

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
11/24/2020**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike MacKenzie

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo

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 our departed members. 10 people were in attendance.

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 suggested having personnel park across the street or in the lawn for the election.

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 5918-5948 totaling \$ 29,107.53 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/24/2020.

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

Commissioner M. Beaty

- Buildings/Grounds update:
 - The Plymovents were installed today.
 - The snowplow contract was signed and turned in.
 - Phase 1 and 2 of the paving projects at Station 1 (parking lot entrances) are done. Seeding will be done in the spring. Some epoxy is needed between the old concrete and the new pad. They were unable to tie the drainage in to the retention pond, so they tied it into the existing catch basins to Latta Road. Trees and brush were removed that had been blocking sight lines to Latta Road. They will place a tack coat around the edges where the new meets the old to bond it tighter. This company did a great job.

Chief S. DeRosa

- Thanks to Comm. Beaty for a job well done with communication on the paving project. This was a big project.
- An estimate was received from Servpro for disinfecting Station 2 following the Commissioner Elections of \$1,295 including bathrooms and hallways. It is on the schedule for 10 AM December 9th.
- The tentative date for Recruit Firefighter Graduation is Saturday, December 19. Because of COVID restrictions, we will have to swear in the candidates 3-4 at a time. The tentative plan is to start at 9 AM for the first group, 10:30 for the second, Noon for the third and finish the last group at 1:30. This plan is tentative in accordance with the current COVID color for Greece. If we go "Orange" this will be postponed; the recruits will get sworn in individually and have a ceremony once we are out of lockdown.

- COOP and Operations Plans are ready should we revert to orange or red status, per the State guidelines and Executive Orders.
- The County of Monroe did request our bank information for wiring funds. We should be receiving the CARES Act reimbursement in the coming weeks. I would ask that these funds be put back into the EMS budget line as the second wave of COVID will quickly use up our supply of PPE.
- Those retiring in 2021 may be slower than usual due to the slow response from the state in providing their numbers.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, to approve volunteer Greg Laskowki pending a successful background check. He is cross trained as an exterior firefighter and Fire Police.

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

- The NY state cancer plan was amended, and we were able to add a few firefighters due to this. The board discussed whether to allow exterior firefighters with 5 or more years and have passed a physical exam to be included. This should not add anyone at the current time. A copy of current eligible firefighters will be sent to Commissioners. The board is not allowing this at this time, but this can be changed at any point.

General Discussion

- There is the possibility of a Firefighter I Joint class in the town.
- Commissioner Beaty commented on the Town wide Joint training that he attended.

Commissioner A. DeCarlo

- The driver's course to reduce insurance that we offered in 2018 is up for renewal. The board is in favor of this and a motion was brought to the floor and then tabled until the Secretary gets more information.

Commissioner T. Emerson

- All commissioners were encouraged to be present and take an interest in projects when they are being done.
- All commissioners were encouraged to check their mailboxes at Headquarters and sign vouchers at least once a week.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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