

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
4/13/2021**

PRESENT: Chairman Alan DeCarlo, Commissioners, M. Beaty (attended by videoconferencing in AZ), B. Rickman, M. Stolte; Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Atty. R. DiRaddo, Deputy Treasurer K. Preston, Deputy Treasurer 2/IT A. Hinds

ABSENT: Commissioner T. Emerson, Administrator T. Gretzinger

PUBLIC: Dir. Scott Louth, Joe Camiolo

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.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the regular 3/9/2021 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the regular 3/23/2021 meeting minutes.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -absent, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – 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 W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Bedford.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 6194-6225 totaling \$31,004.01 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 4/13/2021.

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

- There was a discussion regarding M&T Bank fraud prevention services. The treasurer made his recommendations. Biz pay would save us money if we send a wire. We usually send one a year. Fees will come out of our checking account automatically.

2021.8000.5.04.13

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve using the following services with M & T Bank: Payee Positive Pay (\$25/month), ACH Monitor (\$25/month +\$.05 fee per check), and Biz Pay (\$25/wire). The treasurer is authorized to sign any paperwork necessary to implement these services.

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

Date	Sent
3/10/21	FF union contract sent to See Through NY as requested by FOIL
3/15/21	Sympathy Card to Watertown Fire Dept. on the passing of FF Peyton Morse
3/29/21	Henry Ettinger, Faraci Lange, NFIRS report only sent as we did not have patient contact on 12/11/20 at Dewey Ave. Incident #2801
Date	Received
3/26/21	PCR for Dewey Ave. incident 12/11/20

Secretary K. Dutton

2021.7000.24.04.13

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To approve revised SOP's: 2121 (Knox Box System & Operations, 2112 (Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC).

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

2021.7000.25.04.13

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the retirement of the following SOP's: 2105 (Two In/Two Out-now located in 2112, RIC), 2113 (Mutual Aid RIC -now located in 2112, RIC), 2009 (Digital Pagers)

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

- There was a discussion regarding funding and invites for the 2022 Inspection Dinner (100th Anniversary). The attorney informed the board that they should keep the cost under \$75 per person because elected officials may not accept a gift greater than that amount. The department is not under the same constraints that we are as a district regarding funding this event. If the district pays for elected officials to attend as guests, we should demonstrate the value received. It was suggested to also approach the Exempts for funding. The exempts or department could cover that cost without question. Sec. Dutton will contact the committee to secure a venue and come up with a guest list.
- The board is in favor of a 14-day trial with Case Text for online lawbooks. The secretary will start this when she and the Administrator can give it a good trial.

Deputy Treasurer 2 K. Preston

- The annual meeting in May at Turning Stone has almost 500 people registered, 300 for the full conference. Restrictions on the Exhibit hall is limited to 200 people at one time. Meals are another issue. The program itself isn't very restricted and shouldn't be a problem. Since we missed last year, the memorial service will be longer than normal. There are 92 people being recognized.
- Coffee with commissioners will continue. All were encouraged to view last Saturdays session which is now on the website regarding Cannabis and marijuana.

IT/Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds-No Report

Administrator T. Gretzinger-Necessarily Absent

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- There have been 803 alarms, year to date, 52% of those were EMS, which is down about 10%.
- The grass fire truck is ready to be sold. It has a value of approximately \$4,300 to \$7,300. We are looking for a minimum bid of \$5,000. The v10 motor needs exhaust manifolds. The board approves with moving to sell this vehicle as it was previously made surplus.
- Ladder testing is completed with no major issues found.

- Administrative Order 2021-010 is completed and distributed, thanks to Tina for working through this very confusing matter.
- Problems continue with the CAD System and alerting tones. The fire chiefs from Battalion 2 have a meeting with County Public Safety Officials on April 28th.
- Group 5 (active) firefighters will begin cross training with Barnard and Lake Shore Fire Departments on Wednesday, April 28th. This will be a monthly event and will rotate sites.
- We need to begin securing travel for Lt. Mike Dorgan for FLSTP Training in May. Mike is awaiting final word on the pilot class which is reduced to 2-weeks.
- The fit testing machine is out for annual recalibration and needed repairs.
- Kari is working on ordering annual service award gifts for both the 2020 and 2021 calendar years.
- Hose project to be discussed with Commissioners Rickman and Beaty.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- New Holland Tractor has approved us for leasing a 55 HP tractor with loader at a cost of \$3,500 for the year. They cover everything including the maintenance. At the end of the year, they pick up and bring a new tractor for lease or negotiate a purchase. We will be able to use it for pallets at the training grounds for 3 seasons and then at station 1 for winter plowing. The unit has an 89" pusher blade for a purchase price of \$1,675 and a pallet fork for a purchase price of \$975. It can move, lift, and flip cars for use in extrication training. The currently owned tractor will move to station 3 for snow removal.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To lease the New Holland 55 HP tractor with a full cab for 1 year at a cost of \$3,500 and purchase a 89 inch pusher blade with a rubber cutting edge at a cost of \$1,675 and a 48 inch pallet fork 3,000 capacity, at a cost of \$975. The total cost not to exceed \$6,150.

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

- Bids were opened at 7 PM for the Chevrolet Express 3500 Passenger van. A minimum bid of \$8,500 was required. It was awarded to Jonathan Schwartz with a bid of \$9,250. The Chief will have BC Knapp finish the sale.
 - Jonathan Schwartz bid \$9,250
 - Terry O'Connell bid \$8,777

Commissioner T. Emerson -Necessarily Absent

Commissioner B. Rickman

- There was an update requested regarding members out for Covid testing.

Commissioner M. Stolte

- Monthly bank statements were reviewed.

Chairman A. DeCarlo

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To send Lt. M. Dorgan to NYC for officer training FLTPS, May 17-28, 2021 with a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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