

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
9/9/2025**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner W. Rickman

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo, Sherman Manchester, Capt. Jeff Gates, BC S. Carter

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 departed members.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner J. Nolan, To approve the 8/12/2025 regular meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Nolan, To approve the special meeting 8/20/2025 minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the 8/26/2025 regular meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to approve payment of vouchers 752 through 779 totaling \$ 186,314.52 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/9/2025.

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

- There was a discussion on fees being charged by the town of Greece. The Deputy reduced our original fee when we met with him.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To resolve to approve payment of station 3 Capital Fund vouchers 73 through 75 totaling \$ 418,810.11 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/9/2025. With the modification to pay the town of Greece in installments.

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

This motion did not pass.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to approve payment of station 3 Capital Fund vouchers 73 through 75 totaling \$ 418,810.11 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 9/9/2025.

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

(Commissioner Stolte only objected to paying the town bill, supported the payment of the other vouchers.)

Date	Sent
8/25/25	Sympathy card to the mother of past employee Dennis Joy upon his passing.
8/25/25	Incident report sent to Camron Theile for Carbone's MVA 610 N. Greece Rd. 8/15/25
8/27/25	Sympathy Card to Peter Smith on the passing of his mother.
9/2/25	Receipt of FOIL request sent to Tyler Slattery for 814 Guinevere house fire.
9/3/25	Sent report to M Pierce at Metropolitan for vehicle fire at 834 Long Pond 7/19/25
9/3/25	Get well card to Greg Laskowski
9/3/25	Encouraging card to Ray Barnard.
9/4/25	Receipt of FOIL request sent to Edmund Schultz for 814 Guinevere
9/4/25	814 Guinevere report sent to Edmund Schultz, Tyler Slattery
9/9/25	Email to John Silvernail, no fires in our system at 152 Northwood Drive
Date	Received
8/18/25	FOIL for 610 N. Greece MVA 8/15/25 from Cameron Theile
9/2/25	FOIL for fire at 814 Guinevere 8/6/25 from Tyler Slattery
9/4/25	FOIL for fire at 814 Guinevere 8/6/25 from Edmund Schultz, Travelers' insurance
9/9/25	FOIL for any fires at 152 Northwood Drive from John Silvernail

Secretary K. Dutton

2025.7000.26.09.09

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Nolan, To resolve to hold a public hearing on the budget Tuesday, October 21 @ 6 PM and publish the legal notice of hearing.

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

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

- 2026 Budget: We are waiting on Excellus rates and the negotiations with the firefighter's union. The retirement system is projecting a 3.6% increase to bring the rate to 37%. The funds being set aside for a future headquarters remodel are still unknown.

2025.8000.8.09.09

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, to approve the following resolution:

Resolution Authorizing Use of IntraFi Network Deposit Programs

WHEREAS, under New York State General Municipal Law, municipalities and fire districts are authorized to deposit public funds in financial institutions designated as depositories by the governing board, provided such deposits are properly secured; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District seeks to ensure the safety, liquidity, and diversification of its deposits, while maximizing the availability of FDIC insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the IntraFi Network Deposit programs (formerly known as CDARS® and ICS®) allow the North Greece Fire District to place deposits with Modern Bank, which then uses the IntraFi network to distribute those deposits into interest-bearing accounts or certificates of deposit issued by other FDIC-insured financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, all deposits placed through the IntraFi programs are eligible for full FDIC insurance up to the program limits, while the North Greece Fire District continues to maintain a direct relationship with Modern Bank; and

WHEREAS, participation in the IntraFi Network programs is consistent with New York State law governing the deposit of public funds and the investment policies of the North Greece Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District hereby authorizes the Treasurer to utilize the IntraFi Network Deposit programs, including ICS (Insured Cash Sweep) and CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service), through Modern Bank, a duly designated depository of the North Greece Fire District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer, and/or such other officers as may be designated, is authorized to execute all agreements and documents necessary to participate in said programs, provided that all deposits remain secured in accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Administrator T. Gretzinger

- There was a discussion on the three-year agreement received from our LOSAP company, Firefly for \$4,170 per year. This is an increase of \$63 per year.

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To continue our agreement with Firefly to handle volunteer LOSAP investments for the district.

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

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- We have responded to 3,110 year-to-date, with 62% of those being EMS calls.
- The bridge projects on Latta Road have been delayed a year to 2027.

2025.7000.28.09.09

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner J. Nolan, To approve the agreement with our Medical Director Dr. Cushman for the next 2 years.

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

- North Greece is hosting the town-wide open house on October 5 from 10 AM-12 PM. The townwide memorial service will follow.

Deputy Chief J. Lissow-No Report

Commissioner J. Nolan- No Report

Commissioner M. Stolte -No Report

Commissioner J. Maxwell

- The new gate has been installed at the training grounds. Gabby Electric will run power and data to it.

Commissioner W. Rickman-Necessarily Absent

Capt. J. Gates

- Station 3 update: There has been much progress. The steel should be done this Friday. Blacktop and concrete work will begin soon. There is a push to get it enclosed before winter.
- The training ground gate and fence are up, and we are working on electric and a concrete pad.
- The tractor lease is coming up soon. Options will be discussed further.

Chairman W. Bedford

- Sizes for blazers were given to the uniform company. The Chief will follow up with the captain to see where they stand.

Fire Department Director S. Manchester

- Rent at the pavilion will be increased beginning in 2026 to \$500 with \$300 deposit. Anyone affiliated with North Greece will get a cost of \$150 once a year.
- Many of our people are ill or injured.

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Maxwell, 2nds by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move to executive session to discuss matters related to collective bargaining at 3:35 PM.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner J. Maxwell, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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