

**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
Greenfield Fire District  
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The November 23, 2020 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order remotely via Zoom Video Conferencing by Chairman Michael Chandler at 7:07 PM.

Present via Zoom Video: Commissioners Michael Chandler, Scott Dussault, Clinton McGowan; D/A-Treasurer Joyce Petkus, PA/SK Don Ranck. Excused: Commissioner Joseph Russo.

**RESOLUTION #223 APPROVING THE NOVEMBER 11, 2020 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.**

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve the November 11, 2020 Commissioner meeting minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:**

Commissioner McGowan will approve the abstract, but he has a question after the meeting.

**RESOLUTION #224 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #22 DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2020 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #200517 THROUGH VOUCHER #200540, TOTALING \$24,625.02.**

A3410.1	\$ 5,428.81
A3410.2	\$ 2,999.68
A3410.4	\$15,781.21
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Total:	\$ 24,625.03

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #22 dated November 23, 2020 from the General Fund, Voucher #200517 through Voucher #200540, totaling \$24,625.03.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #225 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #14 DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2020, FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, VOUCHER #BR20020 THROUGH VOUCHER #BR20021, TOTALING \$185,647.55.**

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #14 dated November 23, 2020, from the Building Reserve Fund, Voucher #BR20020 through Voucher #BR20021, totaling \$185,647.55.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Report of the District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus

- Received letter dated November 12, 2020 from Commissioner Michael Chandler requesting his name be place on the ballot for the 5-year term of Commissioner;
- Received letter dated November 13, 2020 from firefighter Walt Ramsey from Co #2 requesting his name be placed on the ballot for the 3-year term of Commissioner.

Both letters received prior to the deadline.

**Final Comments:**

- Commissioner Dussault noted that D/C Bogardus has cancelled all social activities at Co #4; they are only responding to emergency calls. Due to the increase in COVID cases in the county, and due to the upcoming holidays, everyone should be safe in order to spend the holidays safely with their families.
- Commissioner McGowan agreed with Commissioner Dussault, but stated that serious consideration should be given to ceasing all meetings or activities that occur at the firehouses that are basically groups, be it the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lion's Club, etc. Commissioner Chandler clarified that he was suggesting outside venues only. Brief discussion continued.

**RESOLUTION #226 CEASING ALL EXTERNAL GROUPS FROM UTILIZING THE FIREHOUSE UNTIL THE JANUARY 6, 2021 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.**

MOTION: McGowan

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to cease all external groups from utilizing the firehouse until the January 6, 2021 Organizational meeting.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

D/A-Treasurer Joyce Petkus to add it to the Organizational meeting agenda.

**RESOLUTION #227 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.**

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

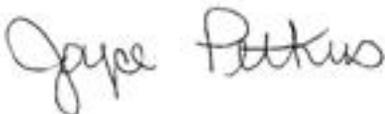
RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chandler with a second from Commissioner Dussault to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Zoom meeting transcription attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus  
District Administrator/Treasurer

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(Commissioner Chandler) I call this Zoom Meeting to order. I assume everyone read the November 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 Commissioner meeting minutes and I'd like to make a motion to approve those minutes.

(Commissioner Dussault) I'll second that.

(Commissioner Chandler) Second by Scott. All in Favor? Three ayes. Any opposed? Carried.

(Commissioner Chandler) I'd like to make a resolution to pay Abstract #22 dated November 23, 2020 from the General Fund, Voucher #200517 through Voucher #200540, totaling \$24,625.02. Can I get a second?

(Commissioner Dussault) I'll second that.

(Commissioner Chandler) Second by Scott. All in Favor? Two ayes.

(Commissioner McGowan) I approve it with questions to be answered after.

(Commissioner Chandler) Okay. Passed.

(Commissioner Chandler) I also make a resolution to approve payment of Abstract #14 dated November 23, 2020, from the Building Reserve Fund, Voucher #BR20020 through Voucher #BR20021, totaling \$185,647.55. Can I get a second on that?

(Commissioner Dussault) Second that Mike.

(Commissioner Chandler) Second by Scott. All in favor? Three ayes. Any opposed? Carried.

(Commissioner Chandler) You're up Joyce.

(D/A-Treasurer Joyce Petkus) Okay. Just want it entered into the minutes that I received letters from Commissioner Chandler to be put on the ballot for the 5-year term of Commissioner and also from Walt Ramsey from Co #2 to be placed on the ballot for position of the three-year Commissioner.

(Commissioner Chandler) Alright, you guys have anything pertinent or need to bring up?

(Commissioner Dussault) Duane only has us going to calls right now, no social activities at Maple Avenue due to the uptick we've had in the county and other positive exposures in the

district. I don't think anybody else is going to be doing the same but I just feel that due to the holidays we should be safe because a lot of us do want to be with our families and I don't want to have anybody get sick.

(Commissioner Chandler) What about you Clint, do have anything?

(Commissioner McGowan) Actually, just to add to Scott's point, we don't need to make a decision about it tonight, but I just want to go on record stating that we need to give serious consideration to ceasing all meetings or activities that occur at the firehouses that are basically groups, be it Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lion's Club, whatever.

(Commissioner Chandler) Any outside venues is what you are talking about?

(Commissioner McGowan) Yes, any outside people. I think those activities need to cease and desist for the remainder of the year and we can re-evaluate it at the beginning of the year, because I know we've already had some issues with an outside group as we know and I think just for the safety of our people and for them, I think it would be a good thing to do. I don't know if it's something we want to discuss tonight further or think about it and send an email after. I feel bad, but I think it's the best thing for everybody. To echo Scott's points, we need to be safe so we can be with our families for the holidays.

(Commissioner Chandler) Well go ahead and make that a motion, and we'll just make it happen tonight. I agree with you.

(D/A-Treasurer Joyce Petkus) Before you make the motion Clint, why don't you make the motion through the Organizational meeting because then you can bring it up at the Organizational meeting to either continue the motion or to rescind that motion.

(Commissioner Chandler) That will be the first week in January.

(D/A-Treas. Joyce Petkus) January 6<sup>th</sup>, right Don? Just shake your head yes if it's January 6<sup>th</sup>.

(Commissioner McGowan) Forgive me if I screw this up because I am not good at making motions. I would like to go ahead and make the motion that we cease all basically external groups from utilizing the firehouse until the Organizational meeting which occurs at the beginning of January 2021.

(Commissioner Dussault) I'll second that.

(Commissioner Chandler) All in favor? Three ayes. Any opposed? Carried.

(D/A-Treasurer Joyce Petkus) I will add it to the agenda of the Organizational meeting.

(Commissioner Chandler) Very good, thank you.

(Commissioner Chandler) At this time I make a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

(Commissioner Dussault) I'll second that.

(Commissioner Chandler) Seconded by Scott. All in favor? Three ayes. Opposed? Carried.

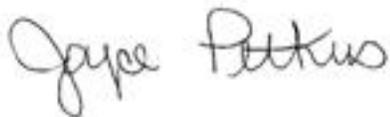
(Commissioner Chandler) I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

(Commissioner Dussault) I'll second that too.

(Commissioner Chandler) Second by Scott. All in favor; three ayes. Opposed? Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

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