

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The June 2011 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #2 by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:00 PM on June 8, 2011. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members and our troops overseas.

Present: Commissioners Atwell, Barss, Chandler, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary Petkus, Treasurer J. Bishop, D/P B. Bishop, Dpty/Treas. Perkins. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

Special Guest Jay Wilson from Garrison present to discuss problem with gear, including the current circumstances with the District's recent gear order confusion, email mix up, Lion's recent consolidation of facilities, and the change in the Lion harness design. Apologized for the recent problems and length of time this has taken, and assured the District that Lion and Garrison will work with the District to resolve the problem, even if he has to eat some of the cost. Current harness system costs \$334.10 per set and will take 12-14 weeks to install; the new harness system is \$243.75 and will take only 2-3 weeks. Brief discussion regarding reconfiguring the coat pocket to fill void if change to new harness, not all gear will need new harness system if the firefighter is not certified to wear belt. New belt is easy enough to install. Brief demonstration given of the new harness system. Mr. Wilson to stay until after meeting and the officers to meet to finalize.

RESOLUTION #149 TO ACCEPT THE MAY 11, 2011 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept the May 11, 2011 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Atwell questioned claim #11376 regarding Safair; the bill was for routine air analysis. Will speak to Safair again, and the next time they are up he and/or D/C Kenyon will be present. Also questioned claim #11408, KME repairs to 282. Why were the GFI outlets installed; it was noted that they were installed before discussion with KME. Also questioned why KME is fueling up the apparatus, we can get it cheaper at the Town. Also delivering trucks and charging the District for it. Brief discussion; Chief Lant to speak to KME and address concerns.

D/C King questioned claim #11364 and 11411, Orkin bills; Treasurer noted they are bills for different months.

RESOLUTION #150 TO PAY ABSTRACT #6, CLAIM #11363 THROUGH CLAIM #11424 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$140,711.21.

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| A3410.1 | \$ 6,402.63 |
| A3410.2 | 1,774.70 |
| A3410.4 | 38,388.57 |
| A9025.8 | 93,628.36 |
| A9030.8 | 516.95 |

Total: \$140,711.21

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #6, claim #11363 through claim #11424 from the General Fund, totaling \$140,711.21.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Secretary Petkus

- Fire 2011 tickets still available, see Secretary if you need any.
- Needs resolution for those members going to the FASNY seminar in Hudson Falls. Check will need to be brought the night of the seminar.

RESOLUTION #151 TO ALLOW THE FOLLOWING FIREFIGHTERS TO ATTEND FASNY'S "THE EFFECTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER - PROBLEMS, PITFALLS & PENALTIES" TO BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2011 AT KINGSBURY VOLUNTEER HOSE COMPANY #1, HUDSON FALLS: BRIAN BISHOP, RON BISHOP, JEAN BISHOP. PERMISSION ALSO GIVEN TO TREASURER TO CUT CHECK TO FASNY FOR ABOVE SEMINAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70.00.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to allow the following firefighters to attend FASNY's "The Effective Fire Department Officer - Problems, Pitfalls & Penalties" to be held on June 28, 2011 at Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Company #1, Hudson Falls: Brian Bishop, Ron Bishop, Jean Bishop. Permission also given to Treasurer to cut check to FASNY for above seminar in the amount of \$70.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Purchasing: D/P B. Bishop

- 5" hose expected to come in soon
- Pagers: Lengthy discussion continued regarding the 165 pagers given to the District by the County and the additional 15 purchased by the District, for a total of 180 pagers, of which 179 are listed in Firetracker. 20 pagers are currently unassigned; 11 from Co #1, 4 from Co #3 and 5 from Co #4. If pagers are being exchanged, he does not know about it, and he does need to be notified. Also cross referenced pagers with active members and some assigned pagers have different serial numbers than listed in Firetracker. Requested all companies to look for pagers, and other than the 2 spares to be kept, please return all other pagers. Has not yet started looking at the radio inventory.
- Met with Wayne Reddick from Albany Communications to do some training on the pager programmer. Waiting on list of codes from the County.
- Commissioner Spackmann noted that he and Brian met regarding increasing his weekly hours to 40 beginning July 1st through September 30th. This would be an additional 16

hours per week, amounting to an additional \$3840. He would like to see these additional hours be devoted strictly to inventory. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION #152 INCREASING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING WEEKLY HOURS TO 40 FROM JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to increase the Director of Purchasing weekly hours to 40 from July 1 through September 30, 2011.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: Keith Izykowski.

