

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The June 2009 Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at Co #3 by Chairman Don Kugler at 7:04 pm on June 10, 2009. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for the departed.

Present were:

Commissioners: B. Bishop, Kugler, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary Petkus, Treasurer J. Bishop, P/A Chouinard; Chief McConkey
A/C's: Gibbins, Ellsworth, Lant; 2nd A/C's: King.

Chairman Kugler asked for any additions/deletions/corrections to the May 2009 Commissioner meeting minutes.

RESOLUTION #224 TO ACCEPT THE MAY 13, 2009 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: B. Bishop

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept the May 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kugler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract.

Commissioner B. Bishop questioned claim #9314; the Chief noted it should not be paid until he works it out with Nichols.

RESOLUTION #225 TO PAY CLAIM #9293 THROUGH CLAIM #9374, excluding CLAIM #9314, TOTALING \$46,619.449.

A3410.1	\$ 3,764.97
A3410.2	10,284.02
A3410.4	32,570.50
Total:	\$ 46,619.49

MOTION: B. Bishop

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to pay claim #9293 through claim #9374, excluding claim #9314, totaling \$46,619.449.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #226 TO PAY CLAIM #ER901 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND PER PREVIOUS PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, TOTALING \$809,968.00.

R3400.0	\$809,968.00
Total:	\$809,968.00

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay claim #ER901 from the Equipment Reserve Fund per previous permissive referendum, totaling \$809,968.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #227 TO PAY CLAIM #BR906 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND PER PREVIOUS REFERENDUM, TOTALING \$2,980.00.

R3400.0	\$2,980.00
Total:	\$2,980.00

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to pay claim #BR906 from the Building Reserve Fund per previous referendum, totaling \$2,980.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Still has some chief show tickets available; A/C's can each take some back to firehouses in case members ask for them.

Purchasing:

- No more pagers in inventory, Chief was notified. Discussion; A/C Gibbins noted it is 1 for 1 regarding pagers and the county. A/C Lant has been speaking with Paul Lent. Supervisor Art Johnson on committee and Supervisor Rowland big help to fire service.
- SCBA bottles shipping 6/12.
- Asked permission to pay bill just received from Gary's Professional Small Engine Shop to repair awning on 263, totaling \$540.00.

RESOLUTION #228 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY GARY'S PROFESSIONAL SMALL ENGINE SHOP FOR REPAIRS TO 263 AWNING, TOTALING \$540.00.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay Gary's Professional Small Engine Shop for repairs to 263 awning, totaling \$540.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Received another bill from Paul Felts for EMS training on 6/4/09, totaling \$120.00. Brief discussion regarding payment procedure for Paul Felts; P/A Chouinard noted he prefers to email his bills separately for each class.

**RESOLUTION #229 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY BILL
RECEIVED FROM PAUL FELTS FOR EMS TRAINING ON JUNE 4, 2009,
TOTALING \$120.00.**

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay bill received from Paul Felts for EMS training on June 4, 2009, totaling \$120.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Drager tubes ordered, as well as ordering supplies for ammonia, carbon monoxide and Freon testing.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

Changes in membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

President Dean Deuel, Jr. noted the membership voted to remove member Robert Kosh from the rolls, but they do not have a current address or any current contact information. Brief discussion, including his pager previously being turned in; membership to vote to remove him and then paperwork to be presented to the Board.

Grants:

- The Chief noted that A/C Davis got denied for the Oliver B. Merlyn grant. A/C Lant asked permission for Co #4 to form committee to start working on the grant. Permission granted. FF Nancy Waite noted that the guy at the insurance company is no longer doing the grant and they are just going to refer us to a website and mailing address.

