

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearon on the 2026 Budget and Special MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
10/21/2025**

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

ABSENT: J. Maxwell

PUBLIC: Joe Camiolo. Mike Beaty

The Chairman called the Annual Public Hearing on the Budget 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.

- The Chairman introduced the Board of Fire Commissioners and Administrative Staff and how the hearing would proceed.
- The treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2026 along with budget preparation documents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman read the procedure for handling public comments:

- A. The Board will now conduct the public comment period.
- B. When the Chairman calls upon you, please stand and state your opinion whether for or against the 2026 proposed budget.
- C. As the Board conducts essential business at this meeting, a 5-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.

Commenters:

1. Joe Camiolo
 - a. Grants should be assigned to all commissioners.
 - b. Not allowing the public to speak at regular meetings is not helpful.
 - c. There was not anyone recruiting volunteers at the Open House.
 - d. The Town of Greece is now live streaming their meetings and mentioned the snowplow agreement. The district should send a thank you.
 - e. It is good that the district built a new station 3 rather than rebuilding the old one
 - f. The district should share the expense of the training grounds with everyone who uses it.
- The Board of Fire Commissioners had no questions for the treasurer.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To close the public hearing at 6:15 PM.

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

Carried

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To open the special meeting.

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

Carried

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MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte,

RESOLUTION TO OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Greece Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 which includes an estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board did adopt its proposed budget in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the North Greece Fire District held its annual fire district budget hearing for the public on October 21, 2025, wherein the Board considered the proposed budget and comments received for and against the proposed budget at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district for fiscal year 2026 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for 2026 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap which allows a tax levy of no more than 2% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, the fire district may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year only if the board of fire commissioners first enacts a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves this resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2026 budget only, in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap which permits only a 2% increase in said tax levy; and will result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$16,926,299; The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

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MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adopt the proposed 2026 budget as appended to these minutes.

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

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MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman To approve the 2026 multiyear financial and capital plans as presented by the treasurer.

W. Bedford – yes, J. Maxwell – absent, 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 vouchers 892 through 915 totaling \$ 17,936.36 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 10/21/2025.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of station 3 Capital Fund vouchers 92 through 95 totaling \$ 14,368.10 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 10/21/2025.

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

The treasurer thanked the chiefs office for their help with the budget.

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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