

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The July 2008 Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at Co #4 by Chairman Kugler at 7:00 pm on July 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;
A/C's: Gibbins, Chandler, Ellsworth; 2nd A/C's: Davis, Kemp.

Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

Chairman Kugler asked for any additions/deletions/corrections to the June 11, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes.

Secretary Petkus noted that on Resolution #188 the total should read \$33,013.24.

RESOLUTION #205 TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 11, 2008 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES WITH CORRECTION.

MOTION: Waite
SECOND: B. Bishop
RESOLVED to accept the June 11, 2008 Commissioner meeting minutes with correction.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #206 TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 11, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: B. Bishop
SECOND: Spackmann
RESOLVED to accept the June 11, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes as written.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kugler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract.

Commissioner Robarge noted the \$25 charge for training for Mike Chandler; Treasurer J. Bishop noted it was an old unpaid bill from last year.

Commissioner B. Bishop asked the Treasurer if she every checked with Allerdice and she noted a bill came in to Middle Grove.

RESOLUTION #207 TO PAY CLAIM #337 THROUGH CLAIM #389, TOTALING \$28,655.24.

A3410.1	\$ 3,405.67
A3410.2	14,267.57
A3410.4	10,982.00
Total:	\$ 28,655.24

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay claim #337 through claim #389, totaling \$28,655.24.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

*Physicals: Spoke to Dr. Peacock; you can start calling from Wednesday morning on to make an appointment. Will have another update posted in district bulletin boards by Friday.

Purchasing:

*P/A Howe not present.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: Joseph Luse, IV, under 18.

Maple Avenue Company #4: Jeffrey Doty and John McEachron, Jr.

Secretary Petkus noted that after the meeting she will have all their District Manuals, access and gear tags for them.

Changes in membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: William Horbury, request for one year leave of absence effective June 1, 2008.

RESOLUTION #208 TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE THREE NEW MEMBERS AND ONE CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to accept the above three new members and one change in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants – Andrea Mann

*Not present.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – A/C Gibbins:

*Good and quiet.

Company #2 – 2nd A/C Davis:

*Good and quiet.

*A/C Chandler got a price on the low angle rescue training; will be about \$4000.00 for about 20 students and they will supply everything needed for training and after we get the class decide what we need. Handed out a sheet with the course information. Commissioner Robarge to coordinate with A/C Chandler. Secretary Petkus noted that Andrea had emailed her that she had some stuff for this grant.

*Gave a list of air bottles to Chairman Kugler.

Company #3 – A/C Jay Ellsworth:

*Asked about the water heater: Secretary Petkus noted that Toby Middlebrook installed it this afternoon. Old hot water is in the back bay and needs to stay there until the insurance company sends someone out to look at it. Battery back up was also picked up and will be installed tomorrow morning. Can go ahead and call someone to replace the damages ceiling tiles; she took pictures of all the damage this morning. She also opened the access security boxes to check them, as well as called Center for Security and spoke to them.

Company #4 – A/C Lant:

*Had an incident a while ