

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
1766 Latta Road Station #2  
3/24/2026**

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

**EXCUSED:** Chairman J. Maxwell, Fire Chief K. Battaglia

**PUBLIC:** Capt. J. Gates

The Vice-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.

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**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To resolve to approve payment of vouchers 1322 through 1367 totaling \$ 172,076.17 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 3/24/2026.

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

**Secretary K. Dutton**

- The board approved the release of current union contracts to Empire Center.

**Treasurer/IT A. Hinds**

**2026.7000.8.03.24**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner J. Nolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, to resolve to approve new SOP policy 1009 Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Large Language Model (LLM) Use.

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

- A discussion was held regarding cyber insurance. This covers if there is a breach that requires experts to step in.

**2026.7000.9.03.24**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Rickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To update our insurance policy to include cyber insurance.

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

**Administrator T. Gretzinger**

**2026.7000.10.03.24**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve the submission of the final 2025 LOSAP report.

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

- There was a discussion on our Accident & Health Insurance policy through Provident. They have significantly lowered their rates due to state pressure. There was a discussion on increasing our coverage. The board decided to remain at the same level we currently have.

**Fire Chief K. Battaglia-excused**

**Deputy Chief J. Lissow**

**2026.4000.6.03.24**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner J. Nolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Bedford, To Send FF S. Ancker to the Active Assailant Conference with a cost not to exceed \$2000.

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

- We have responded to 1,071 calls year-to-date (60% EMS).
- Calls of significance:
  - 3/17/26 – Working house fire on Frisbee Hill Rd.
  - 3/15/26 – Mutual Assistance to Lake Shore FD for a working partition fire on Edgemere Dr.
- Three battalion chiefs, 3 captains and 4 lieutenants completed the 1-hour NYS Hazardous Materials Incident Command class earlier this month.
- We will be having our first quarterly officer development training this Thursday morning. The main topic will be the operations manager of 911 educating us on the inner working of the CAD and AVL dispatch system.
- Due to the age and normal maintenance upkeep of the burn building along with rising costs incurred, we will not be renting the burn building to outside agencies during the evening hours this year. We will continue to support live burn training for the recruit classes and joint live fire training involving North Greece. Other training props will still be available to outside agencies with a cost to those agencies. A roofing contractor looked at the roof of the burn building, and it has been identified that the roof may need a total shingle tear off and replacement with some sheathing replacement. This will be figured into the 2027 budget.

**Commissioner W. Bedford**

**2026.8000.5.03.24**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner W. Bedford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the publication of a motion subject to Permissive Referendum to expend from the District's Reserve for Equipment Account, total monies not to exceed \$1,178,519 to defray expenses for the new Engine 274 and declare surplus a 2005 Crimson Spartan Engine, Asset #4051.

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

- Vehicle update: The new white Chevy Tahoe has arrived. The red Tahoe is in transit. They are arriving ahead of schedule. 2C-17 will get the white and 2C-37 will get the red. Their current vehicles will become a backup and the risk reduction vehicle. The vehicles will have additional items fitted after they arrive. E-274 should be arriving in January or February 2027.

**Commissioner J. Nolan**

**Commissioner W. Rickman**

- Station 3 update: The brick work is done and scaffolding is coming down. Next, they will apply the stucco. Apparatus bay concrete pouring starts Thursday with a 2<sup>nd</sup> pour scheduled for April 3. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> pour and then it will be sealed and protected. The living side is being painted. Mechanicals and the kitchen are underway. The water flow test passed. Natural gas is in. All the electricity should be in by next week. Windows are currently being installed.

**Commissioner M. Stolte**

- We are currently in the process of negotiating a contract with the Officers union.

**Chairman J. Maxwell-excused**

**2026.1000.2.03.24**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner J. Nolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To enter an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Ogden for training grounds pavement work contingent upon the motion to approve the permissive referendum to follow.

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

**2026.7000.11.03.24**

**MOTION BY** Commissioner M. Stolte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve the publication of a motion subject to Permissive Referendum to expend from the District's Reserve for Construction Account, total monies not to exceed \$240,000 to defray expenses for paving at the training grounds.

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

**MOTION BY** Commissioner J. Nolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 3:43 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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