

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The November 2014 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:10 PM on November 12, 2014. Flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for firefighters and troops fighting overseas.

Present were:

Commissioners: Atwell, Chandler, Kugler, Spackmann; Secretary Petkus, D/P Chouinard, D/T Thurman. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #226 TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 8, 2014 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 22, 2014 WORKSHOP MINUTES AND THE NOVEMBER 3, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to approve the October 8, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2014 Workshop Minutes and the November 3, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Chandler questioned voucher #140617, A/C Bogardus' mileage and is it a duplicate? D/T Thurman noted that it was marked incorrectly; one is for the month of October.

Commissioner Atwell questioned voucher #140618, Vital Signs Conference; Commissioner Chandler noted that was for 2 firefighters.

D/C Burwell questioned voucher #140641, the damage to the conduit at Co #2. It was noted it was damaged over the past winter and was finally just repaired.

RESOLUTION #227 TO PAY ABSTRACT #11, VOUCHER #140585 THROUGH VOUCHER #140656 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$60,867.58.

A3410.1	\$ 10,976.74
A3410.2	11,887.19
A3410.4	37,138.80
A9030.8	839.73
A9050.8	25.12

Total:	\$ 60,867.58

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #11, Voucher #140585 through Voucher #140656 from the General Fund, totaling \$60,867.58.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #228 TO PAY ABSTRACT #10, VOUCHER #BR14031 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$2,953.02.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #10, Voucher #BR14031 from the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$2,953.02.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #229 GIVING THE TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY THE INVOICE RECEIVED FROM KME FOR 283 PUMP SERVICE/REPAIRS, TOTALING \$854.74.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to give the Treasurer permission to pay the invoice received from KME for 283 pump service/repairs, totaling \$854.74.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence/Update: Secretary Petkus

- Brenda Jennings was elected the 2015 District Auxiliary Liaison.
- Received a request from Co #2 Auxiliary President that she would like 3 more auxiliary members to have access to the pole barn; D/C Burwell has approved this. Board approved.
- Tiger Scouts have requested the use of Co #1 on Thursday evenings and would like 2 access cards. Brief discussion; approved.
- 13 flu vaccinations left. Brief discussion; to be offered to the Auxiliary.

Purchasing: D/P Chouinard

- Seal coating is almost done at Co #1.
- Copies of phone quotes previously given to each Commissioner for review.
- Snow removal awarded to King Enterprises.
- Questioned if Waterway contacted anyone from Co #2 regarding repairing one of the ladders. Brief discussion; Jill to call.
- Gave quotes to commissioners for Co #1 bathroom/radio room floor renovations.
- GA Bove awarded heating contract.
- Co #2 mini brake cutter in.
- Reminder again to check dress uniforms before banquet to make sure they fit and do not need anything, especially shoes as there have been problems with the soles.
- Winchip was at Co 4 the other day to fix the door.
- Still have not received district property from Garret Jenkins and Roger Bechard. Brief discussion; Chief to contact Roger tomorrow and Dave to contact Garrett.
- Carpets cleaned at Co #1, 2, and 3.

Firefighter and Auxiliary Membership:

Firefighter Applications:

- **Greenfield Center Co #1:** None.
- **Porter Corners Co #2:** None.

- **Middle Grove Co #3:** None.
- **Maple Avenue Co #4:** Connor Kruger, under 18; Oliver Phinney, pending receipt of arson check.

Firefighter Requests for Change in Membership:

- **Greenfield Center Company #1:** Justin Siskavich, off probation. Brief discussion regarding forms received requesting life membership; the following meet the criteria for life membership: James Bowen, Greg Davis, Don Harrison and William Tuczynski.
- **Porter Corners Company #2:** None.
- **Middle Grove Company #3:** None.
- **Maple Avenue Company #4:** Mark Allen, resignation; Dean Deuel, moved.

Auxiliary Applications/Requests for Change in Membership:

- None.

