

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
1766 Latta Road Station #2  
11/14/2023**

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

**ABSENT:** Chairman W. Rickman, Commissioner J. Maxwell, Fire Chief K. Battaglia

**PUBLIC:** Joe Camiolo, Al Camp

The Vice-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.

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**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.

*Al Camp addressed the board regarding the memorial garden project. The department is willing to fund \$10,000. He is applying for the grant through the Greece Rotary. It is also an opportunity for the public to contribute through the fund drive mailer. He also plans on approaching businesses in the area. He would like a member of the board on the planning committee. He requested the board to fund the rest. He believes he can sell enough bricks to pay back at least part of the funds. It was suggested that he also talk to the union. This could be considered recognition.*

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Bedford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 10/10/2023 meeting minutes.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the 10/17/2023 public hearing meeting minutes.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the regular 10/24/2023 meeting minutes.

*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – absent, W. Rickman – absent, 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 W. Bedford, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Hinds.  
*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – absent, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes*  
*Carried*

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$ 50,777.07 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/14/2023.  
*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – absent, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes*  
*Carried*

| Date     | Sent   |
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| 10/11/23 | Sympathy card to Retired FF Dean Meyers on the passing of his father               |
| 10/12/23 | Patient report for Center City Legal as requested for S. Chatterton                |
| 10/18/23 | Sympathy card to the Lissow family at the passing of her father James Bimmler      |
| 10/19/23 | Signed snow and ice agreement sent to town of Greece                               |
| 10/19/23 | Approved 2024 budget hand delivered to towns of Greece and Parma by Gary Farmer    |
| 10/19/23 | Ordered sympathy flower arrangement for Jim Bimmler service to be sent on 10/28/23 |
| 11/2/23  | Sympathy card to Jon Nelson on the passing of his father                           |
| Date     | Received   |
| 11/13/23 | Thank you card from Daniela Ball-Lanza for flowers sent                            |
| 11/13/23 | Thank you card from Bimmler Family for flowers sent (DC Lissow's father-in-law)    |

**Secretary K. Dutton**

- An update on the progress of the election process was given.

**Treasurer/IT A. Hinds**

**2023.7000.40.11.14**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, To fund the reserve for retirement account in the amount of \$75,000.  
*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – absent, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes*  
*Carried*

**Administrator T. Gretzinger**

**2023.4000.14.11.14**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To allow Lt. J. Wiesner to attend MCC to pursue a degree in Fire Protection AAS.  
*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – absent, W. Rickman – absent, M. Stolte – yes*  
*Carried*

- We will be switching medical providers to Well Now for firefighter physicals as we have been having problems with our current provider.

**2023.3000.23.11.14**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Beaty, the following volunteer firefighters for membership: Nasra Jeylani, Peter Rosenthal, and Anthony Elia. All background checks and physicals have been completed successfully.

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

**Deputy Chief J. Lissow**

- There have been 2,940 calls year to date with 53% of those being EMS.
- We will be interviewing transfer firefighter candidates on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Rickman will be on the interview team.
- The asphalt binder is down at the training facility.
- The fire department will be participating in Strong Kids “Light the Nights” and the Town of Greece Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- The new station 3 committee will be visiting newer stations in the county for ideas. The latest set of plans look much better.
- ISO Class I decals were placed on the vehicles today.

**Fire Chief K. Battaglia-necessarily absent**

**Commissioner M. Beaty**

- The board was thanked for the opportunity to attend the Symposium in the Sun. Topics covered: Stressing the things we have to offer to new applicants rather than the hazards, retention issues, and the nationwide issue of difficulty getting parts.
- Training grounds paving project update: Binder is down, but they need warmer weather to get a topcoat down. An extra drain line and catch basin were thrown in. It may have to wait until spring.

**Commissioner W. Bedford**

- The new pumper 273 has arrived at station 1. We are trying to outfit with MSH in house as much as possible.
- Sutphen is willing to wait until next year to order the next pumper.

**Commissioner J. Maxwell-necessarily absent**

**Commissioner M. Stolte**

- Thanked the chief, officers, firefighters for loading his truck with items donated to Canisteo, Greenwood, Howard, Cameron, and Jasper Fire Departments. They greatly appreciate all the donation of our outdated equipment.

**Chairman W. Rickman**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To move to executive session to discuss personnel medical information at 6:35 PM.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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