

Board of Fire Commissioners
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The May 8, 2019 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 7:03 PM.

Flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were: Commissioners Chandler, Dussault, King, McGowan; D/A-Treasurer Petkus, S/K-P/A Ranck. Excused: Commissioner Davis. Counsel William Young arrived at 7:45 pm. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #130 APPROVING THE APRIL 24, 2019 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to approve the April 24, 2019 Commissioner meeting minutes as written.

VOTE: Commissioner McGowan not present; all others in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioners Chandler and King questioned Voucher #190212; it was noted the shop supplies were for PM service, and also truck batteries. Brief discussion continued.

Commissioner King questioned Voucher #190201 fuel surcharge; it was noted it happens a lot with deliveries. Commissioner King also noted that Milton Cat charged tax but Don caught it. Also asked about the National Grid bills, Joyce noted they were finally straightened out although she does not know whose payments were being applied to our bills.

Chief Ellsworth does not want Vander Molen invoice #5038 for \$300 to be paid. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #131 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #9 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #190189 THROUGH VOUCHER #190219, EXCLUDING VANDER MOLEN INVOICE #5038 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300 ON VOUCHER #190210, TOTALING \$39,735.53.

A3410.1	\$ 5,255.95
A3410.2	\$ 3,887.29
A3410.4	\$30,180.84
A9000.8	\$ 411.45

Total:	\$ 39,735.53

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #9 from the General Fund, Voucher #190189 through Voucher #190219, excluding Vander Molen Invoice #5038 in the amount of \$300 on Voucher #190210, totaling \$39,735.53.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #132 APPROVING PAYMENT OF EQUIPMENT RESERVE ABSTRACT #1, VOUCHER #ER19001 THROUGH ER19002 TOTALING \$4,631.08.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Equipment Reserve Abstract #1, Voucher #ER19001 through ER19002 totaling \$4,631.08.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Has been in contact with Emergency Reporting in reference to the CAD system. Brief discussion; she now has them speaking directly with A/C Bullard.
 - Annual physicals to be completed by May 31st.
 - Three people did not complete on-line Defensive Driver course prior to the deadline. Cost is \$18.50 each. Joyce to notify them they need to reimburse District and if necessary their access to be deactivated.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Don Ranck
 - Received quotes for repairing mechanical seal and adding valve on 272; Bulldog is \$2,637.58 and Vander Molen is \$2,504.25. Discussion continued. Has already been replaced several times. Don to contact Waterous regarding the pump.
 - Class A foam is \$109.93 per 5 gallon pail on State contract. Brief discussion; 20 pails to be ordered. Money to come out of Operations.

RESOLUTION #133 GIVING THE PURCHASING AGENT PERMISSION TO PURCHASE 20 PAILS OF CLASS A FOAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102.93 PER PAIL. MONEY TO COME FROM OPERATIONS.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to give the Purchasing Agent permission to purchase 20 pails of Class A foam in the amount of \$102.93 per pail. Money to come from Operations.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Cost to upgrade 271 light tower is \$9,035 or \$9,666. Additional \$1000 for dealer install. Discussion continued; not approved.
- Co #4 had requested life jackets; standard life jackets are \$47.93 each; total is \$287.58 plus S&H. Approved; money to come from Rescue account.
- Looking at replacing gutters in the front of the office. Brief discussion; received quote of \$700 from Lifetime Seamless Gutters.
- Fire Police requested Saratoga County roadmaps; cost is \$6.95 each. Brief discussion; President B. Gibbins will see if he can get them from DPW.
- Completed RFP for Sealcoating Co #3 and #4; should be sent out shortly, and includes moving the handicapped spots to the back of the building.
- Jerome Compressor left a message that booster pump will be shipping out shortly. Need to do permissive referendum up for \$40,000.

RESOLUTION #134 GIVING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 FROM THE SCBA RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BREATHING AIR COMPRESSION SYSTEM.

MOTION: King

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give the District Administrator permission to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 from the SCBA Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new breathing air compression system.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- **Treasurer**: Joyce Petkus

RESOLUTION #135 GIVING THE TREASURER PERMISSION TO CUT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 TO ON A MISSION, LLC FOR THE “IN HONOR OF THE CHARLESTON 9” SEMINAR, MAY 11, 2019.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give the Treasurer permission to cut check in the amount of \$4,000.00 to On A Mission, LLC for the “In Honor of the Charleston 9” seminar, May 11, 2019.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #136 GIVING THE TREASURER PERMISSION TO CUT CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00 TO SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY SCHOOLS FOR THE USE OF THE MAPLE AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR THE DR. DAVID GRIFFIN SEMINAR, “IN HONOR OF THE CHARLESTON 9”, MAY 11, 2019.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to give the Treasurer permission to cut check in the amount of \$700.00 to Saratoga Springs City Schools for the use of the Maple Avenue Middle School auditorium for the Dr. David Griffin seminar “In Honor of the Charleston 9” seminar, May 11, 2019.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Firefighter Applications for/Changes in membership:

- Co #1: Thomas Vumbaco, new member.
- Co #4: Changes in Membership: K. Treadway, probationary to active firefighter; L. Laplanche, termination due to not meeting requirements; J. Lant and R. Spackmann, requested Life-inactive; W. Petel, requesting life-inactive due to medical.

