

Board of Fire Commissioners

Greenfield Fire District
P.O. Box 103
Greenfield Center, NY 12833

The August 2007 meeting of the Greenfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Kugler at 7:03 PM on August 8, 2007. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for the departed.

Present were:

Commissioners: Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite;
Secretary Petkus, Treasurer Bishop, P/A Howe;
Chief McConkey; Assistant Chiefs Ellsworth, Lant; 2nd Assistant Chief Davis.
Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

Chairman Kugler asked for any additions/corrections to the July 2007 meeting minutes.

RESOLUTION #143 TO ACCEPT THE JULY 2007 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Waite
SECOND: Robarge
RESOLVED to accept the July 2007 meeting minutes as written.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kugler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract.

There were no comments/questions regarding the abstract.

RESOLUTION #144 TO PAY CLAIM #409 THROUGH CLAIM #469, TOTALING \$76,382.91.

A3410.1	\$ 3,797.91
A3410.2	14,315.32
A3410.4	57,545.69
A9030.8	611.99
A9050.8	112.00
Total:	\$76,382.91

MOTION: Waite
SECOND: Spackmann
RESOLVED to pay claim #409 through claim #469, totaling \$76,382.91.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #145 TO PAY CLAIM #2 THROUGH CLAIM #4 OUT OF THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALLING \$5,224.66 AS PER PERMISSIVE REFERENDUMS.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay claim #2 through claim #4 out of the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$5,224.66, as per permissive referendums.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Bishop also asked that other various bills be added to the August abstract, and paid. For the A3410.4 account, total is \$752.16 and for the Building Reserve Fund \$10,949.41 for Porter Corners pole barn, per permissive referendum. Please see attached list.

RESOLUTION #146 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL BILLS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED LIST OUT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ACCOUNTS: A3410.4 TOTALING \$752.16; AND THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND TOTALING \$10,949.41 PER PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay the additional bills listed on the attached list out of their respective accounts: A3410.4 totaling \$752.16 and the Building Reserve Fund totaling \$10,949.41 per permissive referendum.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

*Letter from Montessori Country Academy informing the District they have a license to operate a group family day care center in their home. Copies of the letter given to the Chief and A/C Gibbins.

*Handed out a letter to the Chief and each A/C regarding an article she had read giving volunteer firefighters a personal income tax credit. Asked to have them posted to inform the firefighters if they are interested in looking into it.

*Handed out an update to the Chief and the A/C's on completed physicals as of noon today. Those whose access had been turned off because they had not completed their physicals, will be turned back on no later than Friday afternoon.

*Another Fit test has been scheduled for those who did not attend any of the May fit testings. It is Tuesday September 25th at Co #1 from 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be the LAST fit test until May 2008. Handed out a flyer to the Chief and each A/C to post in their firehouses.

*Reminder of the seminar tomorrow evening at Malta Ridge regarding processing membership applications.

*Reminder of the Wellness Program, AMBA blood screening event at Dr. Peacock's office on Saturday September 22nd. Previously handed out flyers to be posted in each firehouse.

*Fire Rescue International conference August 23-25 in Atlanta Georgia. Flyer given to the Chief if anyone is interested.

*Teleconference on Thursday September 6th at ACC in Queensbury, which includes the following topics: budget, LOSAP and training requirements. Anyone interested please let Joyce know ASAP. Asked the Commissioners for a resolution giving the Treasurer permission to pay for the teleconference.

RESOLUTION #147 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY FOR THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 TELECONFERENCE AT ACC IN QUEENSBURY.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay for the September 6, 2007 teleconference at ACC in Queensbury.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*August 13th 2007 Commissioners workshop was cancelled and rescheduled for August 27th 2007.

*Has had previous discussions with the Commissioners regarding giving access cards/fobs to new member firefighters, and that they would not be eligible to receive them until they have completed their six month probation. Asked that the Chief or A/C's to send her an email, regular mail or drop a note at the District office once the firefighter has been voted off probation, and she will then take care of activating access for those firefighters.

