

**NORTH GREECE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
1766 Latta Road Station #2
4/14/2026**

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

EXCUSED: Chairman J. Maxwell

PUBLIC: Bob Wegner, Joe Camiolo

The Vice-Chairman John Nolan 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 W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To approve the regular 3/10/2026 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To approve the regular 3/24/2026 meeting minutes.

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

Treasurer A. Hinds

- Treasurer Hinds provided 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 M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the monthly financial report as submitted by Treasurer Hinds.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of vouchers 1368 through 1427 totaling \$ 328,161.67 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 4/14/2026.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to approve payment of station 3 Capital Fund vouchers 139 through 148 totaling \$ 1,077,140.80 submitted by Treasurer Hinds and audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners on 4/14/2026.

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

Date	Sent
3/13/26	Receipt of Foil request for purchase records to Abass Khan by email
3/16/26	2025 audit report sent to clerks at towns of Greece and Parma
3/17/26	Purchase report 2022-present to Abass Khan from Civiciciq by email as requestes by FOIL
3/23/26	Receipt sent to Empire Center for FOIL of union contracts
3/26/26	FF contract sent to see through NY (Empire Center). Officers contract sent

	previously hasn't expired until 12/31/26, their dates were incorrect and it had been previously sent.
4/6/26	Reports sent to Faraci Lange for MVA N. Greece, W. Ridge 1/17/26
4/6/26	Inc. Report to Lindsay Comardo 21 Dean Rd. flooded basement
4/10/26	Inc. Report to Jason Harris for 10/18/25 MVA Long Pond Rd.
Date	Received
3/19/26	FOIL fire at 272 Summit Hill Dr. 3/18/26 from Nadzhda Pyrgar
3/23/26	FOIL for updated officer and union contracts requested by Empire Center
4/3/26	FOIL MVA N. Greece, W. Ridge 1/17/26 by Christine Norton/Faraci Lange
4/6/26	FOIL for flooded basement 4/1/26 21 Dean Rd. Lindsay Comardo
4/9/26	FOIL for MVA on Long Pond Rd 10/18/25 from Jason Harris

Secretary K. Dutton

2026.6000.6.04.14

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to surplus the following items to be sold through Auctions International:

2155-04010051 ---> 215504010061 HQ Dumbbells W/Storage Rack

2155-04010004 ---> 215504010013 St 1 Dumbbell Set W/Storage Rack

2155-04010028-29 Old weighted Vests at Station 1.

A 4th Shuttle micro-PC (from the smart board).

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

Carried

Treasurer/IT A. Hinds

2026.1000.3.04.14

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Rickman, To resolve to approve the bid from Skylight Signs for the station 3 digital sign for \$47,650.00.

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

Carried

2026.5000.1.04.14

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve upgrades to the digital signs at stations 1 and 2 for software and controllers at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.

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

Carried

Administrator T. Gretzinger

Fire Chief K. Battaglia

- We have responded to 1,373 calls year-to-date (60% EMS)
- The board was thanked for their support during the rainstorm a few weeks ago.
- We have received a thank you letter from Lt. Sullivan. He will graduate with his bachelor's degree this spring along with Lt. Wiesner. They both have expressed a desire to get their master's degrees. Lt. Sullivan in Public Administration and Lt. Wiesner in Fire Service Executive Leadership. The board will take this request into consideration.

Deputy Chief J. Lissow

- Our 2025 2-inch hose order is in. It was requested to declare some old hose surplus: It passed inspection last year and we will try to sell it as it is at \$100/length.

2026.6000.7.04.14

MOTION BY Commissioner M. Stolte, 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To resolve to declare surplus 43 50-foot and 8 10' pony lengths of 2-inch hose no longer of use to the district.

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

Atty. Ray DiRaddo

- Updates after completing annual training for commissioners in 4 locations around the state:
 - We are fortunate here to have a county organization that meets regularly to solve issues.
 - Tax zones are being redone in Belgium/Cold Springs and Watertown.
 - Social media was a big topic of conversation.
 - Inflated Equipment and construction costs were also discussed.
 - Ogdensburg and Cape Vincent are both undergoing consolidations.

Commissioner W. Bedford

- Both Tahoe's are in and are getting outfitted. They should both be in service soon. The Quint is getting preventative maintenance this week. Nick Mucci, Scott McCafferty and Marc Baxter greased the ladder today. It is quite a long process that requires several people.
- There was a discussion regarding installing an undercarriage power wash at the new station. Capt. Gates has begun his research and has preliminary pricing.
- We are still holding meetings to plan the new rescue truck.

Commissioner J. Nolan

2026.7000.12.04.14

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman 2nd by Commissioner W. Bedford, To approve the revision to SOP 1207 Email and 1403 & 1403B College Policy and agreement.

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

2026.7000.13.04.14

MOTION BY Commissioner J. Nolan, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To eliminate SOP 1403A FF College Agreement.

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

Commissioner W. Rickman

- Station 3 update by Capt. Gates: The final pouring of concrete on the bay floor is complete. It will be sealed tomorrow. Plywood will be placed on top of it to protect the surface while other work is being performed. Permanent power was installed yesterday. The second floor is being painted, and ceiling grid is going up. The mechanicals are all in. The piping is being caulked, and the kitchen is being installed along with tiles in the bathrooms. Site work is underway. EIFS (stucco) on the outside is being applied. Windows still need to go in. We just had a HVAC meeting. Our allowance for temporary heat may run a little short due to the long cold winter.

Commissioner M. Stolte

- A second negotiation meeting was held with the officers' union.

Chairman J. Maxwell

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Rickman, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To move to executive session at 3:36 PM to discuss matters relating to collective bargaining.

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

MOTION BY Commissioner W. Bedford, 2nd by Commissioner M. Stolte, To resolve to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:33 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