

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
9/27/2022**

PRESENT: Chairman M. Beaty, Commissioner W. Bedford, W. Rickman, M. Stolte; Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Fire Chief S. DeRosa, Deputy Treasurer 2 K. Preston

ABSENT: Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo, Frank Lombardo Sr, BC K. Battaglia

Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 6:0 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. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7129 - 7146 totaling \$16,150.65 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/27/2022.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes

Secretary K. Dutton-No Report

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds-Necessarily Absent

Administrator T. Gretzinger-No Report

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- We will hold our annual Awards Event at Red Fedele's Brook House on October 2, starting at 12:30 PM.
- We will be holding a swearing in ceremony for promoted officers, battalion chief, deputy chief and probationary firefighters on October 25th at 5:30 PM at Station 1.
- Burn building sand blasting and painting is nearly complete. Rainy weather has prohibited the work from being completed. The contractor expects to be completed by Thursday, September 29.
- The Town of Greece Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday, October 9, at 1 PM at the Lake Shore Fire District's Ling Road Station.
- The Chief distributed Administrative Order 2022-035 which outlines the changes in officer and firefighter assignments effective with varied dates throughout the month of October.

Deputy Treasurer 2 K. Preston

- The Chief was thanked for participating in a zoom meeting today with other chief officers regarding the development of future leaders in the fire service.

Commissioner W. Bedford

- The MCFDOA has given us a survey to fill out regarding the future of the organization. Deputy Treasurer Ken Preston made the following comments: attendance to meetings is down. The number of districts represented is down. It is hard to fund due to minimal numbers. In his involvement around the state, some areas are flourishing. It is a necessity for the county to work together to keep it going. He suggested keeping it centrally located and having fewer more meaningful meetings. It's important to keep it going as a means of sharing information. Ken is also an advocate for giving the right to vote by proxy for those who pay their dues to the state organization. It is a reality soon at the state level. The yearly MCFDOA Banquet was always a great place for networking, particularly for new commissioners

- The Chief commented that they are having the same problems at the chief's level. A faction wants to go back to the old steak roast rather than the banquet.
 - Vendors are not as interested in coming to big statewide events, and corporations are cutting back. They prefer regional distributors at regional events.
 - Virtual meetings seem to be preferred.
 - Ken & Kari will work together to fill out the survey and send it in.
- There was a discussion on whether to sell the 2012 Tahoe as a private vehicle or emergency vehicle. The board decided to approach the last purchaser of its twin before listing it as an emergency vehicle for sale. Plan B would be to strip it and sell as a private vehicle. FireTec and Auction International were both suggested. There is another site for municipal auctions.
 - The board is in favor of allowing retirees in good standing with the district to keep key fobs and email addresses.

Commissioner B. Rickman-No Report

Commissioner M. Stolte-No Report

Chairman M. Beaty

- Station 1 roof project update: The area over the truck room is complete. They are laying panels on the north end living quarters and meeting room starting today. The weather hasn't been cooperating. The membrane is slippery when wet.
- The roofing company replaced the window in the day room and offered to reseal any part of the driveway injured or damaged in any way them.
- The parking lot at Station 3 is waiting for the milling machine. It should be this week or next week and will be paved after that. They also added vent caps on the roof there due to leaks.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To move to executive session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss matters relating to hiring/firing of personae, contract negotiations, and lease/sale of real property.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To update the employee handbook to reflect the current Officers longevity scale for the Deputy Chief and Fire Chief positions.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:36 p.m.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes

Respectfully submitted,

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