

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
9/24/2024**

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

ABSENT: Fire Chief K. Battaglia, Commissioner M. Beaty, Capt. J. Gates

PUBLIC: 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 addressed the board: There is nothing in the Greece News from N. Greece. The district should investigate grants for the new fire house.

Treasurer A. Hinds

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$ 36,142.92 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/24/2024.

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

Secretary K. Dutton

2024.7000.21.09.24

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To retire SOP 1434 Training requests as it is covered in the new 1435.

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

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

2024.8000.10.09.24

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To resolve to adopt the 2025 proposed budget as appended to these minutes.

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

2024.8000.11.09.24

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To adopt the multi-year financial as presented by Treasurer Hinds.

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

2024.8000.12.09.24

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To adopt the multi-year capital plan as presented by Treasurer A. Hinds.

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

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- Chief Short, the Fire chiefs and Administrator T. Gretzinger met with the company that did the body scans and it was discovered that there were multiple significant findings. This test was well worth the cost.
- There was a discussion regarding marijuana testing. According to NY labor law, we can prohibit possession at the fire house and use while on duty but cannot randomly test for marijuana. If our drivers had CDL licenses it would change that. However, the extensive training for that would be very costly. Our SOP can require an acknowledgement upon distribution.

2024.7000.22.09.24

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the updates to SOP 1311 Substance abuse.

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

Deputy Chief J. Lissow

2024.4000.6.09.24

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To send 4 officers to FDIC in Indianapolis, IN April 7-12, 2025, with a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

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

- We have responded to 3,001 calls year-to-date. 59% of those were EMS calls.
- Utica Insurance report update: The only issues were at the department pavilion. The directors will take care of these issues.

Fire Chief K. Battaglia-necessarily absent

Commissioner M. Beaty-necessarily absent

Commissioner W. Bedford

- There was a discussion on future election hours. Suggestion to do shorter hours for other elections. Sec to get teller feedback on going from 4-9 PM. If they are good with it, the SOP could be changed and approved at the next meeting.

Commissioner J. Maxwell

- After receiving 2 of 3 requested quotes to replace the HQ bunkroom windows, we will contract with Comfort Windows. They were the lowest of the 3.
- A contractor to conduct a building condition survey of all our buildings was recommended.
- We may want to consider window replacements for the offices at HQ's as they are all drafty.

Commissioner W. Rickman

- Capt. Gates gave an update on the plans for replacing station 3. It is possible that this will be a 12–14-month project. Bids will be released in stages. Sitework would be the first. We could have a shovel in the ground by the end of the year. A bid schedule is expected by October 21. We are hoping to award bids Nov. 20 or 21. Foundation steel will be the next bid package. The remaining trades should be ready to go out around Jan 15.
- Capt. Gates is watching for grants.
- Station 1 painting is complete. Whelehan's was a great company to work with.
- We would like to have a bid opening for site work Nov. 13-14 at 2:00 PM opening Sec. and commissioners and award the bid at a Nov. 20 special meeting.
- Land closing update: we are waiting for the house to be torn down.

Chairman M. Stolte

- The firefighters were commended for a great job at the fire the other night.
- There will be a promotion ceremony at station 1 at 7 PM on Sept. 26.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:40 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