

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

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The April 2008 Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at Co #1 by Chairman Kugler at 6:59 pm on April 9, 2008. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for the departed.

## **Present were:**

Commissioners: B. Bishop, Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary Petkus, Treasurer J. Bishop, Purchasing Agent Howe  
A/C's: Gibbins, Chandler, Ellsworth; 2<sup>nd</sup> A/C's: Kemp.

Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

## **Chairman Kugler asked for any additions/corrections to the March 12, 2008 minutes.**

## **RESOLUTION #129 TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 12, 2008 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.**

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to accept the March 12, 2008 meeting minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

## **Chairman Kugler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract.**

A/C Gibbins had a question regarding claim #208; Treasurer J. Bishop noted it also included the original bill, which hadn't been paid yet.

A/C Ellsworth had a question on claim #184 and #203, Mr. Kenyon charged us to take the truck down for inspection? One of the guys could have taken it down. Also, why didn't Millertown inspect all the trucks? It was explained that Millertown only inspects the large trucks. A/C Ellsworth also noted that 282 was back and could be inspected; Secretary Petkus to call Millertown and arrange that.

Treasurer J. Bishop noted a change on claim #202; the new total should be \$10,086.96, not \$10,811.96.

Chairman Kugler noted that in reference to claim #204, A/C Lant said that should come out of rescue, not Co #4 allotment. A/C Gibbins noted that under an agreement with the officers that any purchases out of the rescue account would be authorized through all the people who are in charge of that account; Commissioner Robarge noted he is in charge of the rescue account and didn't know about it. Chairman Kugler said to leave it as is, and asked A/C Gibbins to explain that to A/C Lant. Both the Treasurer and Purchasing Agent noted the PO was marked Co #4 allotment.

**RESOLUTION #130 TO PAY CLAIM #144 THROUGH CLAIM #211 WITH CORRECTIONS MADE, TOTALING \$38,482.90.**

A3410.1     \$ 3,405.67  
A3410.2     5,037.89  
A3410.4     30,039.34  
Total:       \$ 38,482.90

MOTION: Spackmann  
SECOND: B. Bishop  
RESOLVED to pay claim #144 through claim #211 with corrections made, totaling \$38,482.90.  
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer J. Bishop noted on the Building Reserve, there is one change on that, claim #13 for Curtis Lumber is a bill that she had given Co #4 treasurer last month and evidently it still isn't paid, and the District got another copy of it and it was erroneously added to the abstract. Co #4 President Dean Deuel asked for a copy of that and he will get it paid.

**RESOLUTION #131 TO PAY CLAIM #10 THROUGH CLAIM #13, EXCEPT CLAIM #13, FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, TOTALING \$4377.13 PER PREVIOUS PERMISSIVE REFERENDUMS.**

R3400.0     \$4377.13

MOTION: B. Bishop  
SECOND: Spackmann  
RESOLVED to pay claim #10 through claim #13, except claim #13, from the Building Reserve fund, totaling \$4377.13 per previous permissive referendums.  
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- \*FASNY 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Rochester August 19-22, 2008.
- \*VFIS legal liability seminar at the Holiday Inn Albany on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9 pm.
- \*Life member Randy Davis sent a letter asking for permission to keep his access card to the firehouse.

**RESOLUTION #132 ALLOWING LIFE MEMBER RANDY DAVIS TO RETAIN HIS ACCESS CARD TO THE FIREHOUSE.**

MOTION: Robarge  
SECOND: Waite  
RESOLVED to allow life member Randy Davis to retain his access card to the firehouse.  
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Purchasing:**

- \*A/C Ellsworth's light bar is in, has not heard about A/C Chandler's. A/C Chandler noted it should be here at the end of the week or next week.
- \*District Photographer vests are in, will contact her to pick those up.
- \*Co #4 green stokes female adapter is in, the other 2 are on backorder.

\*Has 2 PO's for carpet for Commissioner Waite and chain saw blades. Noted there was no description for the section that had \$12.95. Captain Bullard noted it was for a 15" chain saw blade.

**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:** Merrill Ladd, resignation due to health reasons. Derrick Barss transfer from Co #1 to Co #2, as he moved into Co #2 area. Chief and 2<sup>nd</sup> A/C Davis signed off on it already.

**Middle Grove Company #3:** None.

**Maple Avenue Company #4:** None.

**RESOLUTION #133 TO ACCEPT ABOVE CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.**

MOTION: B. Bishop

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept above changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

A/C Gibbins noted he did not know about it; A/C Chandler said he thought Mr. Barss discussed it with him. Commissioner Waite said he would like to see Mr. Ladd stay on as a social member; A/C Chandler said it was addressed but did not hear anything back from Mr. Ladd.

**Grants – Andrea Mann**

\*Not present.

