EMS which is down 13%.
- Recruit Training Class is in Week 3 with 1 very minor knee injury (no lost time from work). This week, candidates are doing EVOC, ventilation and CPAT practice.
- I have an Indemnification Agreement from the City of Rochester for our attorney to review and a signature will be needed for the use of their push/pull/ceiling machine for the recruit class. Atty. Ray DiRaddo reviewed it and is comfortable with the district signing it. The insurance and liability need to be provided and Commissioner Emerson will sign it.
- The Unication Radios have arrived and are being programmed for use beginning in November when the trunk radio system cutover occurs. The Board radios will be at the next meeting and can familiarize the Commissioners.

- The cutover date for the Monroe County Trunk Radio System is Monday, November 2, 2020 at 8 AM.
- The cutoff for Minitter pagers is November 15th.
- The Chief has secured a spot in FLSTP Class for Lieutenant Mike Dorgan in September 2021. Once he gets the application approved, he will get the pricing and Board approval.
- The Barnard Fire District has removed Ladder 221 from service and placed the apparatus into the County Auction. Its ground ladders were donated to North Greece and are now stored and in use at the Training Grounds. All the ladders were tested for 2020. The Chief sent a letter of thanks to both the Fire Chief and Fire Commissioners from Barnard. Sec. K. Dutton to send one from the board also.
- The entire fleet, with the exception of Quint 270 have completed their PM Inspections. The Quint will be done once Ridge Road Quint 250 comes back into service. The Ridge Road Quint has been out of service for nearly a month and is expected to be back at the end of October.
- Ridge Road Fire Chief Steve Mills has announced his retirement effective December 23rd. Battalion Chief Steve Johnson has been named as the new Fire Chief beginning on December 24th.
- There was a discussion regarding the Greece Fire District Consolidation Study and Cover letter for the website. A group of commissioners was tasked with the fire chiefs to come up with a cover letter for what we are already doing to go with study and put on the 4 districts websites. RRFD and Barnard have done so. The letter was vague. The general consensus is to sit for now. We will place the letter on our site.
- Our old radios will be inventoried, and we will attempt to sell. There is a little interest. Any funds received can go back into budget.
- The chief requested that the board reconsider renewing our contract with the county for the emergency pre-emption system. We decided to keep it in the trucks. The county has given us a few weeks extension to consider this before it is disconnected. The chief feels that there are safety advantages. It will cost us \$60 per intersection to have it turned off. We still have a small cache of parts to fix them. The board agreed to let the chief get a new contract from the county.

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MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To extend our contract with Monroe County for the emergency pre-emption system.

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

Commissioner M. Beaty

- The paving/concrete project at station 1 started a week ago Monday, was milled Tuesday, rain day Wednesday. It is now ahead of schedule. Yesterday they poured 90 yards of concrete. The pad is done and starting to cure. Drainage has been started. The sidewalk has been poured. Equipment response on the other side has been working out.
- Station 1 is starting to have maintenance issues.
- The ice machine died. It needs a new evaporator Some of it is covered under warranty.
- New LED lights will be installed at the training to replace 3 units that have broken.
- The lip of the bay was repaired at HQ's on Friday. This project will be done before winter.
- CME is conducting testing the materials used on the station 1 project. Bayside has been excellent to work with so far. They clean up after themselves.

Commissioner A. DeCarlo-necessarily absent

Commissioner M. MacKenzie

- The MCFDOA November meeting is still on the schedule. Commissioner MacKenzie has been tasked with finding a special topic to talk about.

Ken Preston

- The latest AFDSNY issue is full of updates.

Commissioner B. Rickman-no report

Chairman T. Emerson

- A strategic planning committee will be formed.

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To move to executive session at 7:36 PM to discuss matters relating to hiring/firing of personnel.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson to return to regular session at 8:05 PM.

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

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To accept the MOU for both the Officers and Firefighters Unions regarding the increase to the District funded HRA to cover the increase in the out of pocket maximum on the Simply Blue Gold 6 health plan effective 1/1/2021.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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