

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
9/12/23**

PRESENT: Chairman W. Rickman, W. Bedford, J. Maxwell, 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 M. Beaty (observed by video)

PUBLIC: FF T. Clark, Joe Camiolo, Jeff Gates, Gregg Knapp

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.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 8/8/23 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 8/22/23 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the 8/24/23 special meeting minutes.

*M. Beaty – absent, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, W. Rickman – yes, 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. Financial report appended to minutes.

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

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

2023.9000.1.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve hiring Grant Masters to submit an AFG grant on behalf of the N. Greece Fire District with a cost not to exceed \$3,300.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of voucher nos. 7760-7796 totaling \$61,770.66 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/12/2023. This includes an addition to the original report for Grant Masters.

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

Date	Sent
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8/9/2023	Letter and snow removal contract 2023-2024 to Town of Greece
8/9/23	Sympathy card to John short family on the passing of his stepfather Gary Lockamyeir
8/14/23	8/8/23 budget presentation to Joe Camiolo
8/16/23	Incident report 2023-002016 sent to Leslie Alligood for 8/8/23 1 Treeline Drive Incident
8/16/23	Get well to Andy Hinds
8/17/23	Get well to Nancy Bedford
Date	Received
8/9/23	FOIL from Leslie Alligood for incident on 8/8/23 at 1 Treeline Drive
8/9/23	FOIL from Joe Camiolo for 8/8/23 budget presentation from meeting.
9/12/23	Thank you letter from Hamilin Morton Walker fire district for the old board room furniture.

Secretary K. Dutton

2023.7000.32.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve the following SOP's:

- New 3011 Apparatus Readiness & Operations replaces 1408, 1429, 1417, 2123, 2120, 1433, 1427 which will be removed.
- Updated 1430 changing to number 3012 District or Department vehicles involved in a Motor Vehicle Crash.
- Updated 1002 Public Meeting Policy.
- Updated 1102 (procurement) to add mechanic Bob Floyd to the approved list of purchasers.

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

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- There was a discussion on how to use the reserve for repair account. The following options were presented:
 - Bring balance to 0 and move to retirement reserve account. (This would need to go to mandatory referendum at the December election. Treat it as a separate hearing and hold 2 the same night)
 - Use it for repairs as intended until it's gone and not fund it anymore.
 - Use it for training ground repairs.
- The training ground paving project needs to be bid out.

2023.8000.7.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To override the 2% tax cap for the 2024 budget.

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

2023.8000.8.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To accept the proposed 2024 budget as presented by Treasurer A. Hinds.

M. Beaty – absent, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – no
Carried

2023.7000.33.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To hold a public hearing on the budget on October 17, 2023.

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

2023.7000.34.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To publish a notice of the public hearing on October 17, 2023, in the approved district newspaper.

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

2023.7000.35.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To publish a notice of public hearing on October 17, 2023 (prior to the budget hearing) to use \$105,000 from the reserve for repair to fund repairs of the parking and driving areas at the training grounds.

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

On January 9, 2024 the following note was made in the minutes: The Treasurer made a clarification to the Motion made September 12, 2023. The motion was to spend \$105,000 from the Repair Reserve, with the desire to bring the account to \$0. In December, when the money was spent, the total account was \$107,902.20 due to interest earned. That was the final amount spent from the Reserve.

Administrator T. Gretzinger-No Report

Deputy Chief J. Lissow-No Report

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- Chief DeRosa was presented a proclamation by the Monroe County Legislature this evening for his fire service to Monroe County.

2023.6000.4.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To scrap used fire hose that is 10-27 years old. There are 36 rolls of 2" hose. We will be saving 16 rolls to use for training purposes.

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

- Firefighter J. Champion will be attending MCC this fall pursuing his associate degree in fire science.
- We have responded to 2,337 calls year to date, 53% of those were EMS.
- There are new running rules: Lake Shore and Hilton have been added in certain areas, the 2nd alarm was updated. Eight engines and two truck companies will always be staffed in the town.
- New volunteer recruit night went well. 6 people took packets and are eligible for interviews if they wish.

2023.1000.7.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To bid the paving project at the training ground.

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

- The station 3 committee met today and plan to meet every 2 weeks. Conceptual designs were presented, and many adjustments were made.

- Station 3 is having drainage problems. A discussion was held on how to address these current issues. Replacing the underground pipes would cost over \$20,000. They are currently limiting indoor washing to help prevent issues. We could pump out as necessary. The concrete floor has heaved about ½ inch in the past 6 months. Doors are getting hard to open and cracks are developing. Commissioner Maxwell suggested shutting the station down.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- Lt. Castronovo and Firefighter C. Grierson are to be commended on a great job remodeling the classrooms at the training facility.

Commissioner W. Bedford

- New ladder truck committee update Sutphen review by BC G. Knapp: There is a price increase on the horizon. They are trying to speed up production by moving facilities around to help clear the backlog. Upcoming emission standard changes are a concern as there is no prototype engine yet. We've got a price of 2,244,416 for a new ladder truck that expires on Friday. There are 4 payment options. If we can earn more than 1.35 % interest on our current funds, it is best to wait and pay cash upon delivery. Interest will offset the price increase. Our attorney had comments regarding the contract as disputes would not be handled in our county, but out of state and sourcing concerns. We need a written report of why we would use a consortium to avoid bidding. The committee has no problem with writing this report.

2023.2000.2.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To authorize the purchase of a new Sutphen tower ladder truck with a cost not to exceed \$2,244,416, full payment upon receipt of the vehicle. *M. Beaty – absent, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – no, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes*
Carried

- Career staff pictures were taken. The same should be done for the administrative staff and commissioners. The Chief will direct this.

Commissioner J. Maxwell

- A dedication plaque for station 1 was proposed for past Commissioner Ken Preston. There was a discussion about where he should be remembered. The family should be included in the process.

Commissioner M. Stolte-No Report

Chairman W. Rickman

- Lt. Coppeta has returned to work.
- Municipal bond advisor contract recommendations were given by Barnard and RRFD. We would want to get one of them involved at this time. The board agreed with the treasurer's recommendations. The Class of building is important for the type of bond. It depends on the construction. It decides the length of bond you can have.

2023.2000.3.09.12

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To move forward with a contract with Municipal Solutions for the future bonding of a new station 3.
M. Beaty – absent, W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, W. Rickman – yes, M. Stolte – yes
Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:24 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