

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The July 2012 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:06 PM on July 11, 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 #143 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 PM WITH DISTRICT PHYSICIAN JAMA PEACOCK-BIRSETT, M.D. IN REFERENCE TO A MEDICAL ISSUE REGARDING FIREFIGHTER JACK SADOUSKY.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 7:07 PM with District Physician Jama Peacock-Birsett, M.D. in reference to a medical issue regarding firefighter Jack Sadousky.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #144 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 PM.

MOTION: Barss

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 7:25 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #145 TO AWARD THE SEALCOATING AND STRIPING OF CO #1 AND CO #2 PARKING LOTS TO EWS SEALCOATING, UTICA, NY TOTALING \$4613.84.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to award the sealcoating and striping of Co #1 and Co #2 parking lots to EWS Sealcoating, Utica, NY totaling \$4613.84.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

D/P Chouinard to contact/coordinate with EWS.

RESOLUTION #146 TO APPROVE THE JUNE 7, 2012 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to approve the June 7, 2012 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Chandler questioned claim #120455 easy wedge, carrying case, etc. It was noted it was purchased for the company and they are seeking reimbursement. Also questioned 120485, the \$16 shipping charge; Jill noted that is where FF Roxbury wanted to order them from.

Commissioner Barss questioned 120471 and 120494; it was noted one was for the landline phones and the other is for the cell phones.

Commissioner Atwell questioned 120466, Co #2 cook stove; 120451 and 120493, both claims for the repair of Co #3 generator by Cat and Kinsley. Brief discussion regarding having Kinsley do all future servicing.

RESOLUTION #147 TO PAY ABSTRACT #7, CLAIM #120434 THROUGH CLAIM #120509 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$51,596.12.

A3410.1	\$ 8,218.97
A3410.2	4,181.36
A3410.4	38,487.62
A9030.8	601.62
A9050.8	106.55

Total:	\$ 51,596.12

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #7, claim #120434 through claim #120509 from the General Fund, totaling \$51,596.12.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #148 TO PAY ABSTRACT #1, CLAIM #EMSR1201 THROUGH CLAIM #EMSR1203 FROM THE EMS RESERVE FUND PER PREVIOUS REFERENDUM, TOTALING \$3,398.20.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #1, claim #EMSR1201 through claim #EMSR1203 from the EMS Reserve Fund per previous referendum, totaling \$3,398.20.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Bishop noted that the Little family 3 pack was taken out of the EMS line item when it should have been taken out of the EMS Reserve; will make the necessary corrections.

Correspondence: Secretary Petkus

- Received and read a thank you card from Darlene Peacock and family.

Purchasing: D/P Chouinard

- Anniversary T-shirts can be ordered until August 31st. Must have 72 piece minimum.
- AFG grant submitted; 2 thermal imaging cameras and 1 fit test machine requested.
- Fire prevention: Co #2 ordered, Co #3 submitted today, Co #4 has inquired.
- New Member Orientation Committee meeting on 7/24/12 at 6 PM at Co #1.
- Gear order has been placed.
- Heather Lantz and Jeremy Houghtlen's pagers returned.
- Gas meter ordered.
- Co #3 stream light batteries ordered.
- Bail out training equipment has been updated in Firetracker inventory.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: Robert Fisher, pending receipt of arson check.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

Requests for Change in Membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: Jason Gibbins, personal leave.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: Jacob Podwirny, 16/17 year old to active firefighter.

Maple Avenue Company #4: Ben Jordan, personal leave.

**RESOLUTION #149 TO ACCEPT ABOVE NEW MEMBER ROBERT FISHER
PENDING RECEIPT OF ARSON CHECK, AND ABOVE CHANGES IN
MEMBERSHIP.**

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to accept above new member Robert Fisher pending receipt of arson check, and above changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – John Lant:

- Did not have an officers meeting this month.
- 293: down at KME for recall and yearly service.
- Bail out training is going very well.
- GM hosting a hybrid vehicle course on Tuesday night, July 17th, invited surrounding departments.
- Has someone who moved from Florida joining the department, OFPC will accept some of her certificates.
- Has a list for Jill of some officers who are missing badges and would like to get them ordered. Maple Avenue would like axes on their badges. Discussion continued, including why the change from having the badges match, bugle badges going to the other officers, Board split

on decision, change affects only Co #4 Captains and Lieutenants, funding, recent issue with shoes needing replacement.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Kenyon:

- Apologized to the Board, does not have the PM schedule yet. Added to July workshop.
- Used jaws extensively at last night's drill.
- Had problem with generator, seems to be resolved.
- Has out of District application from Deborah Hanley. Brief discussion, to move forward with application process. Commissioner Spackmann noted that all the investigating committees need to do a more thorough job of investigating people we want to accept into our Brotherhood, and maybe as officers we should think of extending the probationary period from six months to something longer.

Company #2 – D/C Middlebrook:

- Thanked everyone for their participation in FF Ralph Waite's wake/funeral/burial services.
- Finishing up on bail out training.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Holding coin drop August 3rd and 4th.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Wilton Parkfest coming up, Co #2 and Co #4 participating.
- Coin drop on August 25th.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- Brief discussion regarding Wilton EMS offer of two Auto pulses. Will get all the details and get something prepared for the July workshop. Added to agenda.
- One new EMT, Chris Franco from Co #4, and George Miller from Co #3 re-certified.
- Albuterol program almost complete, waiting for letter from REMO.
- EpiPen program rolled out on June 25th.
- Reminder that CME classes are the 4th Monday of each month; July 23rd next class. They are well attended.
- CPR class on 9/15/12, will feature the "little family".

Planning Board:

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

- Nothing really going on.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Atwell:

- Base stations: Commissioner Atwell is coordinating with Pittsfield, getting equipment together. Will coordinate with a rep from each company for installation.
- Received \$1000 from DEC matching grant. Brief discussion; Co #3 and Co #4 to receive 8 shirts each, please call Jill with sizes.

**RESOLUTION #150 TO ALLOCATE \$1000 TO MATCH THE DEC GRANT.
MONEY TO COME OUT OF OPERATIONS.**

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to allocate \$1000 to match the DEC grant. Money to come out of operations.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Asked if anyone would be attending the County radio meeting on 7/12; D/C Ellsworth noted he will be going. Brief discussion, including getting own private tac channel.
- District office building has been put on back burner. Brief discussion; Commissioner Spackmann to contact Mr. Leary.
- SCI Lawsuit deposition moving forward.
- Windows at Co #2 and Co #4. Brief discussion; Commissioner Spackmann to speak to Mr. Leary about this as well.

Commissioner Barss:

- Pine trees at Co #4 are damaging the shed and need to be taken down. Chief Lant to call the highway department.
- New Member Orientation meeting 7/24. All new members must participate in orientation, which will be held on Tuesday nights. Discussion also if FFI comes around before the 6 month probationary period is over; to be decided on a case by case basis. Commissioner Spackmann noted the policy will need to be modified.
- FF Aaron Deuel's turnout coat is not repairable, a new one has been ordered.
- By-Law committee would like to move acceptance of membership applications to the workshops rather than the meetings to reduce lag time. Brief discussion; membership application acceptance process to remain as is.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Uniform meeting was held this past Monday; preliminary specs have been written up. Should be sent to the Board by the workshop for review, and to be able to vote on it at the August meeting. Added to July workshop agenda.

Commissioner Waite:

- The fan engineer will be mailing out stuff and should have for the workshop to talk about. Added to July workshop agenda.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Nothing at this time.

Special Topics of Discussion:

- Chief is having a problem with low band radio. Needs to be looked at.
- Captain Deuel would like to replace the big flag. It is 20x38. Brief discussion; Co #4 to try to get one donated.
- A/C Burwell would like to set up demonstration on 8/14 with the Board and the Argo dealer.
- 271 will be going to the Saratoga County fair on 7/22.
- Money not received from FEMA yet.
- Has anybody from the District been appointed to the Town ambulance committee: Commissioner Chandler noted he submitted a letter. Brief discussion.
- Toby Middlebrook serviced the furnaces at Co #3, noting that the firebox is almost burned through and needs to be replaced. Brief discussion; the Board will look at heating report; will need to be replaced before the heating season starts.

RESOLUTION #151 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:55 PM INVOLVING POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY ACTION REGARDING FIREFIGHTER DONALD, DOIN, JR.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 8:55 PM involving possible disciplinary action regarding firefighter Donald, Doin, Jr.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #152 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:05 PM.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 9:05 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Spackmann asked if there were any other comments before closing the meeting.

- A/C Coffey noted the gear room bathroom toilet needs parts replaced. Commissioner Atwell to contact Toby Middlebrook.

RESOLUTION #153 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barss with a second from Commissioner Waite to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary