

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
645 N. Greece Road, Station #1
2/8/2022**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner M. Stolte

PUBLIC: Gene Preston, Paul McManus, 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.

A public hearing was held before the meeting started and began at 6 PM. The same were in attendance. None of the public wished to speak in favor of or against the proposed motion to allow volunteer tax exemption.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, to close the public hearing.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To move to the regularly scheduled meeting.

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

2022.9000.1.02.08

**RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION
PURSUANT TO
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 466-K**

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the North Greece Fire District (the "District") held on February 8, 2022, at the North Greece Fire Station #1, at which time a quorum of the Commissioners was present.

On a motion of Commissioner W. Bedford, seconded by Commissioner M. Beaty, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Commissioners wishes to adopt the provisions of Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from fire district taxes for real property situated in the District and owned by eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service or by such enrolled member and spouse residing in a county have a population of between 735,000 and 750,000 inhabitants based upon and recorded by the two thousand ten federal census; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the population of Monroe County was between 735,000 and 750,000 inhabitants based upon and recorded by the two thousand ten federal census; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners duly held a public hearing on February 8, 2022, with respect to the question of whether the District should adopt a resolution providing the partial exemption authorized by Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That that the Board of Commissioners, after having given the public an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing, hereby adopts the provisions of Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law, and hereby provides to eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such eligible enrolled member and spouse residing within the District, a partial tax exemption from fire district taxes, to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property.
2. That each incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department within the District shall file a notice annually with the Assessor of each Town in Monroe County where the District is located, certifying its enrolled members with two (2) or more years of service, and listing the number of years of service served by each such enrolled member together with the enrolled member's residence address. The certification shall provide the required information as of the taxable status date for each year (i.e., March 1).
3. That the Board of Commissioners further adopts the provision of such law that grants eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrue more than twenty (20) years of active service, as certified by the appropriate authority, the 10% exemption, as set forth above, for the remainder of his/her life as long as his/her primary residence is located within the District.
4. That it shall be the responsibility of each eligible enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service seeking such exemption to file any required application for such exemption with the Assessor before the taxable status date as may be required by the Assessor.
5. That this partial tax exemption shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after January 1, 2022.

On roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Commissioners T. Emerson, W. Bedford, W. Rickman, M. Beaty

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: M. Stolte

I, Kari Dutton, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of Resolution passed by said Commission on said date.

Kari Dutton
North Greece Fire District Secretary

Dated: February 8, 2022

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 addressed the board regarding the open meetings law. He says he observed at the last meeting that not all items were on the agenda. This doesn't give the public the chance to address these topics.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the 1/04/2022 organizational meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 1/11/2022 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To approve the regular 1/25/2022 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. 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 – absent
Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 6741 - 6776 totaling \$17,855.43 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 2/8/2022. This has an addition of W. Bedford's registration for AFDSNY Spring Conference approved at tonight's meeting.

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

Date	Sent
2/4/22	Sympathy card to past commissioner Linda Andreano on the passing of her mother.
1/26/22	Approved Treasurers report from 1/11/22 board meeting sent to Joe Camiolo
Date	Received
1/24/22	FOIL request from Joe Camiolo for Treasurers reports from 1/11/22 board meeting

Secretary K. Dutton

2022.9000.2.02.08

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To nominate Deputy Treasurer 2 Ken Preston for the office of President of the Association of Fire Districts State of NY. Secretary Dutton will send the necessary letter.

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

- The board agreed to moving our meetings back to station 2. The secretary will make notifications.
- The board approved the FOIL request from Andrew Forbes for the 2021 calls and ISO rating.

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

2022.7000.9.02.08 – amended with 2022.7000.9.02.08 to include approval of updates to Admin 1415 (Email) as it was inadvertently left out.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson to approve the following SOPs as reviewed with no changes: Admin 1009 Records Management, Admin 1011 Computer System Security Breach, Admin 1438 Social Media. And, to approve the following SOPs as reviewed and updated: Admin 1111 Telecommunication and personal cell use, Admin 1413 Computer Network and Monitoring.

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

- There was a discussion regarding whether we should receive electronic payments. It was suggested that we call the auditor and the comptroller to see if charging the fee is an allowable expense. The treasurer will research.

Deputy Treasurer 2 Ken Preston

- The board was thanked for his nomination as President of the AFDSNY.
- There will be a Zoom meeting at the end of the month with state officers and FASNY to talk about future of fire service in the state.
- North Greece has a base of quality people who could serve as instructors at the state level. It would be nice if we could be represented in regional training.

Administrator T. Gretzinger-No Report

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- There have been 451 incidents, year-to-date. 47% of those were EMS.
- The PM Inspection on Q-270 was completed last Tuesday. The utility vehicles were all serviced last week.
- A revised cost summary for use of the training facility by outside agencies was prepared for the Board to review. Comments and approval should go to the Chief. The revision reflects a cost increase suggested by Commissioner Beaty.

Commissioner W. Bedford

2022.4000.6.02.08

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve travel expenses for the Engine committee heading to Sutphen East located in Aerial, Pennsylvania for a pre-Construction Meeting Monday, March 21, 8 AM. Battalion Chief K. Battaglia, Captain J. Klein, Capt. D. Dickerson, Lt. J. Gates to travel with cost not to exceed \$1,200. The use of a district vehicle is dependent on the weather.

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

- We need to consider for a transport vehicle in the future.
- Monroe county special tax districts have been requested and should be ready at the end of February.

Commissioner T. Emerson – No Report

Commissioner B. Rickman

2022.4000.7.02.08

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To send Commissioner W. Bedford to the AFDSNY Conference May 5-7, at a cost not to exceed \$1400.

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

2022.4000.8.02.08

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To send FF J. Nelson to the State Fire Academy for the first 3 modules of hazardous material technician training at a cost not to exceed \$300.

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

Commissioner M. Stolte-Necessarily Absent

Chairman M. Beaty-No Report

MOTION BY Commissioner T. Emerson, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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

The attorney met with the board after the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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