Porter Corners Company #2: Dan Hughes, Robert Philyaw.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: William Traver.

Reminded everyone that some above new members have not received District Manuals and cannot participate as active members until they pick them up. Some need pictures and tag #.

Requests for Change in Membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: Darren Barss, 1 year leave of absence.

Middle Grove Company #3: Miranda Drumm and Ed Waite, resignations; Tom Mitchell and George Weingartner, both requested Life-Inactive status.

Maple Avenue Company #4: Adam Towers, return to active duty from 1 year leave of absence; James Deignan, dismissed, moved out of state.

Adam Towers also needs to sign for his 2010 District Manual updates. Commissioner Spackmann noted that both Thomas Mitchell and George Weingartner have put in a lot of time and served in various offices each throughout their 30 years as members, and he will be drafting letters thanking them for their service.

RESOLUTION #153 TO APPROVE ABOVE NEW MEMBERS AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to approve above new members and changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants: Captain Gary Bullard

- 2010 grant application rejected.
- Spoke to Tom Rinaldi regarding FASNY's \$4.2 million grant, but he still does not know that much about it and what they plan on doing with that money.

Report of the Chief: John Lant:

- Gave brief overview on monthly department and company training and drills, including thermal imaging camera training, pump and driver training, gear, repacking hose, dry hydrants, hose line operations, jaws, OSHA, ladder training.

- D/C Ellsworth working on dry hydrant initiative. D/C Ellsworth handed out list, noted that he is working with the Town of Greenfield foreman, Derrick Barss. Brief discussion, including some places that have dried up, making some places more accessible, meeting with some homeowners who gave permission for the District to use their pond.

RESOLUTION #154 TO APPROVE THE DRY HYDRANT PROJECT AS SUBMITTED, WITH A BIG THANK YOU TO THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve the dry hydrant project as submitted, with a big thank you to the Town of Greenfield for their assistance.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Assigned some people from each company regarding the pager training
- Truck repairs:
 - 291 brake chamber replaced
 - 263 light tower worked on by KME
 - 261 ladder rack assembly
 - 273 primer
- Scheduled Scott Hickey for a 1st Due Ops training: September 13th classroom training and September 18th hands on training. Cost is approximately \$800.
- GCBA car show this Sunday, some District apparatus will be there.
- Saratoga Firecracker 4 run on July 4th, they would like to use our ladder truck with their ladder to hang the flag.
- 30 radios bought: each company to get 7, Chief and District EMS will each get one. Need to inventory first, get them to Brian ASAP. Missing 6 portables; Ed Tremblay to send them up.
- Questioned if anyone spoke to Bonesteel regarding 284; Commissioner Atwell apologized as he forgot and will contact Bonesteel tomorrow.
- D/P B. Bishop received a call from the American Legion about the June 11th Flag Day Parade; lineup is between 11-11:30 AM. Rope course and blood drive also being held on Saturday.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Kenyon:

- Co #1 was invited to Co #2 for a rescue drill, it was well run and everyone worked well together. Would like to see the Board purchase key hooks for the side of the rescue. Commissioner Spackmann noted he would like to see 263 mutual aid for everything, will discuss at year end.

Company #2 – Captain Burwell:

- Was at the training center last week with Co #3, used the new burn building and classroom and went well, got in 9 live burns. Written plan is on file.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- June 19th is the Samascott Family fundraiser.
- Drill at the Training Center with Co #2 was one of the best drills he has attended.

RESOLUTION #155 APPROVING DISTRICT APPARATUS CAR 26, 280, MED 266 AND MED 296 TO ATTEND THE FIRE 2011 CHIEF'S SHOW AT TURNING STONE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve District apparatus Car 26, 280, MED 266 and MED 296 to attend the Fire 2011 Chief's Show at Turning Stone.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Would like permission to take the rehab bus to East Side Rec on Friday/Saturday June 3rd and 4th for Relay for Life.
- Reminder that the blood drive is this Saturday from 8 AM to 1 PM in honor of Bryan King.

RESOLUTION #156 TO APPROVE M297 TO ATTEND THE RELAY FOR LIFE WALK AT EAST SIDE REC ON JUNE 3 AND JUNE 4TH.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to approve M297 to attend the Relay for Life walk at East Side Rec on June 3 and June 4th.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- Paul Felts preparing Blood Borne Pathogens Procedure, currently in review.
- Working on getting updated defibrillator pads for all the defibrillators. Supplier needs medical director information.

Planning Board:

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

- Nothing.

***For Town of Wilton, Gary Bullard:**

- Nothing.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Atwell:

- Questioned the progress of Co #3 pavilion; D/C Ellsworth noted they are waiting on blue prints. To be added to workshop agendas for monthly updates.
- Fire reporting: please fill out forms properly!
- Greenfield School 5k Dragon Run this weekend; fire police and EMS to assist.
- Co #1 air conditioning: D/C Kenyon noted Toby Middlebrook was up, new motor ordered.

Commissioner Barss:

- Spoke to Munter twice regarding Co #3 roof; they will be contacting Commissioner Chandler regarding it.
- Have had 3 lost pagers from Co #2 in the past few months because members are taking them golfing and 4 wheeling. Felt we should start holding the personnel responsible; maybe they should be leaving them in their cars. Brief discussion, pager lost by D/C Davis was his wife's, as his was out for repair. D/C Davis currently has Commissioner

Barss' pager. Further discussion tabled to workshop, when D/C Davis is present to answer questions. D/P B. Bishop noted that there are pager cases that loop onto a belt that may be something to look into.

- Comments from other companies made on Facebook were brought to his attention. Very disappointed and frustrated by these comments and need to stop, especially from officers of the District. Commissioner Barss noted he would like to possibly consider disciplinary action. Brief discussion continued regarding teamwork, affect of leaders posting negative comments. Chief Lant to handle.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Noticed during fit testing at Co #3 there are still a bunch of AV2000's still in service. Would like some new masks ordered, would like a list from all four companies by next month. Brief discussion; D/P B. Bishop to handle in July.

Commissioner Waite:

- Maria was up to do her inspection; Rosch has not been up to do any of the work yet. Bills from Rosh are not to be paid until they are completed.
- Would like to order car chargers for fire police Motorola radios, they are \$89 each. Brief discussion; D/C Ellsworth noted he may already have some, Bob Roxbury to get list of names to D/P B. Bishop.

RESOLUTION #157 GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE UP TO SIX MOTOROLA RADIO CAR CHARGERS. MONEY TO COME OUT OF THE RADIO ACCOUNT.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to give the Director of Purchasing permission to purchase up to six Motorola radio car chargers. Money to come out of the radio account.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Truck purchases: Captain Bullard gave brief report from truck committee (committee report attached). Committee recommendations as follows:
 - R263 should not be sold but rather should be utilized more as a true heavy rescue truck and not as a command post, rehab vehicle or FAST team truck.;
 - Purchase Engine/Rescue for Co #4;
 - Purchase 3000 gallon Engine/Tanker for Co #1;
 - Both trucks should be purchased with built in Class A foam systems;
 - Standardize to 1¾" and 2½" attack hose and 5" supply hose.

Commissioner Spackmann questioned if the committee had created a road map to make 263 a heavy rescue, have the officers come up with a game plan? A/C Coffey noted not yet. Treasurer J. Bishop noted there is a line item of \$10,000 for repairs to 263.

Commissioner Atwell thanked the truck committee for their hard work, they did a great job. Considered the trucks over budget, worked with companies to reduce price of trucks:

Co #1 ETA originally priced at \$590,000; current price is now \$497,000.

Co #4 ER originally priced at \$637,000; currently priced at \$524,000.

There has also been discussion to standardize the jaws for all four companies, asked for a committee to check out new thermal imaging cameras and standardize on one camera. Would also like to see the new trucks pre-wired for the camera bases. Commissioner Barss noted the committee did exactly what they were asked and thanked them for that.

