

Board of Fire Commissioners
Greenfield Fire District
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The September 11, 2019 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 7:05 PM.

Flag salute, moment of silence recognized for departed members and those lost on 9/11.

Present were: Commissioners Chandler, Davis, Dussault, King, McGowan; D/A-Treasurer Petkus, S/K-P/A Ranck. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #216 APPROVING THE AUGUST 28, 2019 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to approve the August 28, 2019 Commissioner meeting minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner McGowan questioned voucher #190414 trailer plug replacement; the previous replacement was on the brush truck.

Commissioner McGowan questioned voucher #190413, No Parking Sign; this is for in front of overhead doors and pole barn.

Commissioner McGowan questioned voucher #190422 TWC bill for only \$15; it was noted that a payment might have been erroneously applied to the District's bill and the Treasurer is waiting to see next month's bill.

Commissioner Davis questioned voucher #190410, for removal of 270 radios; feels it should come out of the Equipment Reserve under the new Tahoes.

Chief Ellsworth questioned the Overhead Door bill regarding Middle Grove; it is for the bracing of the motor. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #217 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #17 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #190403 THROUGH VOUCHER #190426, EXCLUDING VOUCHER #190410 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$564.00, TOTALING \$17,161.30.

A3410.1	\$ 5,572.69
A3410.2	\$ 372.89
A3410.4	\$10,789.22
A9000.8	\$ 426.50

Total:	\$ 17,161.30

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #17 from the General Fund, Voucher #190403 through Voucher #190426, excluding Voucher #190410 in the amount of \$564.00, totaling \$17,1261.30.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #218 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #7 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, VOUCHER #ER19012 THROUGH ER19013 TOTALING \$3,769.00.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #7 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, Voucher #ER19012 through ER19013, totaling \$3,769.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Questioned if the Board is okay with the Invitation to Bid Co #1 Roof. Discussion continued; Board okayed legal ad, Commissioner Davis to look into asbestos testing.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Don Ranck
 - Aerial inspection scheduled for October 14th.
 - Air pack inspections the week of October 21st.
 - Co #4 phones repaired; apparent power glitch.
 - Received fire prevention order totaling \$9400.00 from Alert-All. Looked at two other vendors but Alert-All is the best price. Board okayed.
 - Co #3 hot water tank leaking, to be repaired tomorrow or the next day. Toby to also do a water test, and water softener is about to go.
 - Still waiting to hear about Co #4 AC from Toby.
 - May be on Jury duty starting the week of 9/30.
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus
 - Received Bulldog invoice for new 273 for \$728,332.00. Discussion continued; Truck to be delivered sometime next week. Radios scheduled to be installed on Wednesday, Joyce to insure as of Tuesday.

RESOLUTION #219 GIVING THE TREASURER PERMISSION TO CUT A CHECK TO BULLDOG FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND AS PER THE PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$728,332.00.

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give the Treasurer permission to cut a check to Bulldog from the Equipment reserve fund as per the permissive referendum, in the amount of \$728,332.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Firefighter Applications/Changes in membership: None.

Auxiliary Applications for membership/Requests for Change in Membership:

- Co #2: Victoria Mello, junior to Active Auxiliary.

RESOLUTION #220 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN ABOVE CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP FORM.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign above Change in Membership form.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Jay Ellsworth:

- 293 body ready to be painted, starting cab on Monday.
- 271 light tower needs to go to Vander Molen for repair; also going to check gear box. Discussion continued.
- 281 is getting a free repair, will be gone for about a week.
- Old 270 was cleaned up and sent to Ryan's for repairs.
- 260 batteries went bad.
- Questioned if they were still on for 26; it was noted yes.
- D/C Barss handling Flashover training.
- D/C Murray handling Old timer's Night on September 28th.
- NMO rescheduled for September 28th.
- Fire Prevention Day is October 11th.
- Asked for an update on the seat covers and mats. Lengthy discussion continued. Seat covers and front floor mats to be ordered; money to come from Chiefs account.
- Light issues on backs of two new Tahoes. Discussion continued; \$1,145 per vehicle to add more lights. Chief to call to have the wiring added.

RESOLUTION #221 ADDING MORE LIGHTS TO THE TWO NEW TAHOES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,300. MONEY TO BE TAKEN FROM THE TAHOE RESERVE MONIES.

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to add more lights to the two new Tahoes in the amount of \$2,300. Money to be taken from the Tahoe Reserve monies.

