

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
8/27/2024**

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: Capt. J. Gates, Joe Camiolo

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.

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.

Joe Camiolo: He was concerned that the bond vote information was not yet on the webpage And that the dedication of the memorial of station 1 didn't state a time. (The memorial dedication is being rescheduled).

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$ 27,490.51 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 8/27/2024.

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

Secretary K. Dutton

- All items for the special election bond vote are up to date. The website notice, sign board and posting on our bulletin board go live tomorrow as required by law. The tellers will be going over the rolls tomorrow.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To pay the election tellers for the 9/17/24 special election (Bond Vote) a total of \$70 per teller for working the election only and an additional \$50 if they assist with going over the voter rolls.

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

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- The 2025 Budget discussion has started. The treasurer presented drafts of documents used to prepare the proposed budget that should be adopted and made part of the minutes at some point and yearly reviewed.
 - Multiyear capital plan
 - Multiyear financial plan

Administrator T. Gretzinger

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner M. Beaty, To approve Al Camp as a member of the fire police. His physical and background checks have been completed.

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

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- We have responded to 2,678 calls year-to-date. We are still at 59% EMS.,
- A preconstruction meeting for the new Engine 274 will be October 9 &10. The chief would like to send Chief Knapp, Bob Floyd, Capt. Gates, and Capt. J. Norman. It should just be over one night.
- We are working with Dr. Cushman to discuss moving forward with Virtual Reality EMS training. This can be done on your computer with goggles. Dr. Cushman is in favor. There is money in the proposed 2025 budget to do this. It is much less expensive than the old simulator man. It would be an annual fee. At the company level it would be signed off by our CIC. We would be the first to use this locally.
- 9/11 will not be a dedication for the new memorial. It will be a regular ceremony at 9 AM at station 1. Andy Fredericks's daughter will be attending. The dedication will be at another time.
- The town wide memorial service is being held at the Barnard Fire District October 6 @ 12:30 PM.
- The Utica Insurance walk-through is tomorrow.
- We will be rescheduling the swearing in ceremony that had to be cancelled for tonight.

Deputy Chief J. Lissow-No Report

Commissioner M. Beaty-No Report

Commissioner W. Bedford

- A request was made to consider uniform blazers for the commissioners and administration to be worn at special events. The Chief will have Capt. J. Williams research this.

Commissioner J. Maxwell-No Report

Commissioner W. Rickman-No Report

Chairman M. Stolte

- Thanks to all who showed up to Jim Hare's funeral.
- Thanks to Andy on all his hard work on the budget

Capt. Jeff Gates

- Update on station 3: A room-by-room data sheet is being compiled to pre room by room to prevent change orders. Asbestos abatement on the house has begun. This is required before the tear down. The town and county subdivision process are near completion. Once we own the property it will be signed. The soil sample came back higher than we expected allowing us to put in a less expensive foundation.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.

M. Beaty – yes, 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