Report of the Chief: Dennis McConkey

- SOG committee met last month, lot of updating is being done, including structure fires, brush fires, vehicle fire & extrication, HAZMAT, etc. Will be working on rope rescue. Chairman Kugler noted that there are a lot of people trying to drop rope rescue for the time being until they get it all worked out. Next SOG committee meeting is 7/6/09.
- Corinth is getting a new set of Holmatro tools; they are selling their old rescue stuff, are we interested in buying them?
- Would like to purchase 2 Freon gas meters
- Holding off on truck committee meeting until August until we know what is going on at Porters
- EMS needs batteries for the defibs
- Newsletter committee met and recommended to do away with the newsletter
- Fire police would like to go to a conference at Hudson-Mohawk

RESOLUTION #230 GIVING PERMISSION FOR FIRE POLICE TO ATTEND THE HUDSON-MOHAWK CONVENTION IN MECHANICVILLE ON JULY 11, 2009.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to give permission for fire police to attend the Hudson-Mohawk Convention in Mechanicville on July 11, 2009.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- 293 is probably going to Fort Edward Heritage Day on 6/27/09.
- A/C Ellsworth would like to take 280 to the Fire Chief's Show at Turning Stone

RESOLUTION #231 GIVING A/C ELLSWORTH PERMISSION TO TAKE 280 TO THE FIRE CHIEF'S SHOW AT TURNING STONE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to give A/C Ellsworth permission to take 280 to the Fire Chief's Show at Turning Stone.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Previously noted that the awning on 263 has been repaired
- Lt. Wood was dropped as an officer from Co #1; they will be having a special election next month
- Need more eye glass kits for the new AV3000
- Flag Day parade is this Saturday in Saratoga
- New 293 will be put into full service as soon as the radios are installed
- Gave in another hose test quote; A/C Ellsworth to also check into it at the Fire Chief's show; the Chairman asked the list to go to Joyce

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – A/C Gibbins:

- Image camera broke at a fire at Middle Grove and needs to be repaired/replaced. P/A Chouinard noted that B-Lann will be picking it up tomorrow morning sometime. A/C Gibbins requested the same one that can download the images to the rescue truck
- Need to look at 262 regarding paint, it was noted 281 needs to go too. Chairman Kugler asked if the guy from Johnsonville ever got back to A/C Ellsworth regarding 281; A/C Ellsworth noted he did not but will be seeing him at the Chief's show. Commissioner Waite to talk to Todd to make arrangements; A/C Gibbins to take care of 262

Company #2 – A/C Davis:

- Commissioner Waite noted he has not heard anything from CT Male and A/C Davis is not here tonight

Company #3 – A/C Jay Ellsworth:

- Had nothing this evening

Company #4 – 2nd A/C King:

- A/C Lant asked if A/C King is going to get paid for his April mileage. Detailed, heated discussion continued; including getting the paperwork to the Treasurer in a timely manner as noted on the fire house bulletin boards and not putting certain things in the LOSAP boxes, emailing mileage report directly to the Treasurer, this discussion has been held already several times, bills in general not getting to the Treasurer in a timely manner. The Chairman noted that here on in it needs to be to her on time or it will not be pain, plain and simple. Commissioner Spackmann clarified that it needs to be in possession of the Treasurer by the Thursday before the meeting go or it will not get paid and not in the LOSAP box.

RESOLUTION #232 APPROVING PAYMENT TO A/C KING FOR HIS APRIL 2009 MILEAGE AND ALLOWING MILEAGE TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to approving payment to A/C King for his April 2009 mileage and allowing mileage to be submitted electronically.

VOTE: B. Bishop, no; Kugler, yes; Robarge, yes; Spackmann, yes; Waite, yes. Motion carried.

Report of District EMS Coordinator: Gary Gibbins

- Still has no info on the Hep B hospital titers; brief discussion
- Commissioner Spackmann asked about the EMT listings; A/C Gibbins noted he still has not received anything from Co #4 but has been in touch with Duane. The secretary also asked is he has thought about the report he would Firetracker to create as well.

Planning Board:

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

- Not present

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

- Quiet

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner B. Bishop:

- Working with Joyce on uniforms, will be discussing with uniform committee to see what we need to do, as there are 3 different versions of what the uniform is supposed to be. There has also been discussion before about members keeping their badges, and in polling some of the other area departments, the only members who seem to get to keep their badges is past Chiefs or past Assistant Chiefs and it would be his recommendation to add that to the uniform policy, possible including life members.
- In looking at some of the bills from Nichols, he has a real hard time with paying them mileage at \$85 per hour, with 4 hours for them to come up and diagnose the problem and then another 4 hours at a minimum to come up and fix it. Would like to look at other local vendors, look at their quality of work. Arrowhead and Millertown garage were mentioned as possible vendors. Will assist in coordinating.
- Noted that regarding the truck consultant report, there were a lot of other things than just the ladder truck, that he felt should start being addressed, including issues of brackets to hold things in place and stuff like that, and what we would need to purchase. May be able to start small this year and start putting money aside to get things up to code and replacing out of date tools, etc. Commissioner Spackmann recommended

delegating this task to the officers, have everyone look at this between now and the June workshop; added to the June workshop agenda.

- Thanked the companies for the representation at the car show this past weekend, trucks were from all four companies, got a lot of nice comments on the new ladder tack, event was very well attended.

Commissioner Robarge:

RESOLUTION #233 GIVING ANGELA DUMAS PERMISSION TO ATTEND DAYTIME FIREFIGHTER I COURSE IN ALBANY.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give Angela Dumas permission to attend Daytime Firefighter I course in Albany.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Saratoga Electric and Generator will be doing the bollards at Co #3 within the next week or so, as well as lagging it down, please mark where you want them. President Deuel, Jr. noted that they are having their open house on the 27th and could he contact the electrician and have those holes closed up before then? Commissioner Robarge also noted that they are still waiting for CAT on the generator, it is on the line right now.

RESOLUTION #234 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY SARATOGA ELECTRIC AND GENERATOR \$7000.00 TOWARD THE REMOVAL OF THE OLD GENERATOR AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GENERATOR.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay Saratoga Electric and Generator \$7000.00 toward the removal of the old generator and the installation of the new generator.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Brought up at the workshop that auxiliary members do not have flags and placeholders paid for by the district, and that some companies pay for them. He would like to see this as a District practice.

RESOLUTION #235 TO PURCHASE AUXILIARY FLAGS & PLACEHOLDERS.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to purchase auxiliary flags & placeholders.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Spackmann will speak to the auxiliary Presidents about this. May take a few years to catch up.

- 293 mascot approved by the company, will have pictures at the workshop.

RESOLUTION #236 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY THE OTHER 50% ON THE 293 MASCOT BILL.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay the other 50% on the 293 mascot bill.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Co #4 is having an open house on June 27th; Mike Monroe as a representative from Town of Wilton Highway has graciously offered equipment to help with transporting some of the things, like bouncy bounces, cotton candy machines, sno-cone machines, etc. He asked for something in writing from the Board alleviating the Town of any liability for using their equipment. More discussion, including that the carnival games are being donated, but they need to be picked up and returned, Joyce speaking to our insurance company and being able to put the Town of Wilton on our insurance, but it will not cover them during the transportation portion, Co #4 already signing a rental agreement and they would be responsible for any damage. Commissioner Spackmann to speak tomorrow to Mike Monroe again to work out the specifics and then our insurance can be contacted again.

Commissioner Waite:

- Nothing from CT Male. Commissioner Robarge asked about CT Male; Commissioner Waite noted that they are not contacting him they are talking to Jon and he is not here tonight. Commissioner Waite to contact CT Male and have them come to the June 23rd workshop. Added to the agenda.

RESOLUTION #237 GIVING AN ACCESS CARD TO SARATOGA BRIDGES SO THEY CAN CLEAN PORTER CORNERS FIRE HOUSE EACH WEEK.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to give an access card to Saratoga Bridges so they can clean Porter Corners fire house each week.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Spoke to Adirondack regarding fire police radios and the problem with the low band walkie-talkies. Would like to purchase a set of FRS radios.