Chief Lant noted that money needs to be put aside to boost membership. Commissioner Spackmann extended his appreciation and gratitude to the truck committee for a job well done, noting it seems a lot gets done when we together as a team. Commissioner Waite noted his thanks, job well done; he needs to look at figures to make sure we have enough money to handle it. Commissioner Atwell noted that the cost of both trucks is \$1,021,949.00. Discussion continued regarding payment of the trucks, delivery of the trucks, the fiscal health of both the Equipment and Building Reserve Funds, sale of 295, cutting spending this year/spend more wisely, potentially having \$100,000 left over in the Equipment Reserve Fund in 2012 and keeping the budget the same for next year. Commissioner Chandler noted that the emails have been great, did not get a chance to sit down with the committee, went over every page of the spec book for Co #1 tanker, found 6-7 things that he spoke to A/C Coffey about, but there is one major item that he feels should be addressed, the suspension in the truck. Felt it is old school and a maintenance nightmare. Spoke to Tim Besser himself this evening and to add air ride to that is an additional \$2500, which would decrease maintenance in the long run. He also noted that he is reluctant to spend money we do not have now even though we will have it next year. Brief discussion regarding suspension. Final price of Co #1 truck with air ride suspension is \$500,151.00 and Co #4 truck is \$524,298.00. Final total of both trucks is now \$1,024,449.00. Commissioner Waite noted he agreed with Commissioner Chandler and should not be getting two.

RESOLUTION #158 APPROVING THE KME CONTRACT FOR CO #1 ENGINE/TANKER WITH SPECIFIED AIR RIDE CHANGE AND CO #4 ENGINE/RESCUE, TOTALING \$1,024, 449.00. DELIVERY DATE TO BE AFTER MARCH 1, 2012.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to approve the KME contract for Co #1 engine/tanker with specified air ride change and Co #4 Engine/Rescue, totaling \$1,024, 449.00. Delivery date to be after March 1, 2012.

VOTE: Atwell, yes; Barss, yes; Chandler, no; Spackmann, yes; Waite, abstain.

Motion carried.

- Commissioner Spackmann noted he received an email from Ed Tremblay regarding recent Wildland class, noting there were 7 people who did not show from this District, with 36 people on the waiting list including some Greenfield members. Reminded everyone that if you cannot make the class please notify Joyce so she can have you taken off the list and someone else can have the spot. Brief discussion, including some members noting they did in fact notify Mr. Tremblay's office.
- Noted that Co #2 looks great, construction getting wrapped up. Not really happy with the electrical work done by the flag pole, feels it detracts from the look of the whole building. Brief discussion, suggestion that flag pole be moved near the sign, create island around both and landscape. Commissioner Atwell suggested putting some sort of mixed stone or slate chips on top of the crushed stone, making the area look much nicer. Commissioner Waite to speak with Co #2 building committee and bring back to next workshop.

Special Topics of Discussion:

- D/P B. Bishop noted the proposed rendering he handed out to the Board regarding the lettering on the fire police van, cost is approximated \$800. Discussion continued including standardization of District lettering, Chevron striping, safety issues. FF R. Bishop noted that the consensus of fire police was to do this as cheap as they can, see if it will work, and in 3-4

years the truck will be gone. He also noted that fire police actually blend in with the Chevron striping. Commissioner Atwell suggested that if Co #4 has some left over Chevron striping after doing the rehab bus, maybe the front and rear bumpers can be done on the fire police van. Commissioner Spackmann noted that replacement of the van may be a fire police initiative and hope, but he has yet to hear this from either the Board or the officers. Chief Lant noted you cannot save money over safety; Commissioner Spackmann noted for the record that he believes this to be a safety issue and for \$200 he is ashamed, and since he is not hearing a motion it is time to move on. Commissioner Atwell noted that he understands Commissioner Spackmann considers it a safety issue not to have stuff on the back, but from a fire police standpoint, it is a safety factor to have it on as they blend in, and a compromise by putting it on the bumper would be fine with him.

- Captain Burwell noted the Town is still waiting on DMV approval, but they can currently inspect heavy duty vehicles. Brief discussion, Captain Burwell is going to be the contact person, Town to do one company per month over the summer so they are put on a yearly schedule. Smaller vehicles can go somewhere else for this year. Copies of paperwork to be sent to Joyce.
- A/C Middlebrook requested pagers for his new members; D/P B. Bishop to coordinate.

RESOLUTION #159 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

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 Barss to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary