

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
1766 Latta Road Station #2  
11/09/2021**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Alan DeCarlo, Commissioners M. Beaty, B. Rickman, M. Stolte; Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Deputy Treasurer K. Preston, Deputy Treasurer 2/IT A. Hinds  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner T. Emerson, Atty. Ray DiRaddo  
**PUBLIC:** Joe Camiolo, Lt. J. Williams, Capt. S. Carter  
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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**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.

*J. Camiolo addressed the board with concern regarding increasing the count of firefighters from 55 to 70 and sharing expenses with other districts.*

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 10/12/2021 meeting minutes.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the 10/19/2021 public hearing meeting minutes.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 10/26/2021 meeting minutes.

*M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -absent, W. Rickman, 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 M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, M. Stolte - yes Carried*

**MOTION BY** Commissioner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 6553-6584 totaling \$1,610,302.47 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/09/2021.

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

Date	Sent
10/18/21	Letter of no Medical Record for Patricia Stacy sent to lawyer, no patient contact at MVA on Mt. Read near McGuire Road
10/20/21	signed snowplow contract, copy of our contract with Cutter and Certificate of Liability sent to Kirk Morris, Commissioner of Public works.
10/27/21	Sympathy card to past firefighter Tom Grenga's daughter Toni and family
Date	Received
10/18/21	Letter of intent to run for Fire Commissioner from Joe Camiolo
10/19/21	Request from Kirk Morris, Commissioner of Public Works for signed snowplow contract, copy of our contract with Cutter and Certificate of Liability.
10/20/21	Letter of intent to run for Fire Commissioner from Walt Bedford

**Secretary K. Dutton-no report**

**IT/Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds**

- New copiers have been ordered for station 1,3. The order states 4 to 6 weeks, but they should come in sooner.
- Message centers update: met with the electric and sign companies to stake out station 2. Skylight to install posts next week, then the electric can be run. This sign should be in before Christmas. Station 1 is further out. The staff member that will be handling content on the sign has not been discussed.
- After looking at our cell phone plan, we're going to have to pay for hardware starting next year. Phones available have now been changed, and our bill per person will probably go up to \$50/month. Which means the stipend would need to be raised. The board was asked to consider scratching phone accounts and give everyone the stipend. Past experience is Verizon is the best provider. Walt recommends setting it up as a stipend in payroll so there is no need for check writing. The SOP must be rewritten to reflect no more district provided phone. Andy Hinds agreed to do this, and it will be placed on the next agenda.

**Administrator T. Gretzinger**

- We increased the allowable number of firefighters from 55 to 70 at the September meeting. There was no budgeting for it as there is not an intent in 2022. This should meet our legal requirement.

**Fire Chief S. DeRosa**

- We have responded to 2,810 alarms, year to date, 55% of those were EMS.
- Hospital wait times and surges continue with no relief in sight.
- Information on booster vaccine was sent to all members and employees last week.
- Annual gear inspections and cleaning are currently underway and its anticipated we will be completed by the end of the day tomorrow.
- Fire Police running assignments and tasks once on scene are being modified to improve member safety in lieu of limited manpower.
- Barnard, Lake Shore and North Greece cross training evolutions have been halted until after the new year due to several issues with all involved agencies.

**2021.7000.43.11.09**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner W. Rickman, To adopt the Parma water variance guidelines. These guidelines will be appended to these minutes and placed as part of our permanent records.

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

**Deputy Treasurer 2 Ken Preston**

- Our new governor is doing better at signing new bills every week. Some new ones that affect fire districts:
  - Not hate symbols allowed at any fire district.
  - VFBL benefits increased.
  - Minutes must be posted in two weeks on website. Indicate that they are draft unapproved minutes.

**Commissioner M. Beaty**

- The tractor blade is in. We should receive it this week.
- Dumpster enclosure should be in this week.
- Paving update for station 1
- In negotiations with Bartlett on a 5-year contract.

**2021.1000.9.11.09**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To enter into a 5 year contract for lawn mowing at station 1. Cost for 2022 is \$3500 increasing \$100 a year for 5 years. There is also an A la carte list included to be negotiated on an as needed basis. 30-day notice to end by either party. Fees end in 2026 at \$3900 per year. Contract to be signed.

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

- The secretary will Check into the county meeting date and time.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to collective negotiations and acquisition of real property at 6:43 PM.

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

**Commissioner T. Emerson -necessarily absent**

**Commissioner B. Rickman-No Report**

**Commissioner M. Stolte No Report**

**Chairman A. DeCarlo No Report**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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