

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
1766 Latta Road Station #2  
11/26/2024**

**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 and remembering the Rickman/Falkner families upon the recent passing of Ruth Ann Falkner.

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**Treasurer A. Hinds**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Beaty, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to approve payment of bills listed on the abstract of vouchers totaling \$42,992.05 as submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 11/26/2024.

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

**Secretary K. Dutton-No Report**

**Treasurer/IT A. Hinds**

- There was an explanation of gear cleaning billing falling twice in this calendar year and the budget. This line will be over budget, but we should have the funds.
- The station 3 capital project report will be separate from the regular budget report.

**Administrator T. Gretzinger**

- There was a discussion on volunteer cancer coverage. We have always done enhanced plans which cover more varieties of cancer.

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**MOTION BY** M. Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, to continue to pay for the enhanced firefighter cancer benefit through Hartford at a cost of \$1836.28 for 2025.

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

- There was a discussion on 2025 Medicare changes. There will no longer be a donut hole. It will cap prescription expenses at \$2,000. There are still costs associated with copays, durable medical, etc. We've always funded the non-union employees. There are currently 12 people using this. The board will keep the funding currently in place for 2025.

**Fire Chief K. Battaglia**

- We have responded to 3743 calls year-to-date. 59% of those were EMS.
- The incident with Q-270 is under investigation.
- Vacation buy-back forms worked great.
- The board was thanked for the opportunity to attend IAFC Symposium and attend the NYS Chiefs meeting which allowed him to meet with the Commissioner of Homeland Security and the US Fire Administrator who met with career fire chiefs. We were able to voice our concerns regarding combination departments.

**Deputy Chief J. Lissow- No Report**

**Capt. J. Gates** Station 3 update:

- We are waiting for the existing building to be torn down (Dec. 2). There is a 60 day hold written into the bids to allow time for closing on the property (possibly mid-December).
- The board was thanked for allowing him to attend the NY State conference which was very good.

**Commissioner M. Beaty**

- Snow plowing is set up with the town and Cutter for this season.
- There are minor issues with the snowplow tractor at station 3. Empire tractor will service it.

**Commissioner W. Bedford- No Report**

**Commissioner J. Maxwell**

- DC Lissow will be meeting SWPR next week to get an estimate on conducting building condition surveys.

**Commissioner W. Rickman- No Report**

**Chairman M. Stolte**

- There will be a health and safety meeting next month.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:24 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