\*Secretary Petkus said Andrea had sent an email, which she reviewed the following:

- Asked if the District had an historian; the Commissioners will address it at the next workshop.
- She also asked if a liaison has been assigned for the 'Are You OK project'; the Chief was supposed to discuss it at the officer's meeting. A/C Gibbins noted it was forgotten about.
- Waiting for Porter Corners to do ropes training prior to writing grant.
- What do you want her to go after in the DEC grant? Needs to be in by May 15<sup>th</sup> District will have to match funds. Chairman Kugler noted he had the grant application and he will call Andrea to discuss. After more discussion, A/C Gibbins asked for 6 poly Indian tanks and A/C Ellsworth noted he could use some rakes and shovels.

## RESOLUTION #134 TO APPLY FOR THE DEC FORESTRY GRANT.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to apply for the DEC forestry grant.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

### **Report of Chief McConkey:**

\*Not present.

### **Reports from Companies:**

#### **Company #1 – A/C Gibbins:**

\*Big tree on the corner of the lot is mostly dead and should come down. Will ask the town if they will do it. Commissioners have no problem with taking it down; Commissioner Robarge and A/C Gibbins to speak with Walt Barss.

#### **Company #2 – A/C Chandler:**

\*Hasn't heard anything on 273 yet; Commissioner Waite noted the gears are in. Should hopefully be fixed by the middle of next week. A/C Gibbins said that they also talked about sending down 261 to get painted and after discussion A/C Ellsworth said he could spare 282.

\*Any word on the pagers yet? P/A Howe has not heard anything yet.

\*Asked about his belt clip as well. P/A Howe noted it should have been here, it was ordered that same night he asked for it.

#### **Company #3 – A/C Jay Ellsworth:**

\*Did a really good paint job on 282, no comparison from what they were getting before.

\*Asked about the fittings – P/A Howe noted it is still not resolved, but is continuing to work on it. There was a change in reps.

\*Asked if we are going to be receiving spreadsheets on purchases like last year? P/A Howe noted they would be.

\*Asked if Commissioner Robarge checked with National Grid guys; he had and they said they had nothing to do with it and to call the office directly. Commissioner Robarge to continue to work on it.

#### **Company #4 – Captain Bullard:**

\*Thanked the other 3 companies for their help in Sunday's drill.

\*Submitted a proposal for Holmatro Cutter.

\*Lt. Dean Deuel asked for the second part of the renovation money to begin the third phase. There was detailed discussion regarding the proposal; Commissioner B. Bishop asked if the company has been keeping up with their side of the deal, is the company portion of it also being paid as well? Lt. Deuel explained that they purchased the exercise equipment and they had the counter tops installed; Commissioner B. Bishop noted they were donated and Lt. Deuel explained that this was all stuff they said they were going to go out and get. Commissioner Spackmann noted the proposal was all estimates. Treasurer J. Bishop asked why the District purchased scales and posters. Commissioner Spackmann noted there had been many discussions regarding payment of bills and whether they should be taken out of company allotment or District funds. Commissioner B. Bishop noted that what is the treasurer is trying to say is if it is supposed to be paid through the company, then why is it being filtered through the District? It was decided that Commissioner Spackmann to be in charge of checking the renovation bills and signing off on them.

**RESOLUTION #135 TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND ELEVEN THOUSAND (\$11,000.00) DOLLARS FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND TOWARD THE RENOVATIONS OF MAPLE AVENUE CO #4.**

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend Eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) dollars from the Building Reserve fund toward the renovations of Maple Avenue Co #4.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Report of EMS Coordinator Gary Gibbins:**

\*Got prices for the blankets, and they are expensive, so he will have to draft up a letter to the Board. Will cost about \$5000.00 and will come out of the EMS account. P/A Howe looked around as well and could not get any other cheaper quotes.

\*Instructor coming back for the EMS pilot program, he is now charging \$65/hour and was okayed by the Chief already. District blood born pathogens class is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Co #1.

**Planning Board:**

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

\* Spent 3 months on copper field Braim Road, need to get yearly approval;

\*Roeckle property up for minor subdivision.

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

\*CVS over by Dunkin Donuts may not have a sprinkler system in it now, still in negotiations;

\*Strip mall going next to the Price Chopper on Rte. 50. Controversy over the entrance/exits;

\*Aldi's to start construction any time.

**Reports of the Commissioners:**

**Commissioner B. Bishop:**

\*Still have issues at Co #3 with the roof leaking and would like permission for Mr. Van Dyk to look at it and make necessary repairs. Permission granted.

**Commissioner Robarge:**

\*Went over generator proposals again.

**RESOLUTION #136 TO AWARD THE GENERATOR BID OF \$18,327.00 TO KINSLEY POWER SYSTEMS.**

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to award the generator bid of \$18,327.00 to Kinsley Power Systems.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

## RESOLUTION #137 TO AWARD THE GENERATOR INSTALLATION BID OF \$9,976.51 TO CURRAN ELECTRIC, INC.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to award the generator installation bid of \$9,976.51 to Curran Electric, Inc.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Robarge also noted that he had received a copy of Curran Electric's liability insurance for two million dollars. He will oversee and ask for help from Mike Lagalles and Harold Hall to check on things as they progress.

### **Commissioner Waite:**

\*Picked up the fuel report from the Town and something is definitely wrong. Apparently problem with the town's computer. Last night the Chief had all the truck's fueled up. Treasurer to work with Commissioner Waite to go back 6 months and take average fuel consumption if the town can't figure out the actual amount.

\*Had a kick back from the County for 2 radios from Middle Grove that Capital Digitronics worked on. County reported that they don't replace mikes so the Chief asked to have list sent of what the County will do. Would like a PO to get these bills paid in the meantime.

## RESOLUTION #138 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY THE TWO CAPITAL DIGITRONICS BILLS RECEIVED.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay the two Capital Digitronics bills received.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

\*Ropes training for the grant – if we don't have the equipment how can we do the training? Commissioner Spackmann noted that Co #4 had someone come to train and used their equipment., and Maple Avenue has that equipment to use, speak to the Maple Avenue officers.

## RESOLUTION #139 GIVING THE TOWN PERMISSION TO HOLD THEIR HIGHWAY SAFETY SEMINAR AT CO #1 ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give the Town permission to hold their highway safety seminar at Co #1 on Thursday, May 8, 2008.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

### **Commissioner Spackmann:**

\*Welcomed Don back.

\*Welcomed Captain Bogardus back, was recently cleared back to duty.

\*Final draft of newsletter out, please review and get back any final changes by this Sunday.

\*Gear submitted in writing and has to sit for 30 days.

\*Asked Commissioner Waite if there was any progress on the Nextel stuff. Commissioner Waite and P/A Howe noted they have not worked on it.

## RESOLUTION #140 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO FORWARD THE \$229,000.00 LOSAP MONEY TO RBC DAIN RAUSCHER FOR INVESTMENT.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to forward the \$229,000.00 LOSAP money to RBC Dain Rauscher for investment.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kugler asked if there was anything else before closing the meeting:

- Ron Bishop noted there was a problem with Allerdice billing. P/A Howe to call tomorrow to straighten it out.
- Dean Deuel noted that the boxing tournament scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to June 7<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict.
- P/A Howe has some other quotes for hose bridge systems for A/C Chandler to look over.
- Treasurer J. Bishop reminded Maple Avenue to please sign the receipts when they gas up at the Mobil.
- Secretary Petkus noted there has been a change in how to receive tickets for the Chief's show in Lake George and she is currently working on getting them. She will create a sign in sheet for those interested in going. No longer able to purchase them ahead of time, but can pay \$5.00 at the door.
- A/C Chandler asked the Board to replace the nozzle on the booster reel on 272. Apparently no parts around to rebuild it. Jay Farrell noted he had information on that and will email that information to the Secretary to forward to the proper people.
- Commissioner Robarge asked Secretary Petkus to send a letter to Mr. Ladd thanking him for his service.
- Secretary Petkus to send letter to all generator bidders, Commissioner Robarge already signed off on it.
- Mike Lagalles asked when Co #4 generator is going in. Not going in until all the other companies are taken care of.

Discussion then held regarding the ladder truck. Jay Farrell explained that he sent in the letter of intent yesterday. In order to lock that truck in, needs signed contract to continue to hold the truck. Can note that this is contingent on attorney approval. If attorney does not approve, the contract is null and void. Trucks are going quickly; six were sold since last Friday.

Greenfield's truck will not be a problem, the stock one was sold, will need to do a build to order. Commissioner B. Bishop noted he did not want to make a decision going into a totally new purchasing plan, something we have never done before, without at least bouncing it off the attorney first. Chairman Kugler clarified with Mr. Farrell, that if Bill Young comes up next week and does not approve of whatever we are doing, and there are some problems, it automatically cancels this contract until such time this can be rectified; Jay Farrell noted this was correct. Further discussion continued; Chairman Kugler asked Mr. Farrell, if they signed the contract going with the trade, and in the meantime we have the opportunity to sell that truck, does that screw up the works? Mr. Farrell noted it would, because the trade goes through a broker.

**RESOLUTION #141 TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR AERIAL PLATFORM,  
CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL FROM LEGAL COUNSEL.**

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to sign contract for aerial platform, contingent on approval from legal counsel.

VOTE: Kugler, yes; Waite, yes; B. Bishop, yes; Spackmann, yes; Robarge, abstained.

**RESOLUTION #142 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.**

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner B. Bishop with a second from Commissioner Robarge to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus  
District Secretary