

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The December 2013 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:03 PM on December 11, 2013. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for all departed members and troops overseas.

Present were:

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

Chairman Spackmann opened snow removal bids, with results as follows:

- J & K Trucking, Porter Corners, NY
 - Co #1: \$225 per every 3" of snow
 - Co #3: \$185 per every 3" of snow
- Commissioner Spackmann noted that King Enterprises notified him via phone today that they would honor their price for Co #4 snow removal as previously submitted.

Chairman Spackmann then opened the bids for the new M284 with results as follows:

- Mangino Chevrolet, Amsterdam, NY: \$39,879.56 for a 2014 Silverado 2500 HD pick-up
- Della Pontiac Buick, Queensbury, NY: \$36,000.00 for a 2014 GMC Sierra, subject to availability
- Mangino Buick/GMC, Ballston Spa, NY: \$38,896.00 for a GMC 2500
- Carbone Auto Group, Utica, NY: \$28,148.00 for a Ford 250 crew cab
- West Herr, Hamburg, NY: \$30,127.00 for a Ford F250 crew cab
- New Country Ford, Saratoga Springs, NY: \$37,500.00, for a Ford, Chevy or GMC, but the Ford most closely matches the bid spec.

RESOLUTION #264 TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AND THE DECEMBER 4, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to approve the November 13, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes and the December 4, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Atwell questioned claim #13045, Garrison for jaws repair. D/P Chouinard noted it was for the annual jaws servicing for Co #1, 2 and 4. Also noted claim #130856 should be for 296 and not 266. D/C King noted that claim #1308855 should be Co #4, not Co #1.

RESOLUTION #265 TO PAY ABSTRACT #12, VOUCHER #130825 THROUGH #130878 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$38,124.64.

A3410.1	\$ 7,477.14
A3410.2	1,739.68
A3410.4	28,312.91
A9030.8	572.00
A9050.8	22.91

Total:	\$ 38,124.64

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #12, Voucher #130825 through #130878 from the General Fund, totaling \$38,124.64.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #266 TO PAY ABSTRACT #12, VOUCHER #BR13041 THROUGH BR13051 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$208,708.90.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #12, Voucher #BR13041 through BR13051 from the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$208,708.90.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #267 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY THE BALLOT CLERKS FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2013.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay the ballot clerks for the Annual Election held on December 10, 2013.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #268 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO TRANSFER \$150.00 FROM A3410.4 AUDIT TO A3410.4 CONVENTION, \$10,000 FROM A3410.8 SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM TO A3410.4 REPAIRS, BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND \$2,723 FROM A3410.4 INSURANCE TO A3410.4 ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to transfer \$150.00 from A3410.4 Audit to A3410.4 Convention, \$10,000 from A3410.8 Service Award Program to A3410.4 Repairs, Building Maintenance and \$2,723 from A3410.4 Insurance to A3410.4 Accident Insurance.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #269 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION APPROPRIATE FUND BALANCE AS FOLLOWS:

- \$983.00 FOR CONTINGENCY
- \$2,000.00 FOR INSTALLATION DINNER

- \$11,411.30 FOR REPAIRS TO APPARATUS
- \$6,556.33 FOR REPAIRS, BUILDING MAINTENANCE
- \$2,049.96 FOR CONTINGENCY
- \$6,656.26 FOR REPAIRS TO APPARATUS
- \$102.00 FOR REPAIRS, BUILDING MAINTENANCE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission appropriate fund balance as follows:

- \$983.00 for Contingency
- \$2,000.00 for Installation Dinner
- \$11,411.30 for Repairs to Apparatus
- \$6,556.33 for Repairs, Building Maintenance
- \$2,049.96 for Contingency
- \$6,656.26 for Repairs to Apparatus
- \$102.00 for Repairs, Building Maintenance.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Secretary J. Petkus

- None.

Purchasing: D/P J. Chouinard

- Deadline for uniforms to be altered was today.
- Has not heard anything from Lion yet on the damaged gear from the Bockes Road fire.
- Co #3 jaws maintenance to be completed on December 16th.
- Met with and will now be dealing directly with Regional Sales Rep from VRS Sales regarding ISG cameras.
- Received quote from Cornell's regarding fire police truck.
- Command vests are completed, for Chief, Co #1 and Co #4.
- Spoke with Joe from Red Truck Sales regarding 284 price. Also sent out through county.
- Co #3 generator replacement mother board ordered today.
- Gas meters are back, thanked Captain Reynolds for taking care of that for her today.

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: Tahlyn Fisher, dismissed; Dennis McConkey, requested life status; Richard Huestis, requested life status and to keep his uniform and access. Also, Tyler LaFontaine, Sean Crowley and Josh Clothier are due to come off probation.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: Joe Luse and Justin Reynolds, both dismissed.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

RESOLUTION #270 ACCEPTING ALL CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP AS NOTED ABOVE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept all changes in membership as noted above.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Spackmann questioned the Board how they felt authorizing the Chairman to sign off on all the membership paperwork after the Board approves it, rather than taking the time during a meeting to do it. Joyce to contact attorney to double check.

Grants:

- Nothing.

Report of the Chief: John Lant

- Reported on various training over the last month.
- Nate King requested 6 fobs for his ambulances. Brief discussion; Board approved.
- Vehicle Extrication courses have been scheduled. Brief discussion.
- John King volunteered to be on the Advisory Board; letter needs to be sent to the Supervisor.
- Would like to see the Deputy Chiefs keep a 2nd set of gear. Commissioner Spackmann suggested the Chief contact Commissioner Barss.
- Questioned if the stripes on the uniform are the responsibility of the firefighters; D/P Chouinard noted no, she brings them to the seamstress to sew on. Stripes must be custom ordered and she has a vendor trying to reproduce them. Brief discussion continued.
- Thanked Commissioner Waite for all his years as Commissioner.
- Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1: A/C Kenyon

- Thanks to the Board and companies for another year.
- Good luck to Commissioner Waite.

Company #2 – D/C Middlebrook:

- All quiet.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Did not receive the pagers back on Joe Luse and Justin Reynolds. Jill and Joyce to handle.
- Lt. Jennings would like to once again do a 50/50 raffle for the officer's fund. Brief discussion; Board okayed.
- Thanks to Commissioner Waite for his many years of service.
- Thanks to the Board and officers for another good year.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Good.

RESOLUTION #271 GIVING CO #3 PERMISSION TO HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE ON JANUARY 18, 2014 AT CO #3.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to give Co #3 permission to hold a blood drive on January 18, 2014 at Co #3.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- Added some new equipment during the last month.
- Thanks to Commissioner Waite for his years of service on the Board.

Planning Board:

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

- Goose Hollow subdivision is in final stages, and will probably be built next summer. It will be about 22 houses.
- Expansion of Preswick Chase not yet through SEQRA, should be finished sometime in January. Expansion should be phased development over 3-5 years depending on economy.
- Skidmore College solar panels almost a done deal.

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

- Ellsworth Ice Cream on Perry Rd. being converted into commercial roofing supply company.
- Medical office across from the middle school looks like it is going to go through.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Atwell:

- Reminder that the banquet is coming up, get in your RSVP's.
- Winter Rug service for the new office building has been approved.
- Asked about the office building signage; Secretary Petkus noted the Board approved the signage; she is just waiting for the color selections.
- Did not forget about Co #3 siren. Brief discussion.
- 273 is down at Garrison; okayed the parts list. Secretary Petkus noted the insurance covered the towing expenses. Brief discussion continued.
- Questioned when the roof over the AC units is going to be done; Secretary Petkus noted that she has not heard back from the contractor, but does have a message in for him.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Thanked Commissioner Waite for his years of service on the Board, and thanked Commissioner-elect Don Kugler for his upcoming service.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Thanked Commissioner Waite, considers it a privilege to have served alongside him.
- Spoke to John McEachron regarding 296; it ran over a piece of metal or something. John took it somewhere to get fixed and it cost \$5.

Miscellaneous Topics of Discussion

- Discussion regarding the Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence Prevention seminar recently completed. Would like to require each firefighter to take it once, it would be scheduled once a year for all incoming members. Board agreed.
- D/P Chouinard found a photographer for the banquet; it will cost \$400 for the night. Brief discussion; Board approved.
- Truck committee report: Captain Bullard highlighted the report as follows:

- New fire police truck: committee agreed the truck should be painted, price received from Cornell's for \$3200.00. Working on emergency lighting, has a quote of \$3300.00. Also noted the rules laid out in their July memo still stand.
- R263: is it really needed? Committee felt at some point it ought to be replaced with an engine/rescue, but that it should be done in normal rotation.
- Laid out a rough plan for apparatus replacement.
- Old fire police van: committee stands by its decision to get rid of the old fire police van.
- Board discussed declaring old fire police van surplus equipment. Added to year end meeting for further discussion as to how to dispose of.

RESOLUTION #272 DECLARING THE OLD FIRE POLICE VAN AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to declare the old fire police van as surplus equipment.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Captain Reynolds noted that MED266 siren is not working; Jill to contact Adirondack 2-way.

At this time, Commissioner Spackmann gave George Habig, Greenfield resident, the floor, who noted the following:

- Asked if the Board noticed anything different about the Thank you letter he sent, along with a donation check, which has not yet been cashed. Brief discussion, Commissioner Atwell noted he would check with the company Treasurer.
- Has decided he is not going to read the other letter he previously sent.
- Explained that at the last meeting Commissioner Spackmann came away feeling like he is trashing the Board about transparency; he has his feelings, but he is going to drop it.

RESOLUTION #273 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 PM REGARDING A POSSIBLE LITIGATION SITUATION REGARDING THE CHIEF'S VEHICLE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 7:55 pm regarding a possible litigation situation regarding the Chief's vehicle.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #274 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:10 PM.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 8:10 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #275 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:11 PM REGARDING POSSIBLE BID SUBMITTAL FOR USED JAWS EQUIPMENT.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 8:11 pm regarding possible bid submittal for used jaws equipment.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #276 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:25 PM.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 8:25 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #277 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Waite

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 Spackmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus

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District Secretary