

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
1/24/2023**

PRESENT: Commissioners M. Beaty, W. Bedford, J. Maxwell, M. Stolte; Treasurer/IT A. Hinds, Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Deputy Chief K. Battaglia, Fire Chief S. DeRosa

ABSENT: Chairman W. Rickman

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo

Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 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.

Treasurer A. Hinds

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7357-7380 totaling \$65,567.79 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 1/24/2023.

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

Secretary K. Dutton

- Financials for the Symposium in the Sun will be available at the next meeting. Commissioners Beaty, Bedford and Maxwell are interested in attending.
- AFDSNY spring conference financials will be brought to the next meeting. Kari, Andy and Walt are interested in attending.

2023.7000.9.01.24

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve revisions to SOP's 2152 (Incident Scene Communications & Radio Reports) and 2155 (Residential Fireground Operations)

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

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- An oath was given to the Fire Chief Sam DeRosa regarding 2022 Service Award Points.

2023.8000.4.01.24

In the matter of approving the 2022 certified points

WHEREAS, the Fire District is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the North Greece Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML); and

WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the North Greece Fire Department has submitted the attached list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Department, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty points during 2022 to qualify for service credit; and

WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Department includes a statement that the points recorded on the attached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Fire District to be in effect during calendar year 2022, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Department, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members; and

WHEREAS, GML § 2 I 9-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Department to be posted for thirty days; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review of the attached list;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Board of Fire Commissioners approves the attached list of volunteer firefighters of the North Greece Fire Department and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution and the attached list shall be returned to the Fire Department for posting for a minimum of thirty days.

Commissioner M. Stolte raised the motion to approve, Commissioner J. Maxwell seconded the motion, and upon roll call the vote of the Board was as follows:

Commissioner W. Rickman	Absent
Commissioner M. Beaty	Aye
Commissioner W. Bedford	Aye
Commissioner J. Maxwell	Aye
Commissioner M. Stolte	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: January 24, 2023

Certified by Fire District Secretary _____

2023.3000.8.01.24

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte to amend motion 2023.3000.7.01.10 to change FF W. Allen's appointment/start date to February 6, 2023.

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

- Healthcare worker bonus update: we have an ID number and there is a fire district dropdown on their website, however we unsure if the law has been changed to allow for fire districts to receive these funds. The bonus will be reopened to allow for new qualified employers on February 1st for 30 days. We would need to make a motion at the next meeting to meet the timeline.
- We are in the early stages of researching board room furniture.

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- 2022 Year-end report to be reviewed at the next meeting. It was presented to group 5 along with the training schedule.
- Overtime research to be presented at next meeting.
- We will be holding a press release for the LUCAS device tomorrow.
- We have received an estimate for the next two rounds of repairs with AP Plumbing if we want to pursue it. It is recommended that we at least clean it out every 4 months.

Deputy Chief K. Battaglia

- A large vehicle replacement plan is underway with Commissioner Stolte and Commissioner Bedford.
- Wall barriers for sleeping arrangements at station 2 are in place. We will be putting in PO's for the other stations soon.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- Met with the construction manager to begin a plan to replace or remodel station 3. The next step is to meet with Passero Associates to look at different options and identify startup costs. We are looking for recommendations from the architect on which direction we should go.

2023.1000.1.01.24

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To hire Christa Construction as site manager for the station 3 project.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

- There was a discussion on the oil separator drain issues at station 3.
- We've encountered more roof leaks at station 2.

Commissioner W. Bedford

- The chassis inspection on the new pumper will wait until April as there is no chassis yet.
- A plan for large vehicle replacement should be ready by June. Trucks are taking 3 years to build.

Commissioner J. Maxwell-No Report

Commissioner M. Stolte

- The press release will be held tomorrow at station 3 at 11:45 AM.
- FF Vanderheite's sisters house burned to the ground. Her husband was injured and is hospitalized in Erie County Medical and her child is at Strong Memorial. All were encouraged to contribute to the Go Fund me.

2023.4000.1.01.24

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve college reimbursement for Lt. Justin Wiesner at a cost of \$790.42 for a Fire Protection AAS degree. He has signed both the college Policy Agreement and the College Course request forms.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

Chairman W. Rickman-Necessarily Absent

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To move to executive session at 5:34 PM to discuss matters relating to personnel, hiring/firing/service recognition.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m. After adjournment the board will meet to recognize the service of Kenneth Preston.

M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

- Commissioner M. Stolte praised Ken Preston for his many years of service to the District.
- Commissioner Bedford read Ken Preston's Brief Fire Service History Bibliography Honoring 60+ Years of Dedicated Service as a Volunteer.

- July 06, 1944, born 78 years ago, and a lifelong resident of the Town of Greece
- Married to wife Donna for 56 years & has two children: Tammy and Todd & five grandchildren: Natalie, Jack, Luke, Lauren, and Alan
- July 10, 1962, joined the North Greece Fire Department, and remains one of its most active members.
- Served on a multitude of Fire Department & Fire District committees; activities; fund raisers; etc.
- 1970 & 1971, served on the Fire Department Board of Directors
- 1972 thru September 11, 1974 & 1991, served as President of the Fire Department
- September 12, 1974, thru 1986, first appointed than elected Fire Commissioner. Left for a while and elected again 1992 thru 2001. Left for a while and elected for a third time 2006 thru 2015. Served on the North Greece Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners for a total of 32.4 years.
- 1974 & 1975, served as President of the Greece Fire Council, after progressing through the ranks.
- 1985 thru 1988, served as President of the Firemen's Exempts Association, after progressing through the ranks.
- Early 90s, instrumental in establishing the North Greece Fire District Length of Service Awards Program to enhance volunteer recruitment and retention.
- 2003, joined the Fire Police Squad, and has risen through the ranks to the position of Captain
- 2004 thru 2016, served as Region 5 Director of the Association of Fire Districts of State of NY
- 2013, Awarded the Monroe County's Joint Fire Service Leadership Meritorious Service Award
- 1994 thru 2008, served as Treasurer of the Monroe County Fire District Officers Association
- 2013 & 2014, served as President of the Monroe County Fire District Officers Association, after progressing through the ranks.
- 2016 thru 2022, served as Deputy/Assistant Treasurer for the North Greece Fire District
- 2021 & 2022, served as President of the Association of Fire Districts State of NY, after progressing through the ranks.
- 2023 & 2024, serving as the immediate past President of the Association of Fire Districts of NYS
- 2023 serving on the Fire Department Board of Directors

Chief DeRosa presented an award stating the district's appreciation for Ken Preston's many years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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