

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/27/2020**

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, Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: *Joe Camiolo, Scott Louth, Mark Stolte, Robert Wegner, Gene Preston*

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 prayer by Chaplain Gene Preston for our departed members.

PUBLIC TOPICS

The 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 spoke regarding the budget hearing and being unable to read the presentation that night due to small size on the screen. He requested an electronic copy of the presentation. He also expressed safety and processing concerns with only holding election from 6 to 9 pm. He also would like the district to move towards absentee ballots.

Mark Stolte recommended that the board vote to increase the LOSAP yearly payout. He feels that reducing the voting time would not be fair due to COVID-19.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 5864-5891 totaling \$50,873.58 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 10/27/2020. This includes an additional \$2,032.39 to Turnout Express for fall PPE maintenance.

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

- There was a discussion on hours and location for the upcoming election.

2020.7000.19.10.27

MOTION BY Commissioner B. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To publish the notice of election in the next edition of the Post. The election will be held at 1766 Latta Road on December 8, 2020 2-9 PM.

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

2020.8000.13.10.27

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2021 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 20, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 20, 2020 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2021 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2021 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 1.56% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2021 budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 1.56% increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$11,165,232. Expenses = \$11,165,232, Revenues = \$56,785, Tax Levy = \$11,108,447 and an Unassigned Fund Balance of \$1,250,000.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Tom Emerson	yes
Commissioner Alan DeCarlo	yes
Commissioner Mike Beaty	yes
Commissioner Mike MacKenzie	yes
Commissioner Bill Rickman	yes

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: N. Greece, New York
October 27, 2020

2020.8000.14.10.27

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2021

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2021 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

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WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 20, 2020 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2021 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2021 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 1.56% increase in said tax levy; and

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WHEREAS, previously at this meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2021 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the North Greece Fire District for 2021 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$11,165,232. Expenses = \$11,165,232, Revenues = \$56,785, Tax Levy = \$11,108,447 and an Unassigned Fund Balance of \$1,250,000.

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Commissioner Alan DeCarlo	yes
Commissioner Mike Beaty	yes
Commissioner Mike MacKenzie	yes
Commissioner Bill Rickman	yes

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- The radio demonstration was postponed for 2 weeks due to programming issues. Volunteer group radios will be ready next Wednesday.

Chief S. DeRosa

2020.7000.20.10.27

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner M. MacKenzie, To approve revisions to SOP 1300 Health and Safety.

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

- The request for reimbursement through the CARES Act in the amount of \$5,083.00 was submitted to the County of Monroe yesterday. This is for COVID-19 equipment and supplies.
- The agreement with Rochester Fire Department for borrowing the push-pull machine for the Recruit Class has been signed, notarized and proof of insurance was attached. Documents were returned to RFD BC Tim Young.
- The contract with Monroe County for the pre-emption system has been signed and returned to the County for the Executives signature.
- The city will not be loaning us an aerial ladder.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- Station 1 update: Bayside lost 6 days of work due to rain. The base and binder were poured today on N. Greece Road section.

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo to move to executive session at 6:22 PM to discuss matters relating to hiring/firing and collective bargaining.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. MacKenzie, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To resolve to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 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