VOTE: Chandler, yes; Davis, yes; Dussault, no; King, yes; McGowan, yes.

Motion carried.

- Oversight in 2017; Commissioner Davis did not receive his 20-year award; Chief Ellsworth presented award this evening.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Chouinard

- All set.

Company #2 – D/C Barss:

- Flashover training this weekend, auxiliary would like to host a bake sale.

RESOLUTION #222 GIVING CO #2 AUXILIARY PERMISSION TO HOST A BAKE SALE AT CO #2 SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2019.

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give Co #2 Auxiliary permission to host a Bake Sale at Co #2 September 14-15, 2019.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- New 273 mounting, requested 2 totes at \$50 each. Board okayed.
- Would also like Little Giant ladder at \$119. Board okayed.
- Chief Ellsworth questioned the \$10,000 mounting fee on new 273. Lengthy discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #223 AMENDING RESOLUTION #219 TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$718,046.00 TO BULLDOG.

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to amend Resolution #219 to approve payment of \$718,046.00 to Bulldog.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Company #3 – D/C Murray:

- Entryways need to be looked at.
- Questioned if sealcoating was going to start soon, yes.

Company #4 – D/C Bogardus:

- Questioned if returning members needed to take New Member Orientation; It was noted that they are mandated to take the Saturday class.

Report of District EMS Coordinator: Nate King:

- Not present this evening.

Report of the Training Committee: D/C Barss

- Flashover trailer was delivered, there is good enrollment.
- Capital District water supply course is the following weekend at Co #2.
- Continuing with training at building by the school.
- Extrication and Survival courses coming in October.
- NMO rescheduled to 9/28 with 8 am introductions.
- Officer requirements are on the 9/25 agenda for Board approval. Next policy revision will be bailout.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Davis
 - Questioned what the Board is going to do with old 273 when new 273 coming in possibly next week. Brief discussion; the Chief noted it is going to Co #4, 291 sold to Brindlee Mountain, and they will be taking delivery by October 31st. Commissioner King questioned if the truck has the new packs on it; D/C Barss noted yes. Brief discussion continued; D/C Barss noted the packs on 273 will be transferred to new 273. P/A Ranck noted that the packs on 291 will then be transferred to old 273.
- Dussault
 - Good.
- King
 - Should look at the cost of putting pig tails on the packs on old 273.
- McGowan
 - Still working on EMS grant, if you have ideas please contact him. Brief discussion

continued. Chief Ellsworth noted that all the companies can now file grant paperwork.

- Chandler
 - Nothing at this time.

Reports of the Town Board Liaisons

- **Town of Greenfield:** Davis
 - Nothing at this time.
- **Town of Wilton:** Scott Dussault
 - Nothing at this time.

Reports of the Town Board Planning Liaisons

- **Town of Greenfield:** Chandler
 - Nothing at this time.
- **Town of Wilton:** Dussault
 - 628 Maple Avenue progressing very quickly; utility work should start next week and then the buildings in October.
 - No update on property by Ambulance Corp. Brief discussion continued.

Special Topics of Discussion:

- Update regarding partnership with library moved to September 25th meeting. Commissioner Dussault noted a partnership with the library is a really good idea.
- Lengthy budget discussion continued, with emphasis on Ladder Reserve Fund.

RESOLUTION #224 ADOPTING THE 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED to adopt the 2020 Proposed Budget as submitted.

VOTE: Chandler, yes; Davis, yes; Dussault, no; King, no; McGowan, yes.

Motion carried.

Commissioner King explained that he voted no as he wanted the Reserves to be voted on separately.

Final Comments:

- President Gibbins noted that Co #1 changed out the pack batteries last night. Discussion continued; P/A Ranck will let the vendor know before they start pack inspections.
- Brief discussion also regarding mask upgrades, including thermal masks that apparently many are not happy with.
- D/C Bogardus questioned years of service of a particular member that does not match with his calculation. Discussion continued, Co #1 and 3 to look for Firefighter Ramsey's records, Joyce will research.
- Commissioner McGowan questioned the status of 261, they were told last night there is an issue with it. P/A Ranck noted there is no issue. It was an overfilling issue and has been resolved.

RESOLUTION #225 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

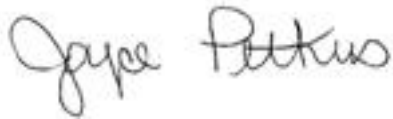
SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dussault with a second from Commissioner Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Petkus". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Joyce A. Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer