

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The August 2012 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:02 PM on August 8, 2012. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members and troops overseas.

Present were:

Commissioners: Atwell, Barss, Chandler, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary Petkus, Director of Purchasing Chouinard, Treasurer Bishop, Deputy Treasurer Perkins. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #161 TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2012 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve the July 11, 2012 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Atwell questioned claim #120515: should not be Co #1; it is Co #3.

Commissioner Chandler questioned claim #120568: it is for 271. Also questioned 120510, 120511 and 120512 fuel bills. Treasurer Bishop noted that the Town of Wilton is a 3 month bill, while the Town of Greenfield is monthly. Excise tax is automatically deducted when using the gas credit card.

RESOLUTION #162 TO PAY ABSTRACT #8, CLAIM #120510 THROUGH CLAIM #120581 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$41,143.68.

A3410.1	\$ 7,901.05
A3410.2	1,452.39
A3410.4	30,727.13
A9030.8	601.61
A9050.8	461.50

Total: \$ 41,143.68

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #8, claim #120510 through claim #120581 from the General Fund, totaling \$41,143.68.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Chandler questioned the bills submitted by Mr. Leary.

RESOLUTION #163 TO PAY ABSTRACT #4, CLAIM #BR120008 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND PER PREVIOUS REFERENDUM, TOTALING \$1,950.00.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #4, claim #BR120008 from the Building Reserve Fund per previous referendum, totaling \$1,950.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #164 TO PAY ABSTRACT #2, CLAIM #EMSR1204 FROM THE EMS RESERVE FUND PER PREVIOUS REFERENDUM, TOTALING \$450.95.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #2, claim #EMSR1204 from the EMS Reserve Fund per previous referendum, totaling \$450.95.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

D/P Chouinard received a bill today from Spring Valley for an invoice dating back to March for \$38.50 relating to Co #3. Brief discussion.

Treasurer Bishop noted claim received from Commercial Truck Equipment for 271 brake repairs.

RESOLUTION #165 TO GIVE TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY BILL RECEIVED FROM SPRING VALLEY TOTALING \$38.50; MONEY TO COME OUT OF REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT AND BILL RECEIVED FROM COMMERCIAL TRUCK EQUIPMENT TOTALING \$1,416.46; MONEY TO COME OUT OF REPAIRS TO APPARATUS.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay bill received from Spring Valley totaling \$38.50; money to come out of repairs to equipment and bill received from Commercial Truck Equipment totaling \$1,416.46; money to come out of repairs to apparatus.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Secretary Petkus

- Need resolution from Board for several firefighters attending a course at Montour Falls.

RESOLUTION #166 GIVING STEPHANIE BURWELL, MARGARET ROXBURY AND NANCY WAITE PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE FIRE SERVICE WOMEN OF NYS ANNUAL TRAINING SEPTEMBER 14 – 16, 2012 AT MONTOUR FALLS TRAINING ACADEMY.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to give Stephanie Burwell, Margaret Roxbury and Nancy Waite permission to attend the Fire Service Women of NYS Annual Training September 14 – 16, 2012 at Montour Falls Training Academy.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Ed Tremblay set up Scene Support Course for October; does Maple Avenue want to host it? Brief discussion. To be hosted by Co #4; Joyce to notify Ed Tremblay.
- Needs to know who the Board will approve to attend Honors Haven. Brief discussion, Joyce and Jill would also like to attend some Thursday courses for an additional fee. Commissioner Atwell noted he would like to take one of the Thursday courses as well. Brief discussion; Commissioners, district staff and firematic officers only to attend. September 1st is deadline to register. Permission given for Joyce and Jill to attend.

Purchasing: D/P Chouinard

- 8/14/12: Saratoga County Emergency Service will be here beginning at 6:45 at Co #1 to program pagers. Email has been sent out re: time schedule. Brief discussion.
- Fire prevention coming soon, Co #1 and 4 have not yet placed their orders.
- Couple of air packs have been repaired; brief discussion.
- Co #3 ice rescue suit: Mustang will not repair as it is over 8 years old. Brief discussion, including attempting to repair vs. replacement, Jill to purchase patch kit.
- Sent another email out regarding 65th anniversary banquet T-shirts for purchase, does not look like we will meet minimum quantity to order. Deadline is 8/31/12.
- Gas meter for Co #4 given to Chief Lant.
- No ETA on wild land or other gear.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: Courtney Potter.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: Mathew Petkus, under 18.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

Requests for Change in Membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: Gavin Alger, 16/17 year old to active firefighter; Jeremy Houghtlen, verbal resignation.

Maple Avenue Company #4: Nick Colucci, terminated; Chris Courtois, two month leave of absence; Ben Jordan return from personal leave; Joshua Vincek, terminated.

Chief Lant to contact Mr. Colucci for uniform/pager, etc and FF Courtois' pager.

RESOLUTION #167 TO ACCEPT ABOVE NEW MEMBERS AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to accept above new members and changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants:

- Nothing new to report re: AFG, D/P Chouinard noted she did not expect to hear anything until December.

Report of the Chief – John Lant:

- Reviewed various company/department training over the past month.
- Reviewed various recent apparatus repairs/maintenance.
- Saratoga National is going to purchase flag for Co #4.
- Are U OK Program: looks like it has been dumped in our laps; Nancy Waite is going to set up meeting next week with the committee people.

Reports from Companies:**Company #1 – D/C Kenyon:**

- 262 not done, Harvester is currently backed up.
- Thanks to everyone for help with the recent 9N and Brigham Road fire.
- Handed out the PM service schedule proposal to the Board for their review.

