

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
11/23/2021**

PRESENT: Chairman A. DeCarlo, Commissioners M. Beaty, B. Rickman; Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Treasurer W. Bedford, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Deputy Treasurer 2 K. Preston, Deputy Treasurer /IT A. Hinds

ABSENT: T. Emerson, M. Stolte

PUBLIC: BC K. Battaglia, Joe Camiolo, Lt. S. Carter

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.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 6585-6612 totaling \$283,363.72 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/23/2021.

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

- Chief DeRosa and Admin. T. Gretzinger and BC K. Battaglia are to be acknowledged for their contribution getting our Workers comp and VFBL lowered. The bill was 10 to 20% less than expected due to their efforts. We also got an early payment discount due to Walt requesting a bill.
- There was a discussion regarding updates to SOP 1111 (Cell phones). For some of those affected there will be an early termination fee. A. Hinds suggested the district pay this fee and how much the stipend/reimbursement should be. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- The board was updated on the election procedure. It will be held in the truck room and done like last year. Masking may be required depending on the COVID-19 situation at the time.
- A. Hinds proposed a project to digitize our microfilm. We currently have 179 rolls to be converted. We currently pay over \$800 per year to store a second set of these films offsite. If we digitize, not only will we be able to retrieve information easily, but we will save this storage fee. It costs \$41,000 to buy the equipment, but we can rent it for \$4500 for one month. Between the secretary and IT, we should be able to get this project done in one month's time.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To rent the digitizing equipment at a cost of \$4500 to turn our microfilm into .pdf/A.

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

IT Andy Hinds

- The digital signs have been installed. We are now waiting for the electrician. We could have a functional sign here at headquarters next week. Sec. Dutton is interested in programming content.

Chief Sam DeRosa

- We will be swearing in probationary firefighter Jacques Chenell at the beginning of the December 14th meeting.

Commissioner Mike Beaty

- The tractor is at station 3 with the pusher blades and all equipment.
- Everything is complete other than the dumpster enclosure at station 2 needs front doors.

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MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve registering the 4 attendees of FDIC for HOT training with a cost not to exceed \$2900.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To move to executive session to discuss collective negotiations at 6:23 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To return to regular session at 7:00 PM.

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

- The board agreed to move forward with the purchase of a Sutphen engine. Chief DeRosa and BC Battaglia will work with the treasurer to obtain some budgeting information to present to the board at the first meeting in December.

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MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman to accept the 2022-2025 Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

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

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MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the following salary increases to the Administrative staff for 2022:

IT/Treasurer position (Hinds)- 3%

District Secretary (Dutton) - 3%

Fire Chief (DeRosa)- 3%

District Administrator (Gretzinger) - 5%

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

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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