

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
5/23/2023**

PRESENT: Chairman W. Rickman, 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:

PUBLIC: BC J. Lissow, J. 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.

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.
- D. Once the public comment period ends the public will not be permitted to comment.

Joe Camiolo shared a copy of Greece Town board meeting agenda. And drew attention to Barnard's electronic sign being used for recruitment.

Treasurer A. Hinds

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7576-7608 totaling \$52,841.19 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 5/23/2023.

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

Secretary K. Dutton

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MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, to approve revisions to SOP 1212 Recall of Off Duty Firefighters.

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

- There will be an installation ceremony on July 27th at 7 PM in the truck room at station 1.
- A report on the pros and cons of having a district website was given and is attached to these minutes.
- From the AFDSNY Conference:
 - reminders of keeping building project files
 - Bill S6547 has been proposed to move the fire district election date to May with the school board elections. It has been recommended to contact representatives to oppose this bill.
 - Concern about the security of putting names of those travelling in motions.

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- The AFDSNY conference was very helpful. The vote to allow proxy voting was not passed. The bonding session was great.
- NY Class has been great for us. NY MUNY trust has an empire fund. Will investigate it.
- Budget format from last year start working with the chief office then pull in everyone else.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

Deputy Chief K. Battaglia

- FDIC attendees submitted reports that are positive. The feedback was that our in-house training is good. They highly recommend sending others in the future.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To send 4 people to FDIC 2024 including HOT training once the registration opens up with a cost not to exceed \$14,000.

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

- BC Knapp and Lt. J. Gates had a successful trip to Columbus to check on the truck. Several issues were fixed on the spot before shipment to PA. We have a login portal to see photos of each week's progress. The truck is expected to be done by the end of July.
- The board was thanked for approving officers to attend the Symposium in the Sun.

Fire Chief S. DeRosa

- We have had 1,293 responses, year to date, 55% of those were EMS related incidents.
- "As the Board is aware, tonight is my last Board Meeting at North Greece. Permit me to thank the entire Board of Fire Commissioners for their guidance, support and assistance moving the North Greece Fire District forward these past 6 ½ years. I appreciate your confidence, your flexibility and for allowing me to manage the line operations with the very finest group of firefighters, company officers and chief officers.
- Tina, Andy, and Kari, thank you for everything you've done to support the Chief's Office, I am grateful to know such dedicated administrators who've become friends to me as well.
- It has truly been an honor to serve this Board and the residents of North Greece."
- Chief Lissow will want to check on properties before pursuing them with our ISO representative.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- The training facility needs repairs to the floor and molding in the classroom, hallway, and bathrooms. Replacing the tile floor with epoxy, putting in new vinyl molding, and painting would cost approximately \$16,000.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, to resolve to spend up to \$16,000 to renovate the training facility in the classroom, hallway and bathrooms including the floor, molding, and painting. The board will get more quotes for the floor work and the rest will be done in-house.

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

Commissioner W. Bedford

- Chief DeRosa was thanked for his service and wished the best.

Commissioner J. Maxwell

- There are two different properties on Long Pond Road that may be available and should be investigated.

Commissioner M. Stolte

- The joint Greece District meeting regarding volunteers has been postponed. We hope to meet in June.
- Chief DeRosa was thanked for his service.
- The health and safety committee meets quarterly and will discuss recent accidents.

Chairman W. Rickman

- The Chief was thanked for his service to N. Greece.

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To send A. Hinds to the NYS Cyber Security Conference in Albany June 5-8, 2023 with a cost not to exceed \$1200.

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

- Comm. Bedford requested an executive session including the chiefs, administration, commissioners, and BC Knapp to discuss matters relating to hiring/firing of personnel.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to hiring/firing of personnel at 6:38 PM.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To return to regular session at 7:29 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m.

M. Beaty – yes, 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