

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
3/8/2022**

PRESENT: Chairman M. Beaty (videoconference), 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 2 K. Preston

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo, Sean Hucko, Lawrence Johnston

The Vice-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 W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 2/8/2022 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, To approve the regular 2/22/2022 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.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner T. Emerson, 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 M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 6795 - 6825 totaling \$54,513.13 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 3/8/2022.

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

Date	Sent
2/9/22	Letter to nominate K. Preston for AFDSNY President to Kit Thompson, copies to Ken Preston / Joyce Petkus
2/11/22	Letter to Dept. BOD's, Pres, VP, Sec re: partial tax exemption for volunteers' motion, handing off responsibility of filing with towns to the department
2/23/22	2/8/22 Treasurer's report sent to J. Camiolo by Andy Hinds as requested by FOIL.
2/23/22	Letters to town supervisors and Assessors of Greece and Parma notifying of Board motion to adopt partial tax exemption for volunteer firefighters.
2/23/22	Current FF contract sent to SeethroughNY as FOIL requested
Date	Received
2/28/22	Request for donations from Joe Manuse Fund – forwarded to department

Secretary K. Dutton-No Report

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- Request to allow the treasurer to pay our bank audit protection fees in advance of audit and add this to our list on the organizational meeting template.

2022.8000.5.03.08

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To allow the treasurer to monthly fees associated with bank audit protection in advance of audit.

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

Deputy Treasurer 2 K. Preston

- The bill for ongoing ambulance cost recovery has passed the Senate. Getting it through the Assembly has been the issue for 2 years.
- Ken will be travelling Tuesday through Saturday for the AFDSNY Board of Directors meeting.
- The spring conference is sold out. The governor plans on attending.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- The final LOSAP report is ready to submit to our plan administrator. Commissioner Rickman was asked to sign it.

2022.8000.6.03.08

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the 2021 final LOSAP listing and certification as posted for 30 days.

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

- Our auditors Sean Hucko and Lawrence Johnston presented the 2021 financial audit reports. There was a letter stating they found that we had more than the allowed 20% in our unassigned funds. We corrected this in January of 2022 with 2022.8000.2.01.11. Moving forward, we plan to make the correction in December for this year.

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- There have been 644 incidents, year-to-date. 56% of those were EMS incidents.
- The windstorm on Sunday, March 6, caused 47 incidents and significant damage to Station 1, the duty officer vehicle, and several personal vehicles. The training facility also had damage to the glass doors and the gate.
- We are awaiting the final bill from the electrician and Penn Power to submit the final claim information to our insurance carrier from the power outage and surge on February 27, 2022.
- Service from McCarthy/Irondequoit Fire Extinguisher has been stopped and the final bill will be paid this evening. An RFP will soon be out for this service.
- The Greece Fire Council has officially been disbanded and the remaining cash on hand was donated to the Fallen Firefighters Foundation's upcoming conference. This was personal money from members and not taxpayer dollars.
- Over a period of 1-year, parts of English Road will be closed for culvert replacements, beginning in April. Running assignments will be revised later this month to maintain service to those areas in District 3.
- Lake Shore Fire District has started EMS transport services from Monroe Ambulance.
- A written proposal from the committee chosen to replace the thermal imaging cameras, as is planned for the 2022 budget year will be sent to the board. If any of the Board has questions after reviewing the proposal, please contact the chief.

- On March 16th at 0800 hours, revised running assignments will go into effect at ECD. All Greece fire agencies have revised their assignments in accordance with NFPA 1710.

Commissioner W. Bedford

- 2022 miscellaneous tax districts were received today and emailed out.
- 100th anniversary and inspection and service awards update: Commissioner Stolte attended the Board of Directors meeting. They reviewed all cost associated with both the anniversary and awards events, the cost associated with each one, and who would pay for each. Their conclusion was double-checked with Commissioner Bedford. The department will pick up expenses for the fall awards and we will cover allowable expenses for the inspection dinner. The awards recognition will be put together by the chief and president and all invoices will be picked up by the department for that. Will both be under budget and meet legal requirements. Chief asked to move forward with recognition.
- Purchasing a utility trailer was proposed. JPR Trailer sales was consulted and suggested a 2021 7' x 18' car hauler. This would be under DOT specifications and would be able to be pulled by all our vehicles. We can have sides built by MSH allowing us to haul dirt. It has removable fenders. There was a discussion on the need for this trailer. There is a need, and this should save us delivery fees over time. The board feels that sides should get made right away.

2022.2000.2.03.08

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To purchase a car hauler to use as a utility trailer from JPR Trailer Sales, with a cost not to exceed \$5,000. This includes inspection.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, T. Emerson – no, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

Commissioner T. Emerson-No Report

Commissioner B. Rickman

2022.4000.11.03.08

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To send A. Hinds to the Spice World IT Conference September 28-30 in Austin, TX, with a cost not to exceed \$2,700.

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

Commissioner M. Stolte

- Our current fire extinguishers are being reviewed with Capt. Dickerson. We are planning on reducing our stock to save us money on service.

Chairman M. Beaty

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To move to executive session at 6:52 PM to discuss matters relating to personnel hiring/firing.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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