

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

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

The November 2007 meeting of the Greenfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at Company #4 by Chairman Kugler at 7:00 PM on November 14, 2007. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for the departed.

## **Present were:**

**Commissioners:** King, Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite;  
Secretary Petkus, Treasurer Bishop, Purchasing Agent Howe;  
Chief McConkey; Assistant Chiefs G. Gibbins, M. Chandler, Ellsworth, Lant; 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant  
Chiefs Davis, J. King.

Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

## **Chairman Kugler asked for any additions/corrections to the October 2007 minutes and the November 6, 2007 Special Meeting minutes.**

## **RESOLUTION #201 TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 2007 MEETING MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 6, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.**

MOTION: King

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to accept the October 2007 meeting minutes and November 6, 2007 Special Meeting minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

## **Chairman Kugler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract.**

Commissioner King questioned #600 and #609, were these per resolution 198 last month? Treasurer Bishop noted this was correct. He also questioned #615, where was the projector and screen installed? Treasurer Bishop noted Co #1 and he asked if they were satisfied with it. A/C Gibbins noted he used it the first day and has no problems. He also questioned #662, do the fire extinguishers come out of SCBA account? Chairman Kugler noted that there was no money in the equipment repair account and so they would come out of the SCBA account, and there would be more bills coming as well.

Commissioners Spackmann questioned #610, he had been at Co #2 last week and the flies were still a problem and what did Orkin do? A/C Davis noted it is much better already. Discussion was held; it was noted it took a couple of treatments at Co #3 before everything was under control.

Treasurer Bishop noted there was a correction on #682, it should come out of the gear account and not Co #4 allotment.

A/C Ellsworth had a question on #587, he thought it was over \$500.00, not 310.00. Treasurer Bishop noted he had it down as \$510.00 but it came though as \$310.00. He also questioned #599, is it correct \$3430 for one door? Commissioner Spackmann noted that was correct.

Commissioner Spackmann asked Co #2 if the conduit has been installed so they can move forward with the door; it was noted it would be done on Saturday.

**RESOLUTION #202 TO PAY CLAIM #582 THROUGH CLAIM #687, TOTALING \$297,272.61.**

A3410.1	\$ 5,943.98
A3410.2	17,958.77
A3410.4	43,519.70
A9025.8	229,000.00
A9030.8	735.55
A9050.8	134.61
Total:	\$297,272.61

MOTION: King

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay claim #582 through claim #687, totaling \$297,272.61.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #203 TO PAY CLAIM #14 OUT OF THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$26.75 AS PER PREVIOUS PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to pay claim #14 out of the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$26.75 as per permissive referendum.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Bishop noted she had two other bills to be paid: Visa Fire Equipment Warehouse for \$374.43, to come out of Co#4 allotment and the other to replenish petty cash for \$49.95. Commissioner Robarge asked for a third bill to be added, as over the weekend Co #1 had a problem with their furnace and Toby Middlebrook had to come and fix it. The bill just came in today, totaling \$404.62.

**RESOLUTION #204 TO PAY VISA FIRE EQUIPMENT WAREHOUSE, PETTY CASH AND TOBY MIDDLEBROOK.**

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay Visa Fire Equipment Warehouse, petty cash and Toby Middlebrook.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

\*Received a letter dated November 14, 2007 from Chief McConkey asking to be put on the ballot for reelection of District Chief.

**Applications for membership:**

**Greenfield Center Company #1:** None.

**Porter Corners Company #2:** Garrett Jenkins, under age 18.

**Middle Grove Company #3:** None.

**Maple Avenue Company #4:** None.

**RESOLUTION #205 to ACCEPT NEW MEMBER GARRETT JENKINS.**

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to accept new member Garrett Jenkins.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

A/C Lant asked about applicant Tom Murphy; she noted that she can't do anything without his application and release forms, which she just received this evening.

**Changes in membership:**

**Greenfield Center Company #1:** None.

**Porter Corners Company #2:** Christopher Waite and Brian Ray, voted off 6 month probation; Christopher Rudolph, termination as he is moving out of District.

**Middle Grove Company #3:** None.

**Maple Avenue Company #4:** None.

**RESOLUTION #206 TO ACCEPT ABOVE CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.**

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to accept above changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Purchasing:**

\*Has some items for Middle Grove before they leave this evening. Also has their fax machine.

\*Asked A/C Chandler or Davis to take some stuff back for fire police.

\*Has valve for the Chief.

\*Needs PO to be signed for Vernon Brownell to do the work for the fax lines.

**Grants – Andrea Mann:**

\*Asked A/C Ellsworth if he received the letter regarding the extra grant money; he had not. She said to expect the letter soon. And to please let her know when it is received so she can close out that grant.

\*Fire Investigator grant turned out to be a \$19,000.00 project.

\*She and Joyce made a field trip down to the County Board of Elections to see what the District can do about decreasing the amount of paperwork created every time there is a vote or election.

\*Updated on I-9's and personnel postings. Asked if anyone had a chance to look at the employee handbook; Secretary Petkus noted she had not.

\*Waiting to hear when you are ready to go after any other grants.

### **Report of Chief McConkey:**

\*Spoke with Garrison today regarding the ladder truck and they hope to know something by the end of the week. Everything was faxed down to them.

\*273 went to Lagers, Middle Grove put one of their trucks up at Porter Corners to cover. Mirror on the truck needs to be replaced and thought it might cost about \$500.00.

## **RESOLUTION #207 GIVING CHIEF PERMISSION TO HAVE MIRROR ON 281 REPLACED, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$500.00.**

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to give Chief permission to have mirror on 281 replaced, at a cost of about \$500.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

\*Paint is peeling off 282 again, Wildfire did it. Had problems with Wildfire and 261, paint was coming off on the drive home. Discussion continued regarding possible alternatives to Wildfire doing the paint jobs. Chairman Kugler asked Dave Kenyon if he could help find someone to paint the trucks.

\*County radio meeting tomorrow evening 7 pm at Corinth fire house. Open to Commissioner and Chiefs. Chairman Kugler has a copy of the notes from the meeting at Stillwater; Secretary Petkus noted she had given a copy to all the Commissioners.

### **Reports from Companies:**

#### **Company #1 – A/C Gibbins:**

\*Needs 2 batteries for the MT-1000 radios; purchasing agent to see if she has any in stock.

\*Asked what is going to be done about the file cabinet in the middle of the bay; Dave Kenyon and Ron Bishop to help the Secretary on it. It needs new casters. This is the fire proof cabinet Mike Lagalles was able to get for the District as a donation.

\*Last June it was discussed looking into furnaces for Co #1. Chairman Kugler noted that it would not happen right now. A/C Gibbins noted that they should be aware that furnace #2 is hotter than a pistol. More discussion followed; Chairman Kugler to speak to Toby Middlebrook about it.

\*Asked about PITA refueling this winter; Commissioner Robarge noted that he would be refueling every week when it starts to get cold.

\*Generator fuel down to  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Chairman Kugler noted to A/C Gibbins that he left 3 bottles in his office.

#### **Company #2 – 1<sup>st</sup> A/C Chandler:**

\*Thermal imaging camera down; he has it with him tonight. The screen just goes gray. Co #3 had the same problem with theirs.

\*Spoke with Dan, who is working on 273; already has the pan off the motor and will be taking the back main bearings before he makes a decision on whether to pull the motor out the front or the transmission out the back.

\*Would like a PO for Allerdice Electric for the pole barn for the power stuff. The materials will cost about \$750 but he will donate his time to install the electric.

\*It came to his attention that the Board decided to buy Co #2 an A/C light at year end; A/C Ellsworth noted that Co #2 was to get it this year and Co #3 to get it next year. Commissioner Spackmann asked A/C Chandler to ask about it at the end of the year as they did not know if there would be money at year end. Cost is about \$600-700.

P/A Howe asked if anybody brought the ratchet straps back; A/C Davis noted he forgot them again.

### **Company #3 – A/C Jay Ellsworth:**

\*Asked P/A Howe if she heard anything about their thermal imaging camera; she has not.

Discussion continued.

\*Jaws guy was up a while ago and suggested that the hoses be replaced. The cost to replace the three hoses is \$1690.

### **RESOLUTION #208 TO REPLACE THE THREE HOSES ON CO #3 JAWS FOR \$1690.00; THE MONEY TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE TRAINING ACCOUNT.**

MOTION: King

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to replace the three hoses on Co #3 jaws for \$1690.00; the money to be taken out of the training account.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

### **Company #4 – A/C Lant:**

\*Felt the new By-laws requiring the Chief and Assistant Chiefs to live within the District were not fair to the firefighters of Maple Avenue because a lot of them live out of the district. Felt they should be given a chance to be Assistant Chiefs. Commissioner King noted he had supported A/C Lant's position from the beginning. Cited other Chiefs from other districts who live out of their district. Discussion continued; Chairman Kugler noted they would bring it up at a workshop.

### **Report of EMS Coordinator Gary Gibbins:**

\*60 firefighters had flu and/or tetanus shots already.

\*Asked when Maple Avenue would like to have the doctor come to give the shots. It was scheduled for Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Co #4. She will be coming back to Greenfield Center and any one who can't make it on a Tuesday night can call her office to get it done there, she would squeeze you in.

\*Hep B titers: call Dr. Peacock's office and she will draw the sample and send it over to the hospital lab; should cost about \$5 each to do.

\*Would like to reserve EMS money for next year; Commissioner Spackmann noted he told him last month at Middle Grove's meeting it had to be in by October 31<sup>st</sup>. There was brief discussion; it was decided A/C Gibbins must have it in by the workshop on November 27<sup>th</sup> but Commissioner Spackmann wants to discuss it with him before hand.

### **Planning Board:**

\*For Town of Greenfield, Mike Chandler: Polo club project is again on hold, but they have found a new partner. Still have no permits and the sewer part has not been taken care of.

Brookview project is also on hold as they do not have their permits in place and they are going to lose their blanket DEC permit as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking to get some kind of standard driveway width and radius and he addressed that with the Town, and they asked that he set up a meeting with Walt Barss and the town engineer Charles Baker, which he will take care of shortly. On the commercial end, the bank down here is operational and there is approval for a second building on that project. Bank has Knox box.

\*For Town of Wilton, Gary Bullard: not present.

## **Reports of the Commissioners:**

**Commissioner Waite:** Nothing except the truck is being worked on.

### **Commissioner King:**

\*Had three things but they were all answered already.

### **Commissioner Robarge:**

\*Spoke with Gary regarding the small generators and felt that 3000 kw would be sufficient. Think they are going to go with a 3000 SI which has an inverter for \$1484.00 each through Allerdice, and they will purchase six of them. Chairman Kugler noted they could go over all the quotes at the workshop. Money to come from the grant from Senator Hugh Farley.

### **Commissioner Spackmann:**

\*Will be speaking to A/C Ellsworth and A/C Chandler as well about some outlets that need to be installed for the network hardware.

\*Met with Tech II last week and went around to Co #1,2 and 3; they will be writing up quotes to install the network for each company. Asked the Treasurer to get a balance for everything before some decisions are made. Will see how much can be done this year, but may have to wait on some of it until next year. Also asked Co #2 to call when the conduit is in so he can proceed with the access on that.

\*Website modifications are complete.

### **Commissioner Kugler:**

\*Will be scheduling a workshop the Tuesday after thanksgiving. A/C Gibbins asked why he insists on having workshops on Tuesday nights when we drill on Tuesday nights; don't you want our presence there? Chairman Kugler explained that it was up to him it was an open meeting and there is enough stuff going on that it was the best night. A/C Gibbins asked the Board to consider not doing that on a Tuesday night and we should have some respect from the Board when every time you seem to have a workshop on a Tuesday night. Commissioner Spackmann explained that with all due respect you have four officers and they can run the drill without you, and yes the Assistant Chiefs should most definitely be involved in the workshops. More discussion continued.

## **RESOLUTION #209 TO ADVERTISE A WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2007 AT CO #1 AT 7 PM.**

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to advertise a workshop on Tuesday November 27, 2007 at Co #1 at 7 pm.

VOTE: Yes: Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite. No: King. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #210 DESIGNATING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AS ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2007: MAPLE AVENUE: ANN CORNELL, MARGE CORNELL, JUDY PECORARO AND ALTERNATE: BETTY BOWEN. MIDDLE GROVE: PAT BRUST, DORIS OLDER, JOYCE WOODARD AND ALTERNATE: BONNIE OLDER.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to designate the following people as election inspectors for the annual election on Tuesday December 11, 2007: Maple Avenue: Ann Cornell, Marge Cornell, Judy Pecoraro and alternate: Betty Bowen. Middle Grove: Pat Brust, Doris Older, Joyce Woodard and alternate: Bonnie Older.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

\*Asked if anyone had any questions?

Firefighter LaGalles asked about placing polling place signs with distance markers. Secretary Petkus asked if Andrea to help her out on that.

RESOLUTION #211 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus  
District Secretary