

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The December 2014 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:05 PM on December 10, 2014. Flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for firefighters and troops fighting overseas.

Present were:

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

Chairman Spackmann opened bids for the previously declared surplus trailer, with results as follows:

- Walker Chandler: \$200.00;
- Jay Ellsworth: \$601.56.

RESOLUTION #234 TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to approve the November 12, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Atwell noted he has spoken to John Cameron at KME to get all the outstanding bills in, and as far as he knows, it looks like they have been submitted.

RESOLUTION #235 TO PAY ABSTRACT #12, VOUCHER #140657 THROUGH VOUCHER #140707 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$39,413.73.

A3410.1	\$ 7,467.16
A3410.2	2,753.01
A3410.4	28,601.99
A9030.8	571.24
A9050.8	20.33

Total:	\$ 39,413.73

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #12, Voucher #140657 through Voucher #140707 from the General Fund, totaling \$39,413.73.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #236 TO PAY ABSTRACT #11, VOUCHER #BR14032 THROUGH VOUCHER #BR14034 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$2,528.89.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #11, Voucher #BR14032 through Voucher #BR14034 from the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$2,953.02.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #237 TO PAY ABSTRACT #7, VOUCHER #ER14023 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$925.00.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #7, Voucher #ER14023 from the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$925.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Brief discussion regarding what to do with the old console, and if the temporary repairs were ever made. Jill to call and confirm.

Brief discussion also regarding the recent submission of Co #1 maintenance invoice past the October 31st deadline, as well as being charged tax, highlighting the bigger issue that maybe it is time these supplies are bought in bulk and stored in the district office. Board agreed that for 2015 all maintenance supplies will be purchased through the District office, and the companies can come to the office to pick up supplies as needed. Jill to research standardization and prices.

RESOLUTION #238 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO APPROPRIATE AVAILABLE FUND BALANCES AS FOLLOWS: \$8,170.44 TO GEAR AND \$8,134.52 TO REPAIRS TO APPARATUS.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to appropriate available fund balances as follows: \$8,170.44 to gear and \$8,134.52 to Repairs to Apparatus.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence/Update: Secretary Petkus

- Nothing at this time.

Purchasing: D/P Chouinard

- Received gear back from Garrett Jenkins and Roger Bechard. Chief Lant noted he has Roger's pager charger.
- FF Phinney has appointment for Tuesday night to get fitted for gear.
- Received banquet photo for William Tuczynski.
- Has another call in to Winchip regarding Co #3 weather stripping.
- I Am Responding is down again at Co #3; Co #4 noted theirs is also down. Jill to look at them both.

- Will be working with the Brenda Jennings and the Auxiliary Officers regarding I Am Responding after elections of 2015 officers.
- Co #2 smoke machine is in.
- Co #4 drager tubes are in.
- Co #2 and Co #3 gloves are in.

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:** None.

Firefighter Requests for Change in Membership:

- **Greenfield Center Company #1:** Ed Ackley, transferred to Co #2; Paul Davis, life.
- **Porter Corners Company #2:** Dan Eckert, resignation; Robert Fisher, termination.
- **Middle Grove Company #3:** None.
- **Maple Avenue Company #4:** None.

Auxiliary Applications/Requests for Change in Membership:

- None.

RESOLUTION #239 PERMITTING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN OFF ON ABOVE FIREFIGHTER CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP AS READ.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Kugler

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

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants:

- Nothing at this time.

Report of the District Chief – John Lant:

- Noted the officers have been lax in submitting training reports but he knows they have all been training as it shows in their response to alarms.
- Feels the fleet is in good shape.
- Thanked Joyce and Jill for the great job they did all year.
- Thanked the Board for a great job and all the support they have given to the Officers, firefighters and residents.
- Happy to see that Commissioner Spackmann will be around for a few more years and welcomed Mrs. Mann to the Board, knows she will do a great job for us.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1: A/C Kenyon

- Thanks to everyone for all their help this year, it was another good year.
- Merry Christmas to everyone.

Company #2 – D/C Burwell:

- Congratulations to Commissioner Spackmann and incoming Commissioner Mann, looks forward to working with the Board again next year.
- Quiet.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Thanks to Commissioner Spackmann and new Commissioner Mann.
- Thanks to the Board, it has been a busy year; District Staff has been a great help as well.
- Co #3 has been put on daytime mutual aid with Providence, along with Galway and Edinburg, but it could go to 24/7.
- I Am Responding is down again. Brief discussion; Jill to look at it again tomorrow as well as at Co #4.
- Snow plowing: they have done a great job so far, very professional, he happened to be there once when they were plowing and the employee got out and walked around with him asking a lot of questions, has been shoveling as well.
- Noted that it seems like when the roof leaks it is raining pretty hard and it is pretty windy. There are pockets of water that he believes is not condensation. Believes that the wind is driving the water under the ridge caps. Commissioner Atwell noted that he spoke with Commissioner Chandler last night about it. Brief discussion continued; Commissioner Spackmann noted he has lost his patience with it as well, and feels that Co #3 has been very patient throughout this and is very appreciative.
- Would like to speak to Commissioner Atwell after the meeting to go over the 281 specs once again. Brief discussion discontinued.
- Thanks for everything.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Congratulations to Commissioner Spackmann and incoming Commissioner Mann.
- Thanks to the Board and staff.
- Have had a few discussions regarding the officer qualifications, and a couple of positions changed in the middle of the year. Felt they should be changed for next year not for this year. Lengthy discussion continued; it was noted that discussions regarding the changes began in 2013 and were formally adopted in March 2014 and that they would specifically become effective for the end of the year. Discussion continued. Lt. McEachron noted that the changes affect him and he had no idea this was coming. Commissioner Spackmann noted that this was a recommendation from the Chief and the Board supported it.
- Chief Lant noted that there was a call a couple of weeks ago at the Price Chopper in Wilton; brief discussion continued.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- Commissioner Atwell had asked about a schedule he had received; Tim noted it was a schedule of car seat inspections; he spoke to WEMS about it and they said he should speak to Nate King. Commissioner Atwell explained that it shows all these events are scheduled at our firehouses and yet no one asked for permission and the Board did not approve them. It is a great thing to do and there should be no problem, but there needs to be something on record that the Board will allow it. Brief discussion continued; Commissioner Atwell to speak to Nate King directly about it.

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

- Not present this evening.

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

- Wilton Senior Community is proposing to put in 110 senior apartments at the corner of Perry Road and Route 50. They have been approved to move forward.
- Smith Bridge development will be adding on another 7 lots.
- Just received new plans for a new garage at 590 Maple Avenue.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Atwell:

- 3 way switch in long hallway is not working correctly; Jill to call electrician.
- Reminder that the paperwork is due to the District Office from the probie class on December 16th. Chief Lant would like to have a get together and hand out the certificates; it was noted he did that last year at the Annual Meeting. Brief discussion continued. Commissioner Atwell asked the officers to get together to give the Board an idea of what they would like to do.
- Questioned if anything was worked out with the Town to purchase a load of salt. Brief discussion; Jill to call Walt Barss tomorrow.
- Regarding the 281 conversion, he has been fielding calls from KME and Garrison and has new estimates totaling \$79,000.00 and they budgeted for \$80,000.00. Lengthy discussion continued.
- Went over some pump maintenance bills with John Cameron; waiting to hear back from him.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Not present this evening.

Commissioner Kugler:

- Nothing at this time.

Chairman Spackmann:

- Asked Commissioner Atwell about the fall truck maintenance; Commissioner Atwell noted that they held off on it because of the pump repairs. Brief discussion; he will work on scheduling them now.
- Chief Lant asked for an update on the rehab bus; Captain Bullard noted Arrowhead looked at it and the generator and gave a price of \$15,000.00. Looking for KME and Wildfire to give quotes as well. Brief discussion continued.
- Reminder to the companies that they need to vote on the \$750 company donation to the annual installation banquet. Brief discussion continued.

New Business/Special Topics:

- New Application Approval Process: Secretary Petkus went over the new application and the new process to be followed based on the new VFIF Arson/Sexual Offender Form, which needs to be signed by the District Chief only. She stressed that an applicant cannot be voted on by the company until the VFIF form comes back from the Sheriff's department and she notifies the company of the outcome of the check. She also handed out new applications and a procedure sheet for everyone to reference. A question arose as to whether or not they should be notified verbally, in writing, or both. Brief discussion continued. If there are any questions, please contact Secretary Petkus directly.

RESOLUTION #240 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:20 PM IN REFERENCE TO POTENTIAL LITIGATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT

OFFICE FLOOR ISSUE INVOLVING LABERGE ARCHITECTS AND RIVERVIEW CONSTRUCTION.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 8:20 PM in reference to potential litigation regarding the district office floor issue involving Laberge Architects and Riverview Construction.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #241 TO RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:10 PM.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to reconvene executive session at 9:10 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #242 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:12 PM IN REFERENCE TO ONGOING LITIGATION INVOLVING SCI/WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES SCBA CYLINDERS.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 9:12 PM in reference to ongoing litigation involving SCI/Worthington Industries SCBA cylinders.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #243 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:18 PM.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 9:18 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #244 TO ACCEPT THE PLEA OFFER FROM SCI, A WORTHINGTON CYLINDERS COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,483.39 IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RETURN OF THE BOTTLES AND THE SIGNING OF A NON-DISPARAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Kugler

RESOLVED to accept the plea offer from SCI, a Worthington Cylinders Company, in the amount of \$31,483.39 in exchange for the return of the bottles and the signing of a non-disparagement agreement.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #245 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 Atwell with a second from Commissioner Kugler to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus

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District Secretary/Treasurer