

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
1/11/2022**

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: FF T. Sullivan, Scott Louth, Joe Camiolo, Lt. Stephen 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.

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.
- Joe Camiolo congratulated Walt Bedford on his position of commissioner. If North Greece is putting together a volunteer recruitment/retention task force, he would be interested in participating. If items come up that are not placed on the agenda, please consider the allowing the public time to comment later in the meeting.

Scheduled Topics

- Current contracts were reviewed to see if there is a need for RFP's this year.
- Review of Commissioner Assignments. Good with additions. Kari to send out.
- Homeland Security Volunteer FF Recruitment and Retention Task Force: The committee is still lacking 4 members to be appointed by the governor. Legislation has been proposed to give extra time to work on it. An informational link was forwarded to the board.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the regular 12/14/2021 meeting minutes.

*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, T. Emerson – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried*

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To approve the regular 12/28/2021 meeting minutes.

*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, T. Emerson – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried*

Treasurer A. Hinds

- Treasurer Hinds read the monthly financial report, detailing receipts, disbursements, exception report, budget summary, grants, and status of permissive referendums. Financial report appended to minutes.
- Review of the 2021 balance sheet and budget vs. actual led to the suggestion that we move \$300,000 into construction reserve and \$300,000 into equipment reserve.

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to follow the recommendation of the treasurer to move \$600,000 from the 2021 unassigned fund balance into the following reserve accounts: Construction reserve, \$300,000 and Equipment Reserve \$300,000.
M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, T. Emerson – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner W. Beaty, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Hinds.
M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, T. Emerson – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 6692 - 6719 totaling \$35,446.49 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 1/11/2022.
M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, T. Emerson – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

Date	Sent
1/4/22	Flowers sent to the Beikirch family upon the loss of Gary Beikirch. Card sent to Hinds family.
1/5/22	Oaths of office and surety bond copy to both towns of Greece and Parma
1/6/22	Email to Travelers Insurance phenning@travelers.com regarding billing for MVA treatment.
1/11/22	Fire Report sent to Eric Hobbs Lexis Nexis for fire at 42 Cider Creek Circle on 12/30/21
Date	Received
12/17/21	Thank you note for Toni Williams for plants sent on the passing of her parents Tom and Kathy Grena.
12 / 21	Law offices of Mark Butler letter of rates for 2022.
1/4/22	Traveler's Insurance notice of billing for an MVA
1/10/22	FOIL request for fire at 42 Cider Creek Circle on 12/30/21 from Eric Hobbs, Lexis Nexis for Met Life

Secretary K. Dutton-No Report

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- Appreciation was expressed for the fire district's contribution to the memorial service of his father-in-law Sgt. Gary Beikirch this past Saturday.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- There was a discussion on holding a public hearing and publishing the notice of public hearing regarding providing partial exemption from fire district taxes for eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing within the fire district. If the board moves forward and approves this, active volunteers will get 10% off the assessed value of their property in regards to the fire district tax. The board would need to hold a public hearing and pass a resolution before submitting those eligible to the town assessor's office. This wouldn't go into effect until 2023 if we get it done by March 1st. Terminology of enrolled is used which we believe to mean active. This is not retroactive. Volunteers must be active at time of the resolution.

2022.8000.3.01.11

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to hold a Public Hearing on the proposition of whether or not the North Greece Fire District should adopt a resolution providing for partial exemption from fire district taxes, to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property for eligible enrolled members or such eligible enrolled member and spouse residing within the North Greece Fire District, a partial tax exemption from fire district taxes, to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property pursuant to Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law. To be held on February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Greece Fire Station located at 645 N. Greece Road, N. Greece, NY 14515, at which time all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same.

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

2022.8000.4.01.11

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To publish a legal notice for the public hearing to be held on February 8th.

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

- It would be up to fire department to get the other entities in the town to do the same.

Deputy Treasurer 2 Ken Preston

- An executive order has extended the ability to hold remote meetings through April 1st.
- Legislation has passed to ban fire retardant Chemicals in furniture.
- The ambulance pay may get added in the back of the budget. There is a senator willing to back this, we just need an assemblyperson to go along with it.

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- We have responded to 105 calls, year to date. Please note the significant change to the number of alarms in the past 28-days. EMS calls represent 58% of the total responses.
- North Greece finished 2021 with 3,448 total responses. A year end summary report is being submitted and will be available for the February meeting.
- Hose testing, ladder testing, pump testing and inspection of all turnout gear, including cleaning, was completed in 2021. All fire stations were also inspected with Commissioner Beaty, and we are working with the Station Captains on the repair and upgrade lists.
- The hose project is now fully completed, all the cut and recoupled hose is now back on the apparatus and in the storage racks.
- Fire Police member Brian Pennington has resigned from the Fire Department and Fire Police member Ed Roberts has gone inactive to participating social status.
- FF Peter Smith's last day is January 28, 2022. An email was sent to all career firefighters soliciting for anyone who wishes to fill Pete's spot in Group 3, Engine 273. Group change information will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.
- Administrative Orders 22 & 23 were issued last week to address the revised isolation and quarantine guidelines adopted by New York State Health. The Board has been fully updated as to the number of employees isolated due to the pandemic.

Commissioner W. Bedford - No report

Commissioner T. Emerson

- Grant research continues.
- Our functioning digital sign is looking good. It is easier to read than others around town.

Commissioner B. Rickman

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To allow K. Dutton to take online introduction to accounting course at a cost not to exceed \$85.

*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, T. Emerson – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried*

Commissioner M. Stolte

- McCarthy Fire Extinguisher Services has raised their rate from \$40 per month to \$100 per month that they visit. The Chief suggested to put out a request for proposal for fire extinguisher maintenance. He will prepare one for board approval.
- Walt Bedford will complete the survey for AFDSNY after the audit.
- Commissioners were asked who was attending the Greece Fire Council meeting on Feb. 3rd. Commissioner Emerson and the Chief plan on attending. It was thought that we voted to disband the Council.

Chairman M. Beaty

- Station 1 digital sign update: Measurements were taken and RGE will give us a price to drop 2 poles. They have told us they are 6 months behind on their workload so it may take a while.
- The Chief was asked why the items were cleaned out of the display case at HQ and where they were put. The chief explained that the house captain was instructed to clean it out. Items were boxed up and brought to station 1.

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move to executive session at 6:49 PM to discuss matters relating to personnel hiring and firing.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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