RESOLUTION #238 TO PURCHASE ONE SET OF FRS RADIOS AS A TRIAL.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to purchase one set of FRS radios as a trial.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Kugler:

- Co #2 has 7 bottles to be hydroed and 1 fire extinguisher; please have them ready for Tri-City by Monday. Co #4 has 12 bottles, please have them ready as well.
- Went around with the building inspector from the insurance company and he made several recommendations:
 - Co #3 and 4 are clean

- Co #1, A/C Gibbins needs to clean up his office it is a fire trap; the chief needs to clean up his office as well
- Co #1, upstairs in the furnace room where the boots are, he wants them out of there
- Co #2, there are file cabinets and plastic containers next to the furnace

Brief discussion; including lack of storage space, co #2 garage, FF Lagalles noted he has been trying to get the district to buy flammable liquid storage cabinets, that is the first thing he should have picked up on.

New Business:

- 293 overages: discussion regarding payment of the overages, totaling \$2294.70. Captain G. Bullard gave a brief overview of reason for overages. Discussion continued including Keeseville coming to pick up old 293 on June 14th, taking money from the sale of old 293 before it goes into the Equipment Reserve account. Commissioner B. Bishop suggested taking the money from the hand readers.

RESOLUTION #239 APPROVING PAYMENT OF 293 OVERAGE, TOTALING \$2294.70. MONEY TO COME OUT OF THE HAND READER ACCOUNT.

MOTION: B. Bishop

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to approve payment of 293 overage, totaling \$2294.70. Money to come out of the hand reader account.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Inspection Day: Tentatively moved to September 19th. Date to be brought back to the companies for approval, with an answer to the Board by the June workshop.
- Truck inspections: A/C Gibbins still waiting for Arrowhead to fax over the paperwork the Commissioners had requested. The Chief noted that Arrowhead said the brakes on 261 were bad, but he had Dave Kenyon look at them and they weren't that bad; Dave Kenyon fixed them. More discussion; A/C Ellsworth noted that Erin Maxon explained to him that fire trucks are not required to be registered and so can be inspected in house, but since we are not his customer he will no longer inspect out trucks. A/C Ellsworth further noted that he would be happy to take a truck each day to Loggers or Commercial for inspection, but he would need a ride to work from there. Commissioner Robarge added that he is off on Fridays and could help out as well; right now brush trucks and MED's are currently inspected. The chief noted that he went to George at the Town about inspections, but he will not inspect the trucks because he had issues with a member of the Board several years back. Tabled to the June workshop.
- A/C Lant spoke to Paul Lent, noted that Greenfield is the busiest in the county, wanted the Board to be aware the yesterday in the Saratogian there was an article about Maple Avenue Middle School wanting a bike path; he is totally against it, he sent an email as well. Maple Avenue is loaded with cars, Daniels road and Smith Bridge are short cuts, he cannot imagine how they are going to build this bike trail and he does not think it should be another burden to the taxpayers. Feels it will be a burden on emergency services; contacted the captain at the State police on Ballard Road. Also contacted Mr. Palumbo, who will be having committee meetings and emergency services will be involved. Brief discussion on possible bike route.
- Co #3 has tentatively scheduled their tag days for 7/31 and 8/1; permission previously granted.

RESOLUTION #240 GRANTING CO #4 PERMISSION TO HOLD A CAR WASH FUNDRAISER ON JUNE 20, 2009.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to grant Co #4 permission to hold a car wash fundraiser on June 20, 2009.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Captain G. Bullard asked if the 5 year service contract on new 293 was signed; it was noted to have been signed.
- President Dean Deuel Jr. noted that Co #4 water softener is not working and the water is destroying the trucks. Discussion; Chairman Kugler noted it is an iron problem and several years ago he had gotten quotes to fix it but the Board never moved on it. Added to the June workshop.
- A/C Gibbins asked about the salt for his water softener at co #1; Commissioner B. Bishop to coordinate getting a vehicle to pick it up and deliver it.

RESOLUTION #241 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 PM REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF CHIEF MCCONKEY.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 8:30 PM regarding the performance of Chief McConkey.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #242 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:55 PM.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 8:55 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #243 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: Waite

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 Waite to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus

District Secretary