Auxiliary Applications for membership/Requests for Change in Membership:

- None.

RESOLUTION #137 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN FIREFIGHTER AND AUXILIARY CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: King

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign Firefighter and Auxiliary Changes in Membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Jay Ellsworth:

- Argo body has been repaired.
- Planning an Old timer's Night at Co #3 in September; D/C Murray in charge.
- Hose testing is on June 14th.
- Sat with Joyce this evening regarding I Am Responding.
- OSHA is going really well; continue to work on physicals completion.
- Hi-band radios handed out last night.
- Property at Co #4 has been mostly cleared out, thanks to Zak and Connor. Brief discussion continued.
- Received gear prices from Lion; gear committee will be getting together to make a recommendation to the Board.
- Training being held at the County Fire Training Center on May 19th.
- Was told last night that the suction machines do not work. Discussion continued; Don to get quotes, the EMS Coordinator to determine how many are needed.
- 281 currently being repaired; needs brakes, pump is leaking.
- Committee will be using new 294 to pick up Dr. Griffin on Friday evening.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – Lt. Marshall

- Good.

Company #2 – Lt. W. Chandler:

- Worked with the Chief and Purchasing Agent regarding the forestry nozzle and 271 hose.
- Chief Ellsworth noted the suction has also been ordered.

Company #3 – D/C Murray:

- All set.

Company #4 – D/C Bogardus:

- Firefighter LaPage needs help with IAR; Joyce noted either Deidre can help, or A/C Bullard or Lt. Bogardus.
- 291 deck gun not working; Don to look at it.

Report of District EMS Coordinator: Nate King:

- Co #2 re-supplied with EMS supplies for FF/EMT Christian Alvord.

Report of the Training Committee: Lt. Chandler

- All set for the Dr. David Griffin seminar tomorrow.
- Dave Hatin completed first ventilation drill last night.
- Getting started on confide space in the basement of the training building.
- Fire Officer requirements under review and will have a letter of recommendation for the June 5th meeting.
- Live fire on 5/19 at the fire training center.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Davis
 - Not present this evening.
- Dussault
 - Good.

- King
 - Hawk Drilling to look at the tank tomorrow.
 - Questioned if Co #2 wanted to do a split rail fence; Lt. Chandler will get back to him.
 - Still no word on delivery of the Bauer compressor.
 - Still reviewing Co #1 renovation plans.
- McGowan
 - Good.
- Chandler
 - Questioned if the Purchasing Agent has looked into a new commercial mower yet. Don noted he has started.
 - There has been talk about increasing Larry's hours; currently working 20 hours/week.

Reports of the Town Board Liaisons

- **Town of Greenfield:** Davis
 - Not present this evening
- **Town of Wilton:** Dussault
 - Looking to do a speed limit reduction on Loudon Road.
 - Auctioned off some equipment.
 - Commissioner Chandler noted he had heard they institute a possible building moratorium. Brief discussion; Commissioner Dussault and D/C Bogardus both noted they do not think so.

Special Topics of Discussion:

Lt. Marshall asked about the status of 269 radio; the Purchasing Agent noted when they are reprogrammed eh will get it.

Chief Ellsworth congratulated Joyce on her recent hard fought victory.

Chief Ellsworth met with new Greenfield Town Building Inspector. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #138 GIVING CO #4 PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER AT SARATOGA SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019.

MOTION:

SECOND:

RESOLVED to give Co #4 permission to participate in the Annual Basketball Fundraiser at Saratoga Springs High School on Friday, May 10, 2019.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #139 ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 PM IN REFERENCE TO AN EMPLOYMENT MATTER.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to enter into executive session at 7:45 PM in reference to an employment matter.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #140 RECONVENING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:07 PM.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 9:07 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Chandler noted no decisions were made in executive session.

RESOLUTION #141 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Dussault


SECOND: McGowan

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner King with a second from Commissioner Dussault to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Petkus".

Joyce A. Petkus

District Administrator/Treasurer