

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/24/2023**

PRESENT: Chairman W. Rickman, Commissioners J. Maxwell, M. Stolte; Secretary Kari Dutton, Administrator T. Gretzinger, Deputy Chief J. Lissow, Fire Chief K. Battaglia

ABSENT: M. Beaty, W. Bedford, Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

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 notified the board that our snow removal agreement came up at the town meeting and was approved.

Treasurer A. Hinds-necessarily absent

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$23,556.80 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 10/24/2023.

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

Secretary K. Dutton

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve the deletion of SOP's 1421, 1422, 1423, 1423A, and 1425 as they were incorporated into the new 3013 and 1422A which is obsolete, and to approve of the new SOP's 1400 (training task booklets) and 3013 (support vehicle readiness & operation as reviewed by the chief's office).

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

- It was suggested to apply to the Greece Rotary for help with the memorial garden proposed by the department at station 1. The board was in favor and the Chief will contact Al Camp to pursue it.

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds-necessarily absent

Administrator T. Gretzinger-No Report

Deputy Chief J. Lissow

- The board was thanked for the card upon his father's-in-law passing.

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- There have been 2,752 calls year-to-date. 53% of those calls were EMS.
- We have been given an ISO classification of 1. This is an incredible wonderful accomplishment for this organization. There will be more to come to celebrate this accomplishment.
- We are working with the county to have mobile MDT's installed in our vehicles at no cost to us. They will be the counties computers. Ridge Road Fire District already has them; Barnard and NGFD will be getting them. This system will dispatch the closest available unit and should be installed by early next year. Our only cost could be if the units don't fit our current mounting brackets. This system will replace the current iPad in the 3 first due and 3 chief vehicles. We will then use the iPad for command vehicles.
- The final inspection on the new E-273 is scheduled for November 1st.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To send Bob Floyd, BC G. Knapp, Capt. J. Gates, and Treasure A. Hinds to pick up the vehicle. The cost for the trip is not to exceed \$800.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To surplus spare equipment located in the station 1 storage room. A complete list is attached to these minutes. There is no monetary value for these items to this district.

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

- The Chief will dispose of these surplus items by donating to smaller departments or programs or auctioning through Auctions International.

Commissioner M. Beaty-necessarily absent

Commissioner W. Bedford -necessarily absent

Commissioner J. Maxwell

- There will be a meeting regarding a grant for air compressors this Friday.
- We have been using drop off service at Bubble Bright laundromat for the mechanic clothing and rags. This was the least expensive option and has been going well.

Commissioner M. Stolte-No Report

Chairman W. Rickman

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move to executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel hiring/firing at 6:25 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To return to open session at 6:48 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To promote Firefighter Andrew Young to the position of Lieutenant effective November 26, 2023 at the salary of \$94,313.00.

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

- The board granted permission for Chief Battaglia to post lateral transfer information on the district's social media site to attract candidates for the position of firefighter.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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