

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
2/11/2025**

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: Department Director S. Manchester, Chaplain Eugene Preston, 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 addressed the board regarding candidates for the Town of Greece Supervisor position. He also asked the board to consider solar panels on the new station and an electrical car charging station.
 - Gene Preston requested that the board dedicate and place a memorial plaque in the meeting room at station 1 honoring his deceased brother, past commissioner Ken Preston. The board discussed the idea. The board doesn't have a problem with the plaque being placed there. Gene was directed to contact Ken's family for approval and donation.
 - The department received a letter with a donation from the family of past commissioner Elmer William Same Jr.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the 1/7/2025 organizational meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve the 1/14/2025 regular meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the 1/28/2025 regular meeting minutes.

*W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – yes, J. Nolan – 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 J. Nolan, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Hinds.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of vouchers numbered 98 through 140 totaling \$ 42,474.42 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 2/11/2025.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of station 3 Capital Fund voucher 22 totaling \$ 4,300 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 2/11/2025.

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

Date	Sent
1/29/25	Sympathy card and flowers to John Short. His father Irving "Skip" Short passed.
1/29/25	Signed easement docs sent to MCWA for English Rd. new station 3
1/30/25	Sympathy card to the family of Mike Brinkman
2/11/25	Certificate of Official filing of the BAN 13.8M for station 3 sent to our financial advisor
Date	Received
1/27/25	FOIL request J. Camiolo 12/10/24 election voter rolls -verbally spoken receipt & clarification.

Secretary K. Dutton

2025.7000.14.02.11

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve the 2025 Volunteer List for tax credit. The secretary will send it to the town and send certificates to the new qualified members.

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

- Commissioner Nolan and the district secretary will work on the Mission Statement review SOP 1000.

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- We have not received our tax levy yet. Greece is expected this week and Parma soon afterward.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- Annual mandatory OSHA training is now available and is due to be completed by April 1. We had 100% compliance in 2024.
- An appeal was received from Mike Beaty for his 2024 LOSAP points. A thorough investigation of all of Mike's points was conducted and was conducted by Lt. Castronovo, Department Secretary Kingsley, and Lt. Phil Davola. Administrator Gretzinger and Chief Battaglia reviewed the results. Upon careful review of all records, it was determined that Mike's points were accurately credited, and he therefore did not make the 50 points needed.

2025.3000.1.02.11

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To deny Mike Beaty's appeal for the 2024 LOSAP points after review of the information provided by the District Administrator and 2024 records.

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

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- We have responded to 529 calls year-to-date. 64% of those were EMS calls.
- An appraiser will contact us regarding the county buying 1,089 sq. feet of our property near the training grounds on Latta Rd.
- We have not been notified of any new construction in the towns. The chairman would like to see better communication from the town regarding upcoming planning. The chief will send a letter requesting this.
- Two contracts were signed by the chairman for the new station 3 for steel and foundation work. They were successfully descope by our construction manager who sent us a letter stating this. The cost of steel is the big concern right now. The next bid opening for general contracting, plumbing, fire protection, HVAC and electrical was pushed to next Tuesday. There were a few addenda requiring extra time now to save change orders in the future. The steel should be erected by the end of June. They are fabricating everything instead of ordering.
- There was a discussion regarding awarding years of service. It was proposed at the department meeting to award years of service to whomever will hit their anniversary in that calendar year. The board agreed to this proposal and decided to group all North Greece active service whether district, department or commissioner. Commissioner Nolan presented the idea of having a selection of awards available that the recipient can pick from. Comm. Rickman and the committee will explore this idea.

Deputy Chief J. Lissow

- A 2025 capital projects meeting will be held next Tuesday.

Commissioner J. Nolan

- The chief was thanked for giving him a tour of the district last week.
- At the MCFDOA meeting on the 20th, Jonathan Smith, Chief of Perinton, will be speaking regarding EMS. A subcommittee on EMS was suggested.

2025.7000.15.02.11

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To approve the updates to SOP 1315 Continuity of Operations (COOP).

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

Commissioner M. Stolte

- The board has received examples of other district contracts.

Commissioner J. Maxwell

- SWBR has begun reviewing the exteriors of some stations for the building condition survey.

2025.4000.1.02.11

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To send up to 4 people to the Symposium in the Sun held by the IAFC, November 13-16, 2025, with a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

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

2025.4000.2.02.11

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner J. Nolan, To send up to 4 people to the Annual AFDSNY conference October 2-4, 2025, in Saratoga Springs, NY, with a cost not to exceed \$2,000 per person.

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

Commissioner W. Rickman

- We should receive the contract from Christa Construction for managing the new station next.
- Surgery is scheduled for Friday.

Chairman W. Bedford

- The new mechanic vehicle arrived today. Striping and lighting should be done within the next 2 weeks.
- We will be reviewing our current vehicle replacement program so that the treasurer will have updated information for future planning.
- The secretary was requested to resurrect and update our District Profile.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move into an executive session at 7:02 PM to discuss matters which will imperil public safety if disclosed.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Dutton, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
North Greece Fire District