Purchasing - P/A Howe

*Handed out monthly allotment reports and again noted that there is now only 2½ months to go, and would appreciate it if no one waited until the last minute to get their orders in.

*Received the new flagpoles requested by the Chief.

*Has been in touch with Allerdice trying to straighten out the accounts there. There will now be one account for each company and one account for the District, and hopefully that will eliminate the confusion going on as to what account to charge to. **You will need PO # prior to purchasing anything if you are going to be using the District account.** The bills for the company accounts will be going directly to each company now as well, not to the district.

*If anyone needs batteries, there is an adequate and varied supply in the District office, please contact her if you need a supply and she would be happy to deliver them as she usually goes around to each company on Tuesday nights.

*Spoke to Churchill Fire today and the airbags have been shipped for Co #3 and should be here next week. Sent an email to set up a training class, probably on a Tuesday night.

*Still waiting to hear from Garrison regarding gear delivery date for Co #2 and Co #1 gear, or Co #3 gear on back order. Will continue to follow up.

*Got the quote from Audio Visual, not sure if the Commissioners want to wait until A/C Gibbins is back to discuss it or not. The price is about \$4500.00. That is for the complete install as well at the speakers. The only option is the DVD player. She will coordinate the install between Lieut. Burwell and Karen Gibbins.

RESOLUTION #148 TO PAY AUDIO VISUAL \$3,500.00 OUT OF THE PROJECTOR ACCOUNT FOR THE AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR CO #1 WITH THE OVERAGE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,000.00-1,200.00 TO COME OUT OF THE COMPUTER ACCOUNT.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to pay Audio Visual \$3,500.00 out of the projector account for the audio visual equipment for Co #1 with the overage of approximately \$1,000.00-1,200.00 to come out of the computer account.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

Changes in membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: William Pratt, 16-17 year old to Active firefighter. Secretary Petkus noted his fob will be activated as well by Friday.

Porter Corners Company #2: Scott Murray, request to change from Co #2 to Co #3.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: Jennifer Deuel due to her resignation.

RESOLUTION #149 TO ACCEPT ABOVE CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept above changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants – Andrea Mann:

*Not present this evening.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – Lieut. Justin Burwell:

*Asked for resolution for Co #1 coin drop. It was noted that the Commissioners had already passed a resolution for their coin drop, along with the other companies, but they passed another one anyway.

RESOLUTION #150 GIVING CO #1 PERMISSION TO HAVE THEIR COIN DROPS ON AUGUST 31ST AND SEPTEMBER 1ST.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give Co #1 permission to have the coin drops on August 31st & September 1st.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*He was told to ask about the garage door openers, there is already one where the MED is. Commissioner Kugler asked what the other ones are for. Lt. Burwell noted that A/C Gibbins had spoken to the Commissioners previously about it. Commissioner Kugler told Lt. Burwell to tell A/C Gibbins no he wasn't getting any more right now.

Company #2 – 2nd A/C Jon Davis:

*Asked if there was anything back from the engineers regarding the firehouse and if he could have a copy of it. Commissioner Kugler noted that the Commissioners have a report and when they are finished reviewing it they will pass one on to him.

*Thanked the Commissioners on behalf of Co #2 for the pole barn.

*Was going to bring up the door openers as well, but he guesses the answer would be no.

Company #3 – A/C Jay Ellsworth:

*Access to the back door that they have been discussing for the last two months is still not working right. Commissioner Spackmann said he would contact Center for Security and have them take a look at it again.

*Thanked Joyce regarding the physicals. Thought everything went really well for the most part.

*Having problems with the fire alarm again. It seems that when the compressor comes on it trips the one zone, may be a voltage problem. Asked to have Total Electric to take a look at it. Commissioner Kugler said he would get a hold of Mike and have him get in touch with A/C Ellsworth.

*Radio still isn't fixed. Commissioner Waite said he told them about it. The Chief said it would take a couple of weeks and A/C Ellsworth reminded him to have 84 looked at as well.

*The company would like to ask the Commissioners for permission to look into building a pavilion. Not sure how it would be funded yet. Thinks it is going to go between the garage and the property line and may try to incorporate it with the right of way off Middle Grove Road. Commissioner Kugler said they may have to get in touch with National Grid because a telephone pole sits right in the middle of the right of way.

RESOLUTION #151 GIVING COMPANY #3 PERMISSION TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH A PAVILION.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Company #3 permission to form a committee to research a pavilion.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Would like to sit down with Jill after the meeting to go over Co #3 allotment.

Company #4 – A/C Lant:

*Apologized to everyone for the delay regarding the ladder truck. The committee took a bit of a break. Commissioner Kugler noted that the ladder truck committee is working on a presentation and will be going around to each firehouse to make it's presentation over the next few weeks or so. There will then be a public informational meeting and then the vote, which has to be on a Tuesday.

Commissioner Spackmann further explained what the procedure would be, including the public information meeting and the public vote.

RESOLUTION #152 TO HOLD A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING THE CO #4 LADDER TRUCK INITIATIVE AT GREENFIELD CENTER CO #1 ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 AT 7 PM, AND THE PUBLIC VOTE ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 AT GREENFIELD CENTER CO #1 AND MAPLE AVENUE CO #4, FROM 6-9 PM.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to hold a public informational meeting regarding the Co #4 ladder truck initiative at Greenfield Center Co #1 on Wednesday September 19, 2007 at 7 pm, and the public vote on Tuesday September 25, 2007 at Greenfield Center Co #1 and Maple Avenue Co #4, 6-9 pm.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

He also asked Commissioner Robarge to get the election inspectors. Secretary Petkus noted that a resolution was previously passed in January for the election inspectors.

Fire Police: Robert Roxbury:

*Not present.

Report of Chief McConkey:

*Asked the Commissioners to pass a resolution making Alicia Tuller the District photographer for 2007.

RESOLUTION #153 MAKING ALICIA TULLER DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHER FOR 2007.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to make Alicia Tuller District Photographer for 2007.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Will be going on vacation beginning Saturday August 18th for a week and A/C Lant will be in charge while he is gone.

Report of EMS Coordinator Gary Gibbins:

*Not present.

Planning Board:

*For Town of Greenfield, Mike Chandler: Not much has been going on in the Town, a few little sub-divisions and things like that. The biggest project right now is that the Brookview Mobile home is out for bid and it will be started by fall. Should be about an additional 30 lots. They agreed to the recommendations we had previously made and had gotten approved.

*For Town of Wilton, Gary Bullard: Subdivision going in on Jones Road, should be about 16 homes. Still some issues at Neville's on Rte 9 regarding the strip mall and apartment complex over it, Maple Avenue had some issues with it as well. Aldi's was straightened out and will work with the fire department. Commissioner Kugler asked if anyone had read the article in the paper today about expanding the other 13 acres, which was supposed to be designated as storage, called the Paddocks at Saratoga.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Waite:

*September 15th and 16th is the Town wide garage sale and Co #2 would like to have a sale and chicken and biscuit luncheon on that weekend.

RESOLUTION #154 GIVING PORTER CORNERS CO #2 PERMISSION TO HOLD A GARAGE SALE AND CHICKEN AND BISCUIT LUNCHEON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 15TH AND 16TH.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give Porter Corners Co #2 permission to hold a garage sale and chicken and biscuit luncheon in conjunction with the Town wide garage sale on September 15th and 16th.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #155 TO APPROVE MIKE CHANDLER AS 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF OF CO #2 AND DAVE HURD AS 1ST LIEUTENANT OF CO #2.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to approve Mike Chandler as 1st Assistant Chief of Co #2 and Dave Hurd as 1st lieutenant of Co #2.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Robarge:

RESOLUTION #156 DEDICATING A PAGE OF THE MINUTES TO FORMER DISTRICT CHIEF JACK FREEBERN.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to dedicate a page of the minutes to former District Chief Jack Freebern.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #157 DEDICATING A PAGE OF THE MINUTES TO THE MEMORY OF COMPANY #2 AUXILIARY MEMBER VIVIAN WAITE.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to dedicate a page of the minutes to the memory of Company #2 auxiliary member Vivian Waite.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*A/C Gibbins and Captain Jason Gibbins have left today for Montana to help the wildfires out there.

*Congratulated A/C Mike Chandler on his election as Co #2 1st Assistant chief.

Commissioner Spackmann:

*Handed out to each Commissioner the Proposal for Installation of Internet Technology in the Greenfield Fire District, and would like to have them review it so they could discuss it at the August 27th Commissioners Workshop.

*Will call Center for Security tomorrow regarding the problem with the door at Middle Grove.

Commissioner King:

*Not present.

Commissioner Kugler:

*Asked once again for Co #1 and Co #2 ladies auxiliary rosters; Secretary Petkus noted that Co #2 handed their roster in this evening before the meeting.

RESOLUTION #158 GIVING TREASURER BISHOP PERMISSION TO MOVE MONEY AROUND THE ACCOUNTS IN ORDER TO PAY OUR BILLS.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Treasurer Bishop permission to move money around the accounts in order to pay our bills.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kugler asked if anyone had anything else to bring up before he closed the meeting.

*Purchasing Agent Howe noted that Mike Chandler and Jason Gibbins were supposed to be going to a course out in Montour Falls; asked A/C Chandler if he was still going. She had already tried calling out there today to cancel Captain Gibbins as he is out in Montana fighting the wildfires.

*Secretary Petkus forgot to mention that A/C Lant had contacted her last week regarding the county tag system and getting pictures to them. She has called the county regarding it, and knows Co #3 has already taken care of their company pictures, she will be taking care of the other companies, but not until she comes back from vacation, which is the week of the 17th.

*Commissioner Kugler reminded everyone about Resolution #34 from 2006 regarding mileage for District related alarms and that you are supposed to be handing it in monthly. Going forward, if they are not handed in by the required date, they will not be paid by the Treasurer.

*Commissioner Robarge noted that the damage to 292 with reference to floods last year may not be paid. Commissioner Kugler said he was following up on it with the Treasurer and they may have to get the attorney involved. The Chief noted they had done exactly what they were told to do and Treasurer Bishop noted it was explained in an email and that is what they did.

*FF Mike Lagalles noted that the letter written by Secretary Petkus regarding a donation of office supplies has been delivered but it may take some time for a response.

*Secretary Petkus asked if Commissioner Kugler was going to pass the resolution regarding Workers' Compensation.

RESOLUTION #159 THAT ANY FIREFIGHTER FILING A WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM THROUGH THE FIRE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO SEE THE DISTRICT PHYSICIAN WITHIN 48 HOURS OF INJURY, OR AS SOON AS IS POSSIBLE IF THE INJURY LEAVES THE FIREFIGHTER INCAPACITATED.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED that any firefighter filing a Workers Compensation claim through the Fire District is required to see the District Physician within 48 hours of injury, or as soon as is possible if the injury leaves the firefighter incapacitated.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary Petkus noted that she has already spoken to Dr. Peacock about this and they would be very accommodating, and that it would be Secretary Petkus' responsibility to get the paperwork to the physician on behalf of the injured firefighter.

Commissioner Waite noted that he had gone to a W/C hearing down in Schenectady with a firefighter and they said at that hearing that any future problems with that knee would be taken care of it, and now they are fighting with the firefighter because he is having some problems

with his knee again. Secretary Petkus noted she had spoken to that firefighter yesterday and had given him the information to the W/C Board and that he will probably have to request a hearing and go in front of a judge to re-open the case, and unfortunately it is a long process and that it is common for the insurance carrier to deny claims.

RESOLUTION #160 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Spackmann with a second from Commissioner Waite to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary