

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
3/14/2023**

PRESENT: Chairman W. Rickman, W. Bedford, J. Maxwell, M. Stolte; Treasurer/IT A. Hinds, Secretary Kari Dutton, Fire Chief S. DeRosa

ABSENT: Administrator T. Gretzinger, Deputy Chief K. Battaglia, Commissioners M. Beaty (observed meeting by video without voting)

PUBLIC: Sean Hucko, Lawrence Johnston, Joe Camiolo

The 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.

- The independent firm that audits our finances presented the 2022 financial report.

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 requested to speak to the board. He noted that none of the commissioners had anything on the agenda for their report for tonight. He also was concerned about the lack of new material on the website.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve the regular 2/14/2023 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 2/28/2023 meeting minutes.

*M. Beaty – absent, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – 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 approved reserve account expenditures. The financial report appended to minutes.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Hinds.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7439-7465 totaling \$40,384.18 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 3/14/2023.

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

Date	Sent
2/16/23	Sympathy card to the McManus family on the passing of Paul's sister Bonnie
3/8/23	Fire Report 2023-000272 sent to Eric Hobbs Lexis Nexis for 1/30/23 fire at 100 Greece Center Dr. #222
3/9/23	Sympathy card to Bob Floyd on the passing of his mother
3/10/23	Sympathy card and plant sent to the Gretzinger family on the passing of Jeanette Gretzinger.
Date	Received
3/8/23	FOIL request for 1/30/23 fire at 100 Greece Center Dr. #222
3/14/2023	Notification of Chief Sam DeRosa retirement effective September 2, 2023, last day May 26, 2023.
3/14/2023	FOIL request from J. Camiolo for the 2023 commissioner responsibility list

Secretary K. Dutton

- FOIL request from J. Camiolo for the 2023 commissioner responsibility list was mentioned.

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- We have changed from pots lines to cellular connection for our fire alarms at the 4 buildings. This should save us \$320 each month.

Administrator T. Gretzinger-necessarily absent

Deputy Chief K. Battaglia- necessarily absent

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- We have responded to 675 incidents year-to-date. 59% of those were EMS calls.
- Group 5 volunteer recruit firefighter Shealyn Peer has resigned from the Fire Department.
- Firefighter Jeff Champion and Lieutenant Justin Wiesner will attend the 2023 Fire Marshals In-Service Certification Training on May 16-19, 2023, at the West Webster Fire Department at a cost of \$500.
- CRR Sean Beiter will attend the NYS Life Safety Educator Certification Program on June 5-9, 2023, at the Erie County Training Facility in Cheektowaga, at a cost of \$450.
- The Firefighter Safety & Health Committee Meeting is scheduled to meet Thursday, March 15, 2023, at 7 PM at Station 1.
- The ISO 5-Year Review was conducted today with ISO Rep. Tom Yager. The session was positive, and ISO has all of the required data, and we'll await the results (expected in early September). Battalion Chief Joe Lissow was thanked for spearheading this process, gathering all the data and getting it organized so well.
- The SCBA Committee had their first session, led by Captain John Norman. The Committee is reviewing masks, bottle sizes and RIT packs and should have some recommendations to me by budget time. State pricing has gone up significantly. There are now lifetime warranties on equipment which may be part of the increase.
- Battalion Chief Lissow and FF Grierson met with the engineer from WHP, who inspected the burn building. A formal report is due in 2-3 weeks, however, some immediate recommendations were made for cracked padgenite panel repairs and the possibility of converting over to a panel system for the main burn rooms. More information will follow when the report is received.
- The Chief submitted a letter of retirement which is appended to these minutes.
- There was a discussion on the price of AED batteries. We found it more cost effective to switch to Zoll.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- Our lease with Empire Tractor is being renewed.
- Mark Bartlett has been contacted regarding spring cleanup and plow damage repair at the stations.
- As station 2 has continued to have roof leaks, we may want to consider extra panels to prevent ice damage under the cell phone tower.

Commissioner W. Bedford

- In a conversation with our insurance agency, we were informed that emission standards will change in 2027. This will drive up the cost for fire engines. We may want to move up our purchase due to the limited number of engines that will be available.
- There is a need for a new training policy now that they training and travel have been separated.

Commissioner J. Maxwell-No Report

Commissioner M. Stolte-No Report

Chairman W. Rickman

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To promote firefighter Mike Castronovo to the position of training lieutenant effective April 13, 2023.

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

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To appoint Michael Haydanek to the position of firefighter as a transfer from Fishers Fire District upon the approval of the Monroe County Civil Service Commissioner and successful completion of a physical, with a start date of April 9, 2023. Firefighter Haydanek will be hired at the 5-year step of the 2023 Firefighter pay scale of \$77,295.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to the hiring/firing of personnel at 6:43 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner, 2nd by Commissioner, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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