

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
1766 Latta Road Station #2  
11/28/2023**

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

**ABSENT:** M. Beaty

**PUBLIC:** Bill King, Joe Camiolo, Al Camp

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.

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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 gave an update on the memorial project at station 1. The Exempts gifted \$5,000 toward it and they feel that the 2% money is appropriate for bricks for membership so they will discuss that in January. Building the structure is targeted for spring. The district was asked for a contribution. His committee has members from the department and the exempts. He requested a member from the district. Maintenance responsibilities should be structured so we know who will care for the area. It will be expandable.

**2023.1000.11.11.28**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Bedford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To contribute up to \$10,000 for the memorial at station 1.

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

**Treasurer A. Hinds**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner JM, MS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$1,696,308.20 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/28/2023.

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

- The secretary will notify Al Camp of this motion being passed.

**Secretary K. Dutton**

- The board will hold its organizational meeting on Jan. 2, 2024, and will keep it's meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month for 2024, with the exception of December's second meeting which will be held on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer/IT A. Hinds**

- The year-end financials are looking good. Vacation buy-back went well.
- We are in need of a multi-year capital plan.

**Administrator T. Gretzinger-No Report**

**Deputy Chief J. Lissow-No Report**

**Fire Chief K. Battaglia**

- We have responded to 3,071 calls year to date; 53% of those were EMS.
- There was a discussion regarding providing online insurance reduction driver training through the American Safety Council.

**2023.4000.15.11.28**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To pay for online insurance reduction driver training through the American Safety Council at a cost of \$18-25 per person for all active members.

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

- The Station 3 planning committee visited engine 16 and Henrietta with Christa Construction. Plans are evolving and the committee is feeling comfortable with the plan. They started big with a list of wants and are now chiseling down to needs.
- The interview committee has done multiple interviews and rounds for replacement of firefighters.
- The Chiefs will be attending the volunteer firefighter I graduation tomorrow.

**Commissioner M. Beaty-necessarily absent**

**Commissioner W. Bedford**

- There was a discussion about the fund drive mailer for the department.

**2023.7000.41.11.28**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Bedford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, to approve the fund drive mailer for the department.

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

- The new pumper arrived, and the trainers have been trained: Capt. J. Gates, BC G. Knapp, and mechanic B. Floyd went through for 1 hour. This process was video recorded by IT A. Hinds and sent out to all members. Skywave will install the radios/repeaters. MSH is doing fabrication in house. This pumper should be in service Jan. 1, 2024. Driver training and pump training is underway. Hose has been placed on it already. Painting of other engines was also looked at before the warranty is up.

**Commissioner J. Maxwell-No Report**

**Commissioner M. Stolte -No Report**

**Chairman W. Rickman No Report**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move to executive session at 6:35 PM to discuss matters relating to personnel hiring/firing.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To return to regular open session at 7:14 PM.

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

**2023.3000.24.11.28**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To appoint two transfer candidates to the position of firefighter with a start date of January 1, 2024. Candidates will be named at a later date.

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

**2023.3000.25.11.28**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To increase the salary of the Community Risk Reduction Specialist, Sean Beiter to \$55,000 annually. The Board will review this position again in six months.

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

**2023.3000.26.11.28**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, to approve a 2024 salary increase of 10% for Treasurer, Andy Hinds.

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

**2023.3000.27.11.28**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, to approve 2024 salary increases of 3% for the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, District Administrator, District Secretary and District laborer, Gary Farmer.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:21 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