

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
12/14/2021**

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: FF M. Baxter, Capt. S. Carter, BC J. Lissow, 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. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 11/09/2021 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 11/23/2021 meeting minutes.

M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, 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.
- The auditors will be in on January 6th, 1st audit of the year. Commissioner welcome

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner, T. Emerson To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Bedford.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 6613-6656 totaling \$370,021.49 as submitted by Treasurer Bedford and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 12/14/2021.

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

2021.8000.10.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To Close out all open permissive referendums:

1. 2021.1000.8.09.28 - Capital Construction \$200,000 parking lot station 1
2. 2021.5000.6.09.14 – Capital construction \$120,000 electronic signs
3. 2021.8000.6.07.13 – Capital Construction \$400,000 parking lot station 2

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

2021.8000.11.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To move \$566,000 from 200.21 NYCLAS 03 Reserve Capital Construction to 200.11 NYCLASS General Savings and modify the 2010 budget account by \$566,000 to balance and document movement of monies.

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

Date	Sent
11/15/21	Sympathy card to past firefighter Tom Grenga's daughter Toni and family on the passing of Kathy Grenga (Tom's wife)
12/7/21	Plant sent to Chugg family on the passing of Tom's father
11/23/21	Fire report sent to Leondra Bullard for fire at 161 Sycrest
11/29/21	PCR for minor sent to Bonnie Haskell
12/10/21	Fire reports (3) from 265 Arlidge Drive in Barnard as we assisted sent by mail.
12/13/21	Fire report emailed to Sean Henderson for 141 Applegrove Drive on 11/22/2021
Date	Received
11/15/21	FOIL for vandalism at 93 Sheraton Drive from Lexis Nexis, not in district request returned
11/23/21	PCR Request from Bonnie Haskell for a minor
11/23/21	FOIL request for fire at 161 Skycrest Fire from Leondra Bullard
11/24/21	FOIL request for fire at 230 Rogene St., informed them to reach out Barnard
11/29/21	Lexis Nexis 2 nd request for Vandalism report at 93 Sheraton Drive, returned request as not in district
12/8/21	PCR request for Elizabeth O'Neil
12/9/21	FOIL request fomr MET for Kim Clark for Fire at 265 Arlidge Dr (Barnard). We did respond
12/10/21	FOIL request for fire report 141 Applegrove Drive 11/22/21 by Sean Henderson

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel Discipline and litigation at 6:18 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To return to regular session at 7:15 PM.

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

Secretary K. Dutton

2021.7000.45.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To publish the 2022 meeting schedule. The organizational meeting will be held January 4, 2022. Regular meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The 2023 Organizational meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2023. *(Post meeting note: it is not necessary to publish but to notify. Notification was made to the media; it was placed on the website and sign board.)*

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

IT/Deputy Treasurer A. Hinds

- There was a discussion on the Cell phone stipend and early termination fees should we approve the SOP. There is one person unsure of the carrier he is going to. He would be the only early termination fee. The board decided the value of the stipend would be decided each year at the organizational meeting.

2021.7000.46.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the revisions to SOP 1111 (Telecommunication) as discussed at this meeting.

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

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- The Chairman needs to sign the proposal from Hartford Insurance for Volunteer firefighter cancer coverage. There is no increase in price for this year.
- Changes to the employee handbook were brought to the board for 2022. This will mirror the contract in retiree continuation of spouse health insurance upon spousal passing.

2021.3000.4.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the employee handbook for 2022.

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

K. Preston

- The January MCFDOA installation banquet has been postponed.
- The NYS Recruitment and Retention Task Force is looking at the current volunteer recruitment and retention plans of PA and DE as models for NY to consider.
- AFDSNY Issues of united concern were shared:
 - EMS cost recovery bill
 - Reinstate jury duty exemption for all firefighters
 - VFBL law changes to keep benefits but allow compensation.
 - Recruitment retention tax force, group to have final report by April. They've asked for an amendment to allow all of 2022 to continue working.
- 49 years ago, Ken was elected as commissioner for the first time.

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- There have been 3,318 calls, year to date. Please note the significant change to the number of alarms in the past 28-days. EMS calls represent 54% of the total responses.
- North Greece responded to 76 calls for service in a 38-hour window during this past weekend's windstorm.
- 2022 Fire Police Officers - I'd like to submit the names of Captain Ken Preston, Lieutenant Phil Davola and Lieutenant Raymond Barnard for the 2022 Fire Police Officers for the North Greece Fire Department for Fire District approval.

2021.3000.5.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the following Fire Police Officers for 2022: Captain Ken Preston, Lieutenant Phil Davola and Lieutenant Raymond M.

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

- Hose Project Completion - Request permission to send Tom Chugg to Coatsville, PA on Monday, December 20, 2021, for the purpose of delivering all the hose which needs to be cut down and recoupled at the Fire Store. Tom would also need to travel back to PA sometime in early-January to pick up the hose when it's ready. This is at a cost not to exceed \$300 each way (Note – the couplings arrived last week, and we'd previously discussed sending Tom to deliver to save approximately 1,000). The boarded added money should Tom not want to make the trip alone.

2021.4000.20.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To send T. Chugg to PA to deliver hose on Monday, December 20th. He will also return in January to pick up the hose once it is complete, with a cost not to exceed \$1500.

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

- EMS Medical Director Services –The contract and pricing for the coming two years has been reviewed. The board needs to approve the expenditure and sign the contract for 2022-2023.
- Replacement Sutphen Engine – We have received a contract from Sutphen and a payment/savings plan for the engine. The chief recommends the Fire District sign the contract and get North Greece into the queue to build the engine with the following payment structure:
 - December 31, 2021 - \$300K
 - March 31, 2022 - \$300K
 - May 2023 - \$112,856 (following delivery and acceptance of engine)
 - Net cost of engine: \$712,856.
 - Payment plan saves Fire District \$5,880.
 - *Note – approximately \$30K will need to be budgeted in 2023 for mounting/installation of equipment.

2021.2000.3.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To sign the contract with Sutphen for the purchase of an engine to be delivered mid-year 2023 at a cost of \$712,856.
M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes Carried

Commissioner M. Beaty

- Buildings and capital projects for 2022 are completed. Items for next year to include storm damage repairs from last week's windstorm (Station 1 lost shingles.)
- The new tractor is in place at station 3. Personnel have been trained and there is an inspection schedule.
- We need to finalize the inspection banquet funding for 2022.

2021.9000.3.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve spending up to \$22,000 for use at the annual inspection dinner for 2022.
M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-recused, T. Emerson -yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes Carried

- The Chief was asked to look into getting COVID tests for our use from the town.

Commissioner T. Emerson -No Report

Commissioner B. Rickman

2021.3000.6.12.14

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner A. DeCarlo, To give Walt Bedford a 3% raise for 2022.
M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, W. Rickman, M. Stolte - yes Carried

Commissioner M. Stolte-No Report

Chairman A. DeCarlo-No Report

MOTION BY Commissioner A. DeCarlo, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m.
M. Beaty-yes, A. DeCarlo-yes, T. Emerson -yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes Carried

Respectfully submitted,

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