RESOLUTION #230 PERMITTING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN OFF ON ABOVE FIREFIGHTER APPLICATIONS AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP AS READ.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to permit the Chairman to sign off on above firefighter and auxiliary applications and changes in membership as read.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants:

- Nothing at this time.

Report of the District Chief – John Lant:

- Reported on various training over the past month.
- Reported on various truck issues/repairs.
- Would like to invite Stan DeLong and Carl Zeilman to the banquet. Approved; Chief to get mailing addresses.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1: A/C Kenyon

- Thanked the Board and 3 sister companies for another fine year.

Company #2 – D/C Burwell:

- Issue with meeting room door. Brief discussion; Joyce to look into, as well as Co #1 doors.
- Chain saw on 272 was sent for repair but recommendation is not to repair; they are not looking for a replacement at this time.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Asked if the console has come in; Jill noted no update on it.
- Asked if the moldings on the doors have been looked at; Jill to follow up with Winchip as she has not heard anything or received a bill.
- 281 down at KME and coming along quickly. Brief discussion continued.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Gavin Park tree lighting and Santa on the fire truck on December 5th; Chief Lant also noted that Ballston Spa is hosting their parade on December 5th and we always send fire police to assist.
- Sheriffs talked about screening for potential Ebola at the FAB meeting; and are not sending the fire department to any potential Ebola threats.

RESOLUTION #231 GIVING THE MEMBERSHIP PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH ACTIVITIES AT THE GAVIN PARK TREE LIGHTING AND BALLSTON SPA PARADE ON DECEMBER 5, 2014.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to give the membership permission to participate in both activities at the Gavin Park Tree Lighting and Ballston Spa Parade on December 5, 2014.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- Nothing at this time.

Planning Board:

*For Town of Greenfield, Mike Chandler:

- Public hearing about 3 weeks ago regarding Prestwick Chase that went well, and looks like it is going to move ahead.
- Looked at a long driveway by the golf course. The Town has asked the fire district to get a handle on a unified marking system. Requested the officers handle this and make it happen.
- Still fielding questions of the Brookview MHP expansion.
- He has a project on North Greenfield Road that will be going in front of the planning board.

*For Town of Wilton, Gary Bullard:

- Heard rumors of a possible elderly complex on Perry Road.
- Regarding Aldi's, he has not heard anything on that.
- Chief Lant noted that there is the possibility of a Cumberland Farms going on the property across from his garage. Brief discussion continued.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Atwell:

- Co #1 sheds have been moved to their permanent location; Co #1 thanked the Board for paving the area. Boy Scout trailer has been moved as well.
- New rehab bus at Arrowhead for prices to install new generator. While it was there an air valve leak was repaired.
- Sexual Harassment class scheduled tomorrow night; officers have list of those that need to attend. Brief discussion; this class is now incorporated into New Member Orientation.
- By-laws have been updated.
- Problem with the controller on the ladder truck. Brief discussion and John Cameron to look at it, thinks it may be just a cable adjustment.
- Old storage trailer previously surplussed, would like to advertise bids. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION #232 TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE OLD STORAGE TRAILER, PREVIOUSLY DECLARED SURPLUS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to advertise for bids for the old storage trailer, previously declared surplus.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Questioned if only one man is running for a position at Co #1 officer elections next month, the members would like to still vote on it rather than having the secretary cast one ballot. Lengthy discussion continued; it was noted that the by-laws specify that all votes are to be held by secret ballot and the candidate receiving the highest vote count is elected to that office.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Has a meeting tomorrow night with Hawk Well Drilling with the Town regarding a high volume well system, including location, cost, viability and its effect on other wells.
- Asked if we ever got anywhere with a door maintenance program; Jill noted no. Brief discussion continued.
- Asked if there is an update on Co #3 air system. Commissioner Kugler noted that Toby hoped to get to it by December 1st. It was noted that we are on the schedule for December 3rd and 4th. He will also address the Chief's office issue as well.
- Asked if Tim received the email regarding the Vital Signs Conference certificates from Matt Reynolds. Discussion continued; Commissioner Chandler noted his issue that the district is spending a lot of money to send him and if he is not utilizing it for his recertification then it is not feasible to send him, and requested Tim contact FF Reynolds to make sure he completes the tests and gets the certificates; he never submitted his certificates for last year as well.
- Would like to make a decision on Co #1 floor; decision can be made at next month's meeting or at year end.
- Lengthy discussion regarding the new Sex Offender law that is set to go into effect on December 2nd. Joyce noted earlier today she spoke at length to Lt. Brown about it, and the Sheriff's office will be doing this new check in addition to the arson check, and there is a new form the fire districts must use, which she has already gotten. She then gave a brief overview on the procedure, the changes to the application packet which she is sending to Bill Young for his review. Unlike arson checks, because the law does not automatically preclude someone on the sex offender registry from joining the fire department, we are probably going to have to change the sequence of events for voting/approving a new member. D/C Ellsworth noted that it sounds like there is more pressure on the fire company to either accept or not accept an applicant, and felt that training will be needed regarding this change. Joyce will contact Bill Young and review how we should proceed, and in the meantime a moratorium will be placed on applications until we can get this straightened out. Joyce noted all unused applications will need to come back to the district office until she has spoken to the attorney and updated the applications to address this new law. Chief Lant noted that the Board should send letters to Senator Marchione and Assemblywomen Woerner. Joyce also noted that there is apparently going to be discussion regarding this at the next Fire Advisory Board meeting.

Commissioner Kugler:

- Attended the AFDCA workshop and the Sex Offender bill was a hot topic.

Chairman Spackmann:

- Joyce sent out a couple of emails previously regarding banquet invitations and the requested information was due back by November 7th; she did not receive anything from any of the companies regarding inviting family members of deceased members. Brief discussion continued. Commissioner Spackmann noted the information that has been requested needs to come back to the district office as we are running out of time; deadline to get Joyce the

information is November 21st, and then he will suggest to the rest of the Board that she not send out invitations.

- Wants to talk about active status, as unfortunately every year it is a fiasco. Lengthy discussion continued regarding how certain individuals are, and have been, negatively affected because of the unintentional wording in the by-laws, as well as its negative effect on those who may have qualified for LOSAP, but because they are not considered active they cannot receive those points. For the specific individual affected this year, who would like to run for office, he is disappointed that the conversation has not happened earlier, but he feels he should be exempted and allow him to run. D/C Ellsworth noted it is not really possible to talk about officer elections until after the October 31st deadline for candidates to submit their letters of intent, and maybe the deadline needs to be moved up earlier. An issue was also brought up about an officer that may be deployed halfway throughout the year and what happens to their position, or would that position be held until their return? Commissioner Spackmann explained that to make the necessary changes the by-law committee needs to suggest to the membership that an amendment needs to be passed that includes all the changes discussed, the membership has to vote to approve it and then it is submitted to the Board for their approval. It then gets posted for 30 days before it becomes part of the by-laws.

New Business/Special Topics:

- Chief Lant noted that the Town lights being wired for emergencies have been completed and everyone has a generator and people have been trained. Any officer in the district can contact Mark Mykins at the Town of Wilton to have the people activated.
- Councilwoman Klepetar is the R-U-Ok liaison; she was told to contact Duane to get that updated.
- Captain Bullard noted the nomination committee has to verify training status on some people but do not have access to Firetracker. Joyce noted that they can contact an officer to print up the info or contact her and she will print it up for them.
- Captain Bullard asked if Joyce could resend the Firetracker link to everyone because if it is lost, it is difficult to find the link.
- D/C Ellsworth noted that there are problems with I Am Responding again; Commissioner Spackmann noted the issues are being addressed and was talked about the previous night.
- FF King requested bollard covers be placed on the bollards at the back of Co #1 firehouse.

RESOLUTION #233 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

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 Atwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus

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District Secretary/Treasurer