

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
645 N. Greece Rd. Station 1
4/11/2023**

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

ABSENT: Joe Camiolo, Dir. Bill King, BC J. Lissow

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.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the regular 3/14/23 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the regular 3/28/23 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. Financial report appended to minutes.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, 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, 2nd by Commissioner, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7490-7522 totaling \$77,416.85 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 4/11/2023.

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

Date	Sent
3/16/23	Fire report sent to Brandon Rodgers for Incident # 2023-000591 at
3/21/23	Reports sent to Eric Hobbs, Lexis Nexis for liberty Mutual for FOIL request for 6/21/21 response to 515 Long Pond Road 2021-001399 by mail
4/6/23	Updated Union contract sent to Abdullah Ar Raffe from Empire Center by email.
Date	Received
3/16/23	Foil request from Brandon Rodgers from Tricityrentals for fire report at 135 E Spanish Trail on 1/30/2023
3/21/23	FOIL request for 6/21/21 response to 515 Long Pond Road 2021-001399 from Eric Hobbs, Lexis Nexis for liberty Mutual
3/29/23	Foil request from Abdullah Ar Raffe from Empire Center for the updated FF Union contract.

Secretary K. Dutton

- There was a discussion regarding a Greece Rotary Project Submission. The secretary will ask for an application.
- The board was polled as to who will be attending the April 19th MCFDOA meeting at the Brooke House. The following plan on attending: W. Bedford, A. Hinds, M. Stolte, W. Rickman, Gene Preston, J. Maxwell, and Chief DeRosa

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

2023.7000.19.04.11

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To fund the reserve for repairs account in the amount of \$35,000.

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

- Our reserve accounts are also making good interest which stays with that account.
- Fortinet Conference recap: This conference was very helpful. It offered exposure to our equipment and other similar equipment. You will find a purchase request in the system to replace the switches in the wire closet at headquarters. Other switches will be requested for approval along with other equipment to improve our network security.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- Boardroom update: The room is painted. A furniture quote is coming tomorrow. We have received 4 quotes for audio/visual. Christie carpets will measure the windows for new blinds on Monday. IT Hinds recommended using the Applied Audio quote as our best solution and best price. They have a 3-month lead time.

2023.1000.3.04.11

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve the quote from Applied Audio for outfitting our board room with a cost not to exceed \$18,000.

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

(The recording starts here.)

- There has been no response from the state regarding the healthcare worker bonus.

Deputy Chief K. Battaglia-No Report

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- There have been 919 incidents, year to date, 55% were EMS (down 3.5% from last month).
- Battalion Chief Lissow was asked to give an update on the engineering survey at the burn building that was inspected last month. A study is coming but we've been told the building is structurally sound. It does need new burn panels. We would like to purchase 50 more panels at a cost of \$2055.82 to install ourselves. They tried to sell a new system which would have cost over \$200K. Ours have normal wear and tear and outlasted the expectancy. The Chief thanked BC Lissow for working with WHP on this inspection. Craig Grierson saves us a lot of money on installation as he is very good at it. \$30K was put in the maintenance account for that building this year. Shipping and freight are an extra \$1,700 and there is 6-8 weeks lead time.

2023.1000.4.04.11

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve spending \$22,555.82 with WHP Trainingtowers to purchase padgenite Super HD Panels and hardware to replace panels in the training building that have met their end of life.

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

2023.4000.7.04.11

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To send Community Risk Reduction staff person Sean Beiter to the Community Risk Reduction Leadership Conference in Murfreesboro, TN from May 8-11, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

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

- Following his completion of new FF training later this week, FF Michael Haydanek will be assigned to Group 2, Engine 273.
- The 4th air pack demo from Dival is moving along well. Each group is going down and evaluating the packs.

Commissioner M. Beaty-necessarily absent, observed by video

Commissioner W. Bedford

- There was a discussion regarding our building security upgrades. We are waiting for one final installation. It is unlikely that the parts will arrive before the end of June due to delays in materials by manufacturers.

Commissioner J. Maxwell-No Report

Commissioner M. Stolte

- A review of SCBA cost needs to be done.

Chairman W. Rickman

- Station 3 update: The Chief told the architect what the needs are with no frills: bay space, training area, day room, etc. The infrastructure under the station and the fact that it is 5 feet below the road is in consideration. Comm. Bedford is not in favor of leaving any parts of the building. From experience it brings trouble. Regrading would fix the drainage issues at that location. Architects have the old site plans and will get them back to us. Once grading is fixed, they may be able to reposition the facility. They think they can work with the footprint, but it would be two stories.

Atty. Ray DiRaddo

- An option to investigate is condemning property located next to it as the fire district has ability to do so.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel hiring/firing at 6:45 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 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