

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
2/25/2025**

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: Capt. J. Gates, J. Camiolo, Lawrence Johnston & Katie Webster from Stokes, Visca, Hucko and Barone

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 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 Mike Brinkman 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 submitted the online form or notified the Chairman 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 was glad to see Comm. Rickman in attendance.

Our independent auditing firm presented the annual financial statement to the Board of Fire Commissioners. They have also assisted with the preparation of the AFR which Treasurer Hinds has submitted to the state. The Secretary will publish a legal notice of audit and file this statement with the towns. Chairman Bedford would like the auditors to review our long-term plan and submit a letter that it was reviewed.

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of vouchers 141 through 169 totaling \$45,270.17 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 2/25/2025.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve payment of station 3 Capital Fund voucher 23 totaling \$ 1,854.53 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 2/25/2025.

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

Secretary K. Dutton

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- Our BAN sold to Oppenheimer at a net interest of 3.186 % for \$13.8 million. Oppenheimer requested a BAN rating by Moody's which they are paying for.
- A new access control system has been installed at stations 1, 2, and the training grounds.
- There was a situation involving our tractor rental and past invoices where invoices had been sent to a commissioner, and they were never forwarded to the district. Jeff Gates is now in contact with them. They have no problem with moving forward with the lease. All bills need to

be sent to accounting@northgreecefd.com. We will be paying for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. The board is wondering when the original bills were sent.

- Tax monies were received from both towns.

Administrator T. Gretzinger

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- We have responded to 702 calls year- to-date. 65% of those were EMS. We're trying to keep our electronic sign up to date weekly.
- After speaking with the Fire Marshal, we found out that there will be a Dollar General going into the old Ace Pools. A frozen waffle company will be going into the old Sam's Club.
- After polling interest in MLREMS BSFR, Andy Young was interested in representing us on the EMS council and has been accepted. He will be starting April 1.
- Matt Healey announced his retirement. His last shift is February 27. He has requested no retirement party.

Deputy Chief J. Lissow

- There is a broken coupler on a recirculating pump at HQ, Ryan Plumbing will be fixing it. 2 estimates were received, and they were the better financial choice. We have had four quotes for a new water fountain at HQ.
- Met with John Radisi and Mike Tubbs to prepare a scope of work for 2 projects, paving/concrete at the training ground and the roof on HQ.
- Commissioner Maxwell asked that we form a committee now to reconfigure HQ so that work can begin once station 3 is done.

Commissioner J. Maxwell

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To amend motion 2025.4000.1.02.11 to state sending up to 5 people to the Symposium in the Sun.

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

Commissioner J. Nolan

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Nolan, To approve updates to SOP 1003 Public Meeting Policy, 1007 Election Policy.

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

Commissioner M. Stolte

- Station 3 water heater update: The bill for work done was reviewed by Commissioner Stolte. He questioned those involved in the process of getting this work done and found that the price was higher as it was requested to be fixed on a weekend causing higher pricing. The company did reduce the bill by \$2500. Holding this work until Monday would have saved us quite a bit of money. It was recommended that we do regular maintenance flushing to help our water heaters last longer. Gary has added it to his schedule.

Commissioner W. Rickman

- Station 3 update by Capt. Gates: Bids for general trades, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing were opened on February 18. There were multiple bids on each. We are currently 1.2 million under budget for the project. While digging the garage it was discovered that the power was killed to the meter box. The line was still live and needs to be disconnected by RGE. Descope of current bids is being done now.

- The new maintenance vehicle has been striped. Cabinet modifications are coming, and the vehicle should be in service in the next two weeks
- It was good to see the firefighters training on the property.
- Thanks to all for thinking of him during and after his recent procedure.

Chairman W. Bedford

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To move to executive session to discuss matters related to personnel hiring/firing at 3:51 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To return to regular session at 4:20 PM.

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 appoint Anthony Elia to the position of firefighter from the civil service list with a star date of March 3,2025 at the salary of \$53,200.

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 return to executive session at 4:21 PM.

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 resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:29 PM.

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