Company #2 – D/C Middlebrook:

- Would like someone to look at the outside lights at Co #2, they are not always working. Brief discussion, may be still covered under warranty. Commissioner Waite to handle.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Asked what the Board's feeling is regarding replacing the damaged rescue suit. Discussion continued, including the ones housed at Co #1, training. Two are at Co #3 and two at Co #1. Suits should go to Co #3 as they do the training with them throughout the year. Old rescue suits can be used for training. Co #3/Jill to look into replacement suits and bring info to Board at September meeting. Added to agenda.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- 297 needs gas card; Treasurer to take care of.
- Vacuum does not work on the old gas meter; Jill has to go to AJ Vel.
- May have a battery issue with 291. Brief discussion; Dave Kenyon to look at.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- Not present.

Planning Board:***For Town of Greenfield, Mike Chandler:**

- Nothing new. Questioned if Co #4 found a liaison for the Town of Wilton; no one interested.
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Reports of the Commissioners:**Commissioner Atwell:**

- Schoharie Valley Parade on 9/9/12: brief discussion.

RESOLUTION #168 GIVING THE CHIEF AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL/APPARATUS TO ATTEND THE SCHOHARIE VALLEY PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2012.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to give the Chief authorization to approve personnel/apparatus to attend the Schoharie Valley Parade on September 9, 2012.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Anyone have any problems with access system; none.
- PESH meeting at 9 AM; case has been closed. Thanked A/C Burwell for his help.
- Questioned rehab bus lien; Joyce noted the updated paperwork was sent down last week.
- Did Walt Barss get his radio; yes.
- Questioned the CPR thumpers form Wilton. Brief discussion, waiting for the permissive referendum time limit to be up at end of month.
- Questioned annual hose and ground ladder testing. Discussion continued including recent standardization of hose, possibly donating/selling 3" hose, planning for replacement. No testing of 3" hose in stations.
- 2012 NYS Fallen Firefighters ceremony at Empire State Plaza coming up in October.
- Jill's laptop computer keeps crashing; really should consider doing something with it. Brief discussion; Commissioner Spackmann/Jill to speak about it after the meeting.

Commissioner Barss:

- Letters sent to the new/probationary members regarding the start of the orientation program on September 8th. Spoke to most people about new program, handed out paperwork this week, going well.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Spoke with Sue Palmatier this week re: Co #3 HVAC. Explained that he was not happy with her past performance, she said she would have report by August workshop. Toby Middlebrook was also present.
- Nothing new regarding Town EMS issue.

Commissioner Waite:

- Fan for the make up air is in the planning stage for when they are getting started.
- 273 needs tires all the way around; it will not pass inspection next year. D/C Ellsworth noted that 281 is due as well.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Nothing at this time.

Special Topics of Discussion:

RESOLUTION #169 GIVING THE SECRETARY PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND \$10,000 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND FOR SLPM SERVICES FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to give the Secretary permission to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend \$10,000 from the Building Reserve Fund for SLPD Services for services related to the District Office Building Project.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Co #2 and 4 windows. Commissioner Chandler noted the recent emails received showing the work would be about \$9000 and Mr. Leary's part of it was about \$4-5000; he has a huge problem with that as generally management is 10-15%. Brief discussion continued, Commissioner Chandler to speak with Mr. Leary, then will send email to the Board.

RESOLUTION #170 TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO CONTINUE ON WITH SHOWS' PROPOSAL AS WRITTEN WITH WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT, WORKING WITH COMMISSIONER CHANDLER TO HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND PERMISSION FOR THE CHAIRMEN TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to allow the Chairman to continue on with Shows' proposal as written with window replacement project, working with Commissioner Chandler to have questions answered and permission for the Chairmen to move forward with the project.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- New Member Orientation Policy:

RESOLUTION #171 TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO THE NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION POLICY AS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept the changes to the New Member Orientation Policy as previously submitted.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Uniform Policy: Lengthy discussion continued on the recent extensive changes to the policy, including whether or not to allow firefighters to permanently keep their uniforms after they have been here for five years, or if a firefighter passes away and the family requests they be buried in uniform, or firefighters who request it on a case by case basis. Suggestion made that life members keep uniforms. Discussion also continued regarding whether or not to allow Co #4 officers to have ax badges instead of bugle badges as they are a ladder company, as well as the potential cost of the changes. Commissioner Chandler felt that it would take half the budget or slightly more of the uniform account to update all uniforms to the new standard. Discussion also regarding collar brass, some people may still have theirs.

RESOLUTION #172 TO RESCIND PREVIOUS MOTION TO APPROVE THE AX BADGES FOR CO #4.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND:

RESOLVED to rescind previous motion to approve the ax badges for Co #4.

VOTE: As there was no second to the motion, Commissioner Waite rescinded motion; not carried.

RESOLUTION #173 TO APPROVE THE UNIFORM POLICY AS SUBMITTED WITH CHANGES TO #3 AS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve the uniform policy as submitted with changes to #3 as discussed above.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Spackmann thanked, A/C Burwell, Lt. Cumm, Captain Barss and everyone else who helped out getting over the PESH hurdle. A/C Burwell noted that 73 interior firefighters were trained in bail out and equipment assigned, thanked the Commissioners and staff who helped out with the paperwork and equipment, thanked the officers, training staff and firefighters for their cooperation.

A/C Burwell also noted the Argo will be at Co #2 next Tuesday starting at 6 pm for demo.

RESOLUTION #174 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chandler with a second from Commissioner Waite to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary