

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The December 2010 Year End Close of Books meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Don Kugler at 7:00 PM on December 29, 2010. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were:

Commissioners: Chouinard, Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary J. Petkus, Treasurer J. Bishop, P/A B. Bishop, Deputy Treasurer Perkins. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #354 TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

- **NOVEMBER 23, 2010 WORKSHOP MINUTES**
- **DECEMBER 8, 2010 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS**

MOTION: Chouinard

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to approve the following meeting minutes:

- November 23, 2010 Workshop Minutes
- December 8, 2010 Commissioner Meeting Minutes with corrections.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Award bid: Greenfield Center Co #1 Heating system upgrades and renovations.

RESOLUTION #355 TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE GREENFIELD CENTER CO #1 HEATING SYSTEM UPGRADES AND RENOVATIONS TO EASTERN HEATING AND COOLING, ALBANY, NY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,670.00.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to award the bid for the Greenfield Center Co #1 heating system upgrades and renovations to Eastern Heating and Cooling, Albany, NY, in the amount of \$29,670.00.

VOTE: Chouinard, yes; Kugler, yes; Robarge, no; Spackmann, yes; Waite, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Kugler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Robarge questioned the bill from Atlantic Detroit Diesel and did we receive our half of the payment? Commissioner Kugler noted we did. Also questioned again the November mileage for A/C Bogardus; Chief Lant noted he runs a lot of the medical calls with his own vehicle. Also questioned how much we have paid to HA2F so far; Treasurer J. Bishop noted about \$10,000.00 and part of that included the plans for Co #1.

D/C Ellsworth questioned claim #10834 and was that the price just for tightening the belt? Chief Lant noted that they did more than just tighten the belt. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION #356 TO PAY ABSTRACT #13 INCLUDING CLAIM #10791 THROUGH CLAIM #10877 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$36,320.02.

A3410.1	\$ 5,347.36
A3410.2	4,277.34
A3410.4	26,429.68
A9030.8	275.64
Total	\$36,320.02

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED: to pay Abstract #13 including Claim #10791 through Claim #10877 from the General Fund, totaling \$36,320.02.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #357 TO PAY ABSTRACT #15, CLAIM #BR030 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$2,275.00.

MOTION: Chouinard

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #15, Claim #BR030 from the Building Reserve Fund, totaling \$2,275.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #358 TO PAY ABSTRACT #13, CLAIM #ER1014 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$7,546.81.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #13, Claim #ER1014 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, totaling \$7,546.81.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Waite noted he had a problem with claim BR031, Center for Security. He noted that they will not be able to get there until the end of the next week, the doors are all on and they are locked up and you can't get in; he will call them tomorrow. Claim not approved for payment.

Correspondence: Secretary J. Petkus

- Extrication certificates came in and handed out to each company; copies have already been made for the District office.
- Updated tag numbers and gave out to each company; please review for accuracy and let Joyce know if there are any discrepancies.
- Thanked Commissioner Chouinard for a great year, and really appreciated him getting her the new office furniture. Also thanked Commissioner Kugler for taking her under his wing for the last five years; she will miss them both.

Purchasing: P/A B. Bishop

- Delivered some things tonight, but there are still a few things outstanding.
- Appreciates the work that Commissioner Kugler and Commissioner Chouinard have done and looks forward to working with the new Commissioners next year.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: James Deignan, District Manual already received

Requests for Change in Membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: Donald Kugler, effective 1/1/11, transfer from Co #3 to Co #4.

RESOLUTION #359 TO ACCEPT ABOVE CHANGES AND NEW MEMBERS.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to accept above changes and new members.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants:

- Captain Bullard noted they are on round 4 and he has not heard anything yet. Reminded everyone that the grant is for the escape ropes.

Report of the Chief: John Lant

- Thanked Commissioner Chouinard for the hard work he did this past year. Thanked Commissioner Kugler for all his years of service.
- Had a meeting last night with the incoming Chiefs and noted the following:
 - Co #2 would like to run their own EMS calls
 - Talked about getting their own training building, put it behind Co #1 along with the storage facility the Board has been talking about. Maybe could look into a grant.
 - Feel there are too many white helmets, would like to get red ones for the Captains and Lieutenants, those are the County colors. Discussion continued regarding pricing of helmets, would need about 16 red helmets. 1044's cost \$210 each, 880's are \$252. Probationary firefighters wear black helmets and we need to order 10-12 more of those. Discussion continued; P/A B. Bishop to call Garrison and look into changing out the helmets recently ordered.
 - Recommend the escape ropes be on the packs. A/C Petkus noted it is going to cost about \$60,000.00 for the escape ropes and that does not include training. Discussion continued including the new law, the mandatory survey and the necessity and type of escape ropes; Secretary J. Petkus to call Bill Young.
 - Recommend that probationary members do not run blue lights for the first 6 months. Should also get a laminator for blue light cards, this issue was previously talked about, but not sure if blue light cards were purchased. P/A B. Bishop noted we already have a laminator.

RESOLUTION #360 GIVING CO #2 PERMISSION TO RUN THEIR OWN EMS CALLS.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Co #2 permission to run their own EMS calls.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #361 THAT PROBATIONARY MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RUN BLUE LIGHTS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED that probationary members are not allowed to run blue lights for the first six months of their membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – 1st Lieutenant Matthew Reynolds

- Waiting on the final specs for the truck
- Halogen bar was found and returned to Co #2
- Requested \$2000 be set aside for 269, light bar on Jason's truck is Gary's personal light.
- Chief Lant noted it would be a nice gesture of the Co #1 officers got a plaque for D/C G. Gibbins; he put in a lot of years. Commissioner Spackmann noted it is a good idea, and to speak to the Purchasing Agent after the meeting about it.

Company #2 – D/C Davis

- Quiet.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Quiet.
- Thanks to the outgoing Commissioners and good luck to the incoming Commissioners.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Thanks to the Commissioners for their support and effort this year.

Report of District EMS Coordinator: Justin Burwell

- Returning District cell phone to Purchasing Agent, coordinating to have some tones in pager moved.
- Has the rest of the files to be filed in the EMS cabinet.
- Commissioner Spackmann questioned how many EMT's are in Co #2; Mr. Burwell noted 5.

Planning Board:

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

- Nothing going on except a couple of houses and the cluster developments.

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

- Nothing new.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner B. Chouinard:

- Thanked everybody for a wonderful year and good luck to the 2 new Commissioners.

Commissioner Robarge:

- Still waiting to hear back from NYSERDA for Co #3 and 4; added to January workshop.

- Previously talked about creating a special reserve account for the ladder truck. Brief discussion, added to February meeting agenda.
- Thanked Commissioners Kugler and Chouinard, and Chief Lant for a good year and wished the new Commissioners good luck.

Commissioner Waite:

- Everything seems to be going good at Co #2, except for the fuel tank.
- Thanks to Commissioners Kugler and Chouinard, they really worked hard this year, and good luck to the 2 new Commissioners.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Kugler:

- Enjoyed being on the Board for the last 20 years, had a lot of fun. Wished the 2 new Commissioners a lot of luck.

Special Topics/New Business:

- Chief Lant noted that it is his opinion that we should not be going to Wilton Medical Arts. He called the undersheriff today, who feels the same way. Whatever the Board decides, if they send a letter to Sheriff Bowen he will take care of it. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #362 TO SEND A LETTER TO THE COUNTY REGARDING THE DISTRICT NO LONGER RESPONDING WITH EMS TO WILTON MEDICAL ARTS.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to send a letter to the County regarding the District no longer responding with EMS to Wilton Medical Arts.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Captain Gary Bullard then presented the preliminary specs for Co #4 new engine rescue.
- Discussion of year end money; Chairman Kugler went over numbers and lengthy discussion continued; please see attached sheet for final numbers.

RESOLUTION #363 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PLACE \$64,832.04 INTO THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND AND \$64,832.04 INTO THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to place \$64,832.04 into the Building Reserve Fund and \$64,832.04 into the Equipment Reserve Fund.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #364 AUTHORIZING TREASURER TO EVENLY DIVIDE ANY YEAR END INTEREST INTO THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND AND BUILDING RESERVE FUND.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to authorize Treasurer to evenly divide any year end interest into the Equipment Reserve Fund and Building Reserve Fund.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #365 AUTHORIZING TREASURER TO PLACE \$100.00 EACH IN THE FOLLOWING RESERVE FUNDS: GEAR, WELLNESS AND FITNESS, RADIOS, EMS.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to authorize Treasurer to place \$100.00 each in the following Reserve Funds: Gear, Wellness and Fitness, Radios, EMS.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Treasurer J. Bishop reminded the Board they need a permissive referendum for money to be spent out of the Building Reserve Fund for Co #1 heating system upgrades/renovations.

RESOLUTION #366 TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND \$29,670.00 BUILDING RESERVE FUND FOR CO #1 HEATING SYSTEM UPGRADES AND RENOVATIONS.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend \$29,670.00 Building Reserve Fund for Co #1 heating system upgrades and renovations.

VOTE: Chouinard, yes; Kugler, yes; Robarge, no; Spackmann, yes; Waite, yes.

Motion carried.

- Commissioner Kugler reminded everyone that each company needs to appoint one representative to sit on the exploratory committee for office building construction. Deadline is the January workshop.
- Reminder that beginning next month, all officer and company meetings and Commissioner meetings and workshops will now be held on Wednesdays.

RESOLUTION #367 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Robarge with a second from Commissioner Spackmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary