

Board of Fire Commissioners

Greenfield Fire District

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The February 23, 2022 Commissioner Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 7:04 PM. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were: Commissioners Chandler, Dussault, Hays, Ramsey, Russo; D/A-Treasurer Petkus. See sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #49 APPROVING THE FEBRUARY 9, 2022 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to approve the February 9, Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

RESOLUTION #50 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #4 DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2022 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #220057 THROUGH VOUCHER #220074, TOTALING \$23,877.66.

A3410.1	\$ 5,404.39
A3410.4	\$16,873.99
A9000.8	\$ 1,599.28

Total:	\$23,877.66

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #4 dated February 23, 2022 from the General Fund, Voucher #220057 through Voucher #220074, totaling \$23,877.66.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - AFDCA Officer Installation is scheduled for March 12, 2022 at the Saratoga Holiday Inn from 6-10 pm. Cost is \$75 PP/\$120 couple. Needs to know who would like to attend; there were none.
 - Received a thank you letter for the donation of the Tahoe from Cossayuna Volunteer Fire Department.
 - Have begun registrations for on-line defensive driver. Also sent out a second email yesterday.
 - 2022 Annual physicals will begin March 1st; flyers have been posted and forms delivered to the firehouses. No one is exempt this year. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #51 GIVING TIMOTHY WALL PERMISSION TO ATTEND NYSAFC FIRE BEHAVIOR ON THE INSIDE TRAINING, WATERVLIET ARSENAL, ALBANY, NY, ON 4/23/2022. PERMISSION TO ALSO TAKE 26.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to give Timothy Wall permission to attend NYSAFC Fire Behavior on the Inside training, Watervliet Arsenal, Albany, NY, 4/23/2022. Permission to also take 26.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Lengthy discussion regarding the FASNY Princess Party.

RESOLUTION #52 GIVING JILL CHOUNARD PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE FASNY PRINCESS PARTY, FASNY FIRE MUSEUM, HUDSON, NY, ON 3/26/2022. PERMISSION TO ALSO TAKE 26.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give Jill Chouinard permission to attend the FASNY Princess Party, FASNY Fire Museum, Hudson, NY, 3/26/2022 Permission to also take 26.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

• **Purchasing:**

- Commissioner Chandler noted the Board has taken over the role of purchasing. Most equipment has been ordered that was on the list.
- Chief Davis noted that Frank can get the Motorola batteries for \$100 each. After market batteries are \$39 each. Discussion continued.
- Larry noted that Co #3 doors are complete, will be delivering fluids tomorrow and he has some other projects.

• **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus

- Cannot resolve a critical error on the FY 2021 AUD, so has requested an extension and will contact the Auditor for assistance.
- Continuing work on FY 2021 independent audit.

Firefighter/Auxiliary New Members/Changes in Membership:

- Co #2: Jaedyn Loria, under 18.
- Co #3: Erik Welmaker change from 16/17 year old to active firefighter.

RESOLUTION #53 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN ABOVE NEW MEMBER APPLICATION AND CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign above new member application and change in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Jon Davis

- 281 and 282 arrow stick are not working correctly; Rob will look at it this week.
- 273 left front brake is sticking; Larry looked at it, but it is going down to Vander Molen.
- FAST team will be in service this week. Best Practice will be finalized. 293 and 271 will be going to FAST calls. Large area search drill last week at the Middle School. Co #4 has a

rope bag with aluminum stops every 25 feet. They are \$1,000 per bag; would like to purchase three bags, one more for Co #4 and two for Co #2.

- Questioned if the stokes basket was approved and purchased last year. It was noted the one purchased last year was for Co #4 and came out of the EMS budget. Discussion continued; Commissioner Chandler to look into it.
- Captain Zak King is in charge of the FAST team, equipment and scheduling.
- EMS was brought up at last month's meeting, and the officers are in agreement that he will work with the County so that Greenfield only responds to Deltas and Echoes. Brief discussion continued.
- Also noted the auto pulse will be left at Co #1, and Brian Gibbins and an EMT will respond with the MED to where it needs to go. Would like to see one replaced, everyone around is using Lukas and the cost is about \$15,000.
- He is good with purchasing going online into Halligan. Will send out an I AM RESPONDING to the officers. There will be no more paper copies.
- Gear committee met and they want to get four sets of gear; a meeting with the vendor has been set up for March 15th. Brief discussion continued, including selling the old gear.
- Would also like to see the gear people meet with the Board at a meeting.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Coffey

- Requested a white board and easel; Commissioner Chandler noted he saw the request and one was also ordered for Co #3.
- Spoke to Dave Kenyon; keep him in your thoughts and reach out to him.

Company #2 – D/C Richards

- All good.

Company #3 – D/C Petkus

- Captain Murray's fiancé and new baby came home from the hospital today; everyone is fine.
- Sent in a work order; the TIC batteries will not charge. Brief discussion continued.
- Questioned the status of the training laptops, and the radio room computer is horrible. Brief discussion continued.

