

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
January 23, 2024**

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

ABSENT: Secretary Kari Dutton

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo, BC Todd Smith, Terry Eckwell

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 reminder to keep our Captain in our thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.

- Terry Eckwell presented his services as a building consultant inspector. He presented his resume. There was a discussion on the possibility of being the station 3 project. A contract could be drawn up based on our needs and wants. A suggestion of approximately 4 hours per week at the beginning of the project and increase hours as the need increases. Monthly Invoices would be sent out. He is insured. Commissioner Maxwell wants to be sure each stage of building is observed for quality control. Weekly reports will be provided to the BOFC. The treasurer will assist with the setup paperwork. The BOFC can decide how long Terry will work for us based on need, even in the finishing stages. Terry will write up a proposal and bring it to Andy by the end of the week. District to provide a set of plans when they are ready.

Treasurer A. Hinds

MOTION BY Commissioner Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner Maxwell, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$16,108.94 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 1/23/2024.

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

Secretary K. Dutton-Necessarily absent

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- Review of annual Budget vs. Actual for 2023 and 2023 Reserve Accounts pre-audit numbers that he considers to be real. Recent audits recommend having a multi-year capital project plan. Ours is being compiled currently.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- Discussion on posting of the 2023 LOSAP points and mandatory 30-day posting period. Commissioner Rickman to make the needed resolution.

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In the matter of approving the 2023 certified points

WHEREAS, the Fire District is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the North Greece Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML);

WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the North Greece Fire Department has submitted the attached list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Department, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty (50) points during 2023 to qualify for service credit;

WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Department includes a statement that the points recorded on the attached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Fire District to be in effect during calendar year 2023, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Department, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members;

WHEREAS, GML § 219-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Department to be posted for thirty (30) days; and WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review of the attached list; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners approves the attached list of volunteer firefighters of the North Greece Fire Department and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution and the attached list shall be returned to the Fire Department for posting for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

Commissioner W. Rickman raised the motion to approve, Commissioner M Stolte seconded the motion, and upon roll call the vote of the Board was as follows:

Commissioner Maxwell Aye
Commissioner Beaty Aye
Commissioner Rickman Aye
Commissioner Bedford Aye
Commissioner Stolte Aye

Carried

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- There have been 230 Calls YTD, 59% of those were EMS.
- Lt. Sullivan is continuing with his college degree. He'll be taking 6 credits this semester.
- We are starting a new fall prevention program for seniors through Dr Cushman. CRRS Beiter is involved as well working with Lifespan and other agencies to get people into the system to prevent repeat calls for picking people up. It will be a checklist. All Greece agencies are participating in this pilot program. Sean (CRRS) will follow up with the fall calls. NGFD has not been responding to fall calls since covid, we are currently going on them now; about 2 per day. We have changed some of the mutual aid calls that we respond to when Monroe Ambulance is responding. It is now dispatcher discretion. We will help if needed. Next steps for CRRS Beiter are to start working with nursing homes and assisted living to assist with fall prevention programs. We will reevaluate this in 6 months.
- The board was thanked for allowing him to be in Florida as a fire chief. It ran smoothly with Deputy Chief Lissow for keeping NGFD running smoothly.

Deputy Chief J. Lissow

- The Intermunicipal agreement with the county for Hazmat 8 was never finalized. Ray has looked it over and now Steve Schalabba has it for the County and is reviewing it.

Commissioner M. Beaty

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MOTION BY Commissioner Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner Bedford, To hire Terry Ekwel, BCM Consulting Services LLC for our project inspector/manager for the building of station 3.

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

Carried

Commissioner W. Bedford

- The 2018 ¾ ton pickup truck needs to have replacement of the entire frame and will take one month to repair.
- Sutphen pumper in reserve will be having warranty work on the paint touch up work, this work will be done at Heinrich's.
- BC Knapp has been asked for his recommendation of which pumper to sell. He suggests selling the 2006 model. We will keep 277 which is a 2005 and is in better shape. We are hoping that someone will want a truck with an engine that has no emissions standards on it.
- An email has been sent on a proposed new pumper with a cost of 1.2 million. A contract needs the signature of the chairman to purchase. We also need to have a long-term plan for a future pumper.
- Commissioner Maxwell suggests refurbishing vehicles in the future due to the cost of new pumpers.

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MOTION BY W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To purchase a Sutphen custom heavy duty pumper, with a cost not to exceed \$1.2 million dollars.

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

- Our attorney suggested adding a permissive referendum clause to the contract, that is not in the current contract. BOFC was not able to get this done before the price increase.
- UDS cancer screening: all career/admin/BOFC/volunteer already included. A suggestion to include the auxiliary in this testing. There was concern that there are not enough appointments left, and maybe offer it to auxiliary later. The firefighters should get the testing done first. There are approximately 10 members.

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve adding the auxiliary to the cancer screening.

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

Commissioner J. Maxwell

- Grants: talking to the chief regarding the grant for a compressor; we would need to get with neighboring districts, and they would need to apply for the grant themselves at a cost of \$1500 each or we would have to put in another \$6,000 which is not realistic. The chief and his team are looking at other options. So, we are looking at fire extinguisher training, the Bullard system and training props at the training grounds. The grant writer suggested not to get too in depth right now. Rules were changed this year. We are waiting until next week.
- Fire inspections in the school district: under Chief DeRosa NGFD pulled back from those inspections. He would like to see us accompany the school official who currently does inspections. IN 2019, Gov. Cuomo changed the rules. The person doing the inspection could now be found criminally negligible if they made a mistake. NGFD does not legally sign off on inspections, however we do accompany Dawn on the inspections.

Commissioner M. Stolte

- Make your appts for cancer screening.

Commissioner Rickman

- Plan to cover people out for an extended period of time to be held this Thursday.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Notes taken live by T. Gretzinger and finalized by Kari Dutton, Secretary from the recording
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North Greece Fire District