

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
7/11/2023**

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

ABSENT: Commissioners J. Maxwell, W. Bedford,

PUBLIC:

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 congratulated the two new chiefs on their positions and is thankful we were so involved in the funeral of Ken Preston.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 6/27/2023 meeting minutes.

M. Beaty-yes, W. Bedford – absent, J. Maxwell-absent, W. Rickman, 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 is appended to these minutes.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Hinds.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of voucher no. 7655 totaling \$8,960.00 as submitted on 7/11/2023 by Treasurer Hinds for post audit.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7656-7685 totaling \$62,363.69 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 7/11/2023.

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

Date	Sent
7/3/23	Sympathy card to M. MacKenzie on the passing of his Father Donald
Date	Received
6/29/23	Thank you card from the Preston family
7/11/23	FOIL request for 2018 fire at 271 Applewood

Secretary K. Dutton

- Grant writer Michael Penzotti was contacted. He charges a flat fee of \$3300 per application. Now is the time to contact him regarding the fall submission of an AFG grant.

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve spending up to \$200,000 from the Equipment reserve as budgeted in the 2023 budget, subject to permissive referendum, to pay the balance that will be owed on the 2023 Sutphen pumper that is scheduled to be delivered later this year.

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

- The boardroom furniture is scheduled to be delivered tomorrow.
- Key fob readers at station 1 are to be installed next week.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- The UDS cancer/cardiovascular screening meeting was held today. Excellus will not cover any of the \$325 per person cost. We currently have 83 people which would cost \$26,975 if everyone was tested. There were testimonials. Many career departments have used it. This could save the district some money in the future if things are caught early.

Chief K. Battaglia

- We have responded to 1,783 calls year-to-date.
- The 2023 awards ceremony will be held at Brook House on November 5th at 12:30 PM.
- 3 volunteer firefighter recruits have finished the county training. They will get more orientation tomorrow and should be on the crew by next week. Each will be mentored. They will be class II at first and be able to ride along after that. EMT class is next.
- The new process is going well. The officers are excited to be part of the process as they review the accounts they are responsible for.

Deputy Chief J. Lissow

- An update was given on the Burn Building renovations.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- We have had numerous air conditioner problems.

Commissioner W. Bedford-Necessarily Absent

Commissioner J. Maxwell-Necessarily Absent

Commissioner M. Stolte-No Report

Chairman W. Rickman

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move to executive session at 6:24 PM to discuss matters related to personnel hiring/firing.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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