Company #4 – D/C Bogardus

- Thanks to all the companies for their assistance pumping the water off Beverly Street.
- Would like to see some boot dryers purchased.
- Vander Molen looked at the rehab bus lights and have temporarily fixed them. Brief discussion continued.
- 296 has an exhaust leak at the manifold. Brief discussion; D/C Bogardus to contact Nemer Nemer Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram of Saratoga.
- Captain Zak King noted he received a map for the cell tower; Commissioner Chandler will forward to Verizon. Co #4 agreed to move forward with the project, and is hoping the rent from it can go to their training prop building. Commissioner Chandler noted it has to go into the general fund and needs to go to budget deficit offsets or future budget increases to give relief to the public. A company called Vertical Solutions was recommended; they can negotiate a fair price for the cell tower. The cost is \$385/hour, with a 10-hour cap, and they would negotiate on behalf of the district for a higher rate. They would do a free consult with the Board, but they need an aerial map, a map of the utilities and a copy of the lease. Captain King will forward their contact information. Commissioner Chandler noted the lease agreement was sent over to the attorney for review, and he suggested moving forward with as well. Further discussion continued.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Christian Alvord

- Zoll AED batteries have been ordered.
- There have been some paperwork issues with WEMS, but it is all expected to be at the office this Friday, including the paperwork for the new meds.

Report of the Training Committee:

- Captain Z. King noted they are continuing with MBK; ice rescue drill starts next Tuesday.
- Created an Outlook calendar. IAR reminders will go out the day before a training.
- Sent a list to the Chiefs asking who wants to be on the FAST group.

Report of the Explorer Program:

- There was a meeting last night, and it was brought to their attention that some of the kids are being bullied in school because they are in the Explorer Program, so they would like to do a table at the school. Brief discussion continued; Board okayed and the Advisors will contact the school about setting up a table and promoting the program.
- The first class of the year is scheduled for March 7th.
- Questioned if the invoice was received; Joyce noted it was approved earlier this evening.
- Josh Hightower and Darren Barss want to be advisors.
- Confirmed the Explorer budget is \$2,000, and there is about \$1,500 left.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Dussault
 - Nothing at this time.
- Hays
 - Nothing at this time.
- Ramsey
 - Questioned if Joyce had heard from Cara at Vander Molen; she noted she has not.
 - Requested the Chiefs get pictures, and dates of birth and death of all deceased members that passed away between 2017 and 2022 for the banquet program. Also needs a list of the 2021 outgoing officers.
- Russo
 - Nothing at this time.
- Chandler
 - Nothing at this time.

Reports of the Town Board/Town Planning Board Liaisons:

- **Town of Greenfield:** Russo
 - Nothing at this time.
- **Town of Wilton:** Scott Dussault
 - The Car Shoppe got their conceptual plans approved.
 - Has been receiving PDFs and forwarding them to Lt. Krueger to be added to the ER pre-plans.

District Policy Review:

- Membership Application: no changes made.
- New Member Orientation: discussion; tabled to the next meeting.
- Workplace Violence Prevention: no changes made.
- New Member Live Burn: lengthy discussion; tabled to the next meeting.
- Dress Uniform: discussion regarding changes made and forwarded to the Board.

RESOLUTION #54 APPROVING THE CHANGES TO THE UNIFORM POLICY AS SUBMITTED AND DISCUSSED.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve the changes to the Uniform Policy as submitted and discussed.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- SCBA Qualified Firefighter: discussion regarding changes made and forwarded to the Board.

RESOLUTION #55 APPROVING THE CHANGES TO THE SCBA QUALIFIED FIREFIGHTER POLICY AS SUBMITTED AND DISCUSSED.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve the changes to the SCBA Qualified Policy as submitted and discussed.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Special Topics of Discussion:

- Chief Davis noted he would like to purchase personal TICs for the members of the FAST team. D/C Coffey noted that Co #1 just purchased 5 for their members at a cost of \$544 each. Lengthy discussion continued. The Board also okayed reimbursement to Co #1; invoice to be forwarded to Joyce for payment. Money for all 20 TICs to come out of .2 Miscellaneous Equipment.

RESOLUTION #56 THAT COMMISSIONER CHANDLER WILL WORK WITH D/C COFFEY TO ORDER 15 MORE PERSONAL TICS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED that Commissioner Chandler will work with D/C Coffey to order 15 more personal TICs.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Chief Davis requested a page of the minutes be donated in memory Past Chief Wayne Middlebrook.
- A/C Thurman requested some EVOC classes; Chief Davis to speak to A/C Barss.
- Captain Z. King noted there are 6 people on Co #4 FAST team; asked if Co #4 could jump on and purchase a 6th TIC. Chief Davis noted they should hold off at this time.
- Commissioner Chandler questioned what the Board wanted to do with the rescue bags. Chief Davis noted he would like to see Co #2 get one, as well as a stokes basket for them. Brief discussion continued. Board okayed the purchase of one bag.
- D/C Petkus noted that the training center pumps do not work and so they are hooking up to the county hydrants. They are also moving ahead with the new training building.
- Commissioner Ramsey would like to have each company look at which members are not showing up and that have new gear in their lockers, and to swap out the new gear with older gear. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #57 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

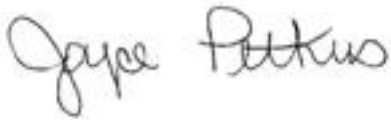
SECOND: Russo

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 8:36 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Petkus". The ink is dark and the signature is centered horizontally.

Joyce A. Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer