

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The April 2013 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:05 PM on April 10, 2013. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members and troops overseas.

Present were:

Commissioners: Atwell, Barss, Chandler Spackmann; Secretary Petkus, Treasurer Bishop, D/T Perkins. Excused: Commissioner Waite, D/P Chouinard.

RESOLUTION #84 TO APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2013 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to approve the March 13, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Atwell questioned claim #130211; which company was the exhaust vent? Treasurer Bishop noted it was for Co #1 to remove the birds from the vent. Regarding claim #130214, has Co #4 had any problems with generator since it was repaired? It was noted no. Asked if there are any problems with 261and batteries; it was noted there are no problems.

Commissioner Barss questioned Claim #130212 and #130222, propane bills; Treasurer Bishop noted one is for a fill up and the other is for Co #2 stove.

RESOLUTION #85 TO PAY ABSTRACT #4, CLAIM #130204 THROUGH CLAIM #130282 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$37,224.29.

A3410.1	\$ 5,982.15
A3410.2	4,405.37
A3410.4	26,836.77

Total:	\$ 37,224.29

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED: to pay Abstract #4, Claim #130204 through Claim #130282 from the General Fund, totaling \$37,224.29.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #86 TO PAY ABSTRACT #4, CLAIM #BR13006 THROUGH CLAIM #BR13008 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$8,369.25.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #4, Claim #BR13006 through Claim #BR13008 from the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$8,369.25

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Spackmann noted that Mr. Leary reviews/approves all invoices for payment before they come to the Board, and had held one up for several weeks.

Correspondence:

RESOLUTION #87 APPROVING SECRETARY PETKUS AND D/P CHOUINARD TO ATTEND THE MICROSOFT EXCEL COURSE BEING HELD AT THE ALBANY MARRIOTT ON APRIL 23, 2013.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to approve Secretary Petkus and D/P Chouinard to attend the Microsoft Excel Course being held at the Albany Marriott on April 23, 2013.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Handed out to each of the Deputy Chiefs some left over banquet bags to give to members who may not have gotten one.
- One more Defensive Driver course on April 20th at Co #4, there are still some openings.
- Fit testing schedule was reviewed by the Chief; she will be posting the schedule next week in the firehouses and on Firetracker. Will email schedule to the Chiefs as well.

Purchasing: D/P J. Chouinard, not present this evening.

Secretary Petkus noted the following:

- SCBA bottles will be hydro'd this month by Tri-City Fire. D/P Chouinard will be sending email.
- Co #4 thermal camera battery mount is still out.
- Reminder to let her know if any company needs Memorial flags or markers.
- Reminder that Fire Prevention is around the corner.
- Collar brass spreadsheets are due back; Co #1 still outstanding. Commissioner Atwell noted that some of the older members should still have their collar brass. Brief discussion.
- Fit test machine is in; training day is scheduled for April 30th at 3:30; get names in to Jill.
- Co #4 halogen bar is ordered.
- EMS supplies have been ordered.
- 281 will be looked at on April 16th at Co #3 at 6:30 pm. Chief's vehicle will also be looked at.
- Awaiting quote for Co #2 pony suction hose.
- 5 gas, gas meters have shipped, they should be here next Tuesday.
- Co #1 lawn mower picked up by Nick's this morning.
- Recruit NY has been advertised on Facebook.
- Hose testing dates for Fridays in July have been requested, awaiting reply.
- Co #2 problem packs will be checked either Thursday or Friday.

- Still no update from Winchip on Co #3 door.
- Would like to do an RFP for firehouse power washing, does the Board want to do all four together? Brief discussion, all four to be done on annual basis, preferably in June or July.

D/C King asked about Co #4 air packs; Commissioner Atwell noted they are waiting for the HUD meters, on backorder. D/C Ellsworth noted he brought 2 packs over this evening for repair.

RESOLUTION #88 APPROVING D/P CHOUNARD TO ATTEND THE NYS OGS PURCHASING FORUM IN ALBANY ON MAY 15, 2013.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve D/P Chouinard to attend the NYS OGS Purchasing Forum in Albany on May 15, 2013.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

Requests for change in membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: Gary Gibbins, termination, not active, no participation.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: Tom Clark, termination, moved out of District; Oliver Phinney, resignation; Victor Huggard, life-inactive; Edward Jewell, 90 day leave of absence.

RESOLUTION #89 TO ACCEPT CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIPS AS NOTED ABOVE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to accept changes in memberships as noted above.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Thomas Mabb application acceptance had been previously postponed; brief discussion. Secretary Petkus to send letter of intent to applicant.

Grants:

- AFG – District was rejected again.

Report of the Chief – Chief Lant:

- All four companies did training last month.
- Serious fire on Hemlock Drive a few weeks ago; firefighters made a heck of an attack, took them a while but they did knock it down.

- Truck repairs:
 - 291 brake canister fixed by Dave Kenyon
 - 262 at KME getting annual maintenance done. John Cameron will come and get the trucks. Brief discussion.
- Fly cars, brush trucks and fire police van can be used to go to training courses.
- Billy Goldfeder seminar: may have to take money out of training. Discussion continued. Joyce and Jill to put info on Facebook, website, ask Ed Tremblay to send out throughout the County and surrounding counties. Added to April workshop for further discussion.
- KME came and looked at scratch on 292, but took 262 first. It was noted there is a \$1000 insurance deductible but no Incident/Accident report was completed. Brief discussion, accident happened about 7 months ago. KME says about \$4500 to paint. 292 to go to Co #3 next Tuesday to have Frank and Sons look at it as well.
- Feels it is a waste of money to re-paint the Chief's truck, would rather see the Board buy 1 or 2 air packs. Commissioner Barss agreed.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Davis:

- Quiet.
- Having open house on April 27th from 11 – 4 in conjunction with Recruit NY.

Company #2 – D/C Middlebrook:

- Would like permission to have coin drop May 24-25, 2013.

RESOLUTION #90 GIVING CO #2 PERMISSION TO HOLD A COIN DROP ON MAY 24-25, 2013.

MOTION: Barss

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to give Co #2 permission to hold a coin drop on May 24-25, 2013.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Asked about the meeting with Munter; Commissioner Chandler noted that he was able to schedule a meeting with Munter for tomorrow evening at 7 pm at Co #3 to go over roof options. Brief discussion; Joyce to be present to take minutes; to advertise special meeting.
- Co #3 lawnmower needs to be replaced. Brief discussion, D/C Ellsworth to get prices together for April workshop.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Co #4 lawnmower needs work done; to contact Jill to make necessary arrangements.
- Yellow Ribbon Day is this Friday at the Elk's, 293 to be there.

Chief Lant also noted that Scott Hickey will be coming up and doing a thermal imaging camera training at the training center on June 2nd and ladder truck operations at Co #4 on May 7th. He and Captain Bullard met with Mark Mykins at the Town of Wilton regarding the electronic sign, and he will be speaking for them at the zoning board meeting.

Previously spoke to Walt Chandler, confirmed that there is still the understanding that we may house an ambulance here. Brief discussion; Board confirmed offer is still on the table.

RESOLUTION #91 TO APPROVE ALL COMPANIES TO HOST OPEN HOUSES DURING RECRUIT NY WEEKEND ON APRIL 27 AND APRIL 28, 2013.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Barss

RESOLVED to approve all companies to host open houses during Recruit NY weekend on April 27 and April 28, 2013.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- Upcoming CPR class on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9 am through Wilton EMS at their building for anyone in the District or community.
- Added more EMS supplies to list if Commissioner Chandler could look at that. D/C Davis asked about the batteries for their thumpers; Tim noted he spoke to Bill Coffey yesterday and consulted with Wilton EMS as well, who recommended they cycle the batteries.

Planning Board:

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

- Nothing.

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

- Not a lot going on in our District.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Atwell:

- Toby Middlebrook was unable to make it tonight to talk about working out a deal with the snowmobile. He will work with Jean and Vanessa on the paperwork.
- New Member Orientation is down to only 2 people. Reminder that the probies from the last class need to complete their missing segments.
- Confirmed that Billy Coffey got his radio for EMS.
- Stripping some 45 minutes bottles off the rescue truck for anyone who needs them and will be re-stocking with 30 minute bottles. A/C Petkus can get more donated 30 minutes bottles if needed.
- Uniforms are in, go see Jill to pick them up.
- District office building walk through was yesterday, quite a lot of interest.
- Confirmed that Co #4 is working on their sign; Captain Bullard noted they have ordered it.
- Jill has started radio inventory.
- Questioned the public hearing regarding the old firehouse across the street; Casey is putting in offices.
- Harold Hall ran tests to figure out much the draw is versus how much is coming in. He will be calling National Grid to have meter put in to see what is going on. Does not believe we are getting full voltage in. Commissioner Chandler noted that the most draw at the breakfast with everything running was 168 amps out of the 200 amp service. Could be either a National Grid or wire problem. Discussion continued.
- Loggers is under new ownership, NY Truck and Equipment.
- D/C Davis no longer uses his district cell phone. Brief discussion; D/C Davis noted he never got the phone. To be turned off.

Commissioner Barss:

- Co #2 paint project - \$350 approved.
- Disagrees with painting the Chief's vehicle. Brief discussion.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Was able to schedule a meeting with Munter Enterprises tomorrow evening at Co #3 to discuss the ongoing roof issues.
- Town of Greenfield is meeting tomorrow evening, and there will be discussion regarding the ambulance issue, but he cannot be there as he will be at the Munter meeting. Brief discussion; Tim Kemp noted he would be there.
- Supervisor Rowland is apparently not running for re-election.
- Asked if the specs were received for the new Chief's vehicle; D/C Ellsworth noted he received them and will be getting together tonight with some of the guys to go over it.
- Councilman Walt Chandler is the new liaison for the Town to the Fire District, so we should be seeing a new face at our meetings.

Commissioner Waite:

- Not present this evening.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Went over the tally for the insurance claim; halogen, ladder, 281 damage, bay door damage, possibly the 2 packs. Brief discussion regarding the packs. Waiting for Frank and Sons to look at 281 and give estimate.

Special Topics of Discussion:

- Captain Bullard presented report to the Board regarding mounting of equipment on 292. Discussion continued. Captain Bullard to coordinate with the Director of Purchasing.
- Brief discussion regarding whether or not to declare 284 surplus; suggestion to have a plan in place first. Added to May meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION #92 APPROVING THE MOUNTING OF TOOLS ON 292; MONEY TO COME OUT OF REMAINING ALLOTMENT.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve the mounting of tools on 292; money to come out of remaining allotment.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #93 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Atwell with a second from Commissioner Barss to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus

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District Secretary