

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
1/9/2024**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner W. Bedford

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo, Phil Davola, Bill King

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 J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 12/12/2023 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve the regular 12/26/2023 meeting minutes.

*M. Beaty – yes, W. Bedford – absent, 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. The monthly financial report is appended to these minutes.

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

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$40,752.10 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 1/9/2024.

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

Date	Sent
12/18/23	Fire Report sent to Barbara Greco for incident 2023-003200, fire at 207 Skycrest on 12/11/23
1/3/24	Email: Oaths of office sent to town clerks of Greece and Parma. Receipts received.
1/3/24	Mail Fire report to Lexis Nexis for 2023-003151 200 White Rabbit Trail on 12/7/23
1/5/24	Email Fire Report to Cody Kenyon for fire at 158 Wayfaring Lane 2023-003379 12/30/23
Date	Received
12/15/23	Online FOIL Request form Barbara Greco for report from 207 Skycrest fire on 12/11/23 # 2023-003200
1/2/24	Thank you card from Mike Beaty on his get-well package
1/3/24	FOIL request from Eric Hobbs, Lexis Nexis on behalf of Merrilee Burgos for a fire report at 200 White Rabbit Trail on 12/7/2023.

1/4/24	FOIL from Cody Kenyon for fire at 158 Wayfaring Lane on 12/30/23
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Secretary K. Dutton

2024.7000.7.01.09

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman to approve the following actions to SOP's:

1. Retirement of SOP's: 1423A Fleet Vehicle Use Log, 1425 Snowplow Operation
2. Approve major updates to: 1300 Health & safety program
3. Approve minor updates such as tools used to 3007 Residential fireground operations, 3009 Commercial Fireground Operation, 1410 Sexual Harassment (paper form removed)
4. Approve new SOP 1223 Ride Along

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

- There was a discussion regarding videoconferencing rules during meetings.

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- 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. The Board acknowledges and agrees with the treasurer's note.

2024.2000.1.01.09

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To rescind motion **2023.2000.4.12.26** To approve the purchase of an apparatus lift through state contract at a cost not to exceed \$55,000. A permissive referendum will be published to purchase out of reserve for equipment. This motion missed the holiday deadline and was not published during the legal time frame.

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

2024.2000.2.01.09

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To publish a legal notice of permissive referendum to approve the purchase of an apparatus lift through state contract at a cost not to exceed \$55,000, out of the reserve for equipment.

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

Administrator T. Gretzinger

2024.3000.7.01.09

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To **amend** motion 2023.3000.24.11.28 (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.) **to state** To appoint two transfer candidates to the position of Firefighter with a start date of 1/1/2024. Austin Mosher is appointed to the position of firefighter as a transfer from Medina FD and will be hired at the 1-year step of the 2024 FF pay scale of \$62,371.14. Benjamin Winkler is appointed to the position of firefighter as a transfer from Dewitt FD and will be hired at the 2-year step of the FF pay scale of \$66,582.10.

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

2024.7000.8.01.09

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To enter into a contract with Strong URM for EAP services at a cost of \$3,969.

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

- There was a discussion of the volunteer tax exemption revision. The law changed after we had the public hearing to allow un-remarried spouses.

2024.9000.1.01.09

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To publish a legal notice of a public hearing to be held on February 13, 2024, at 5:55 PM to approve Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a providing exemption to unmarried spouses of 20 year members the 10% property tax exemption.

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

Deputy Chief J. Lissow-No Report

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- We responded to 3,389 calls in 2023, 53% of those were EMS.
- Jeff Champion is pursuing a fire protection degree and will be taking 9 credits this spring.
- Villager Construction was given permission to use the side of the road by the pond on Latta Rd. by station 1 to store a loader and backhoe during construction of the Latta/N. Greece road project. They will put gravel down before using and return it to its original state afterward if it doesn't interfere with district business.
- The AFG Grant is opening Jan. 29 for 14 days. Our grant writer has not contacted us yet.
- We received the official ISO report. We are now officially a class I Fire District. This does not affect insurance until April 1.
- The adjustor is looking at the 2C57 vehicle. More info to come.

Commissioner M. Beaty

- Christa Construction is not charging for the work done for the pavement reconstruction project at the training grounds.

Commissioner W. Bedford-absent

- Information regarding an order for a new Pumper 274 was sent out. It is essentially the same truck we just received but emissions and engines are more costly. It may be of interest to put in the contract "contingent upon passing of permissive referendum to use reserve funds to purchase". This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner J. Maxwell-No Report

Chairman M. Stolte

- An update on the firefighter memorial was given. Site plans are forthcoming.
- Revue of commissioner responsibilities for 2024 was discussed.

Commissioner W. Rickman

- There will be a meeting this month regarding a new plan for the health of our firefighters.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To move to executive session at 6:29 pm to discuss matters related to hiring/firing of personnel.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m.

M. Beaty – yes, 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