

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
1766 Latta Road Station #2  
11/8/22**

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner, W. Bedford

**PUBLIC:**

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.

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**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 10/11/22 meeting minutes.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the Budget Hearing 10/18/22 meeting minutes.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 10/25/22 meeting minutes.

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

**Treasurer A. Hinds**

- Treasurer Hinds read the monthly financial report, detailing receipts, disbursements, exception report, budget summary, grants, and status of approved reserve account expenditures. Financial report appended to minutes.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Hinds.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos.7196 totaling \$52,497.50 as submitted on 11/8/2022 by Treasurer Hinds for post audit.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner wr, ms, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7197-7219 totaling \$38,065.54 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/8/2022.

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sent</b>
10/12/22	Get Well Card to John Radisi, construction manager for many district projects
<b>Date</b>	<b>Received</b>
10/11/22	Letter of intent to run for commissioner election for 1 year term from William Rickman. Removed 11/3/22.
11/2/22	Letter of intent to run for commissioner election for 1 year term from Frank Lombardo
11/3/22	Letter of intent to run for commissioner 5-year term from William Rickman
11/7/22	Letter from Geico for info on a patient from 10/12/22 – unsure if the patient was treated at this time.

11/8/22	Letter of intent to run for commissioner 5-year term from Joe Camiolo
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**Secretary K. Dutton**

- An update was given on the election process.

**2022.7000.25.11.08**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To amend the motion 2022.7000.5.01.04 paragraphs 12 and 13 to add Gary Farmer as an authorized credit card user and purchaser for the fire district.

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

**Treasurer/IT A. Hinds-No further report**

**Administrator T. Gretzinger**

- Fire districts are also included in the healthcare workers bonus program. We are currently waiting for an ID number.

**2022.7000.26.11.08**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, to approve the MOU's for firefighters and officers to increase the Health Reimbursement Account to match the maximum out of pocket expense of \$3,600 for a single plan and \$7,200 annually for a two-person, subscriber and child or family plan under the District's high deductible health plan. This increase will also be needed for the retirees on the high deductible health plan and administrative staff.

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

**2022.7000.27.11.08**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To accept and enter into Benefit Agreements with the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, IT/Treasurer, District Administrator and District Secretary, guaranteeing health and associated health benefits and premiums will remain the same throughout active employment with the district and upon retirement.

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

**Deputy Chief K. Battaglia**

- It is time to upgrade bunk rooms. We are looking at adding partitions.
- The security project wiring is done. Door hardware is the current delay. They are targeting the week of 11/21 to start working. We may need some other hardware.

**Fire Chief S. DeRosa**

- We have had 3,339 responses, YTD, 55% of these were EMS.
- Recruit Firefighter Graduation Ceremony is this Friday, November 11th, at 11 AM in the Greece Olympia High School Auditorium. The Chief will give the graduates Commissioner Beaty's regards as he can't be there.
- All the Group and Station changes are now completed. In addition, Group and Station
- Assignments have been given to Probationary Firefighters Armeli, Cimino and Mattle.
- There have been numerous station-alerting issues at all fire houses in the past 3-months, Skywave has been to the sites several times to troubleshoot. Our current alerting equipment is quite old and outdated. That said, we are meeting with BRYX tomorrow morning to review their station alerting systems and to gather some cost estimates to upgrade this equipment. More to follow.
- Water Rescue Suits have arrived, turnout gear is ordered and should be here in April 2023. We are still waiting on AED's, PPE vests and helmets and hose, all ordered at the start of this year.
- All fireground mobile and portable radios have been reprogrammed to better reflect the

revised trunk system and to accommodate the new RFD talk groups, coming online in late December. I'd like to remind the Board that these radios are now past the 5-year warranty, and we will start seeing invoices for repairs or replacement parts.

**Deputy Treasurer 2 K. Preston**

- State-wide organizations are working on legislative issues for next year FASNY had a conference last weekend, they will meet December 3rd to finalize. The volunteer recruitment project has been extended until year end, but the team has held no meetings since July, it's going nowhere.

**Commissioner W. Bedford-Necessarily Absent**

**Commissioner B. Rickman**

**2022.3000.20.11.08**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To appoint Sean Beiter to the provisional position of community Risk Reduction Specialist. The annual salary for this position is \$52,000. His start date will be November 14, 2022.

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

**Commissioner M. Stolte-No Report**

**Chairman M. Beaty**

- Station 1 roof update: Ice shield/bars were being installed today. Work should be done this week.
- The front entrance on the east side of house 1 received new electronics and panic bars due to not being able to get parts for the old ones.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner W. Rickman, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to selling/buying real estate at 6:23 PM.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To return to regular session at 6:53 PM.

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

**2022.8000.13.11.08**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To acquire a piece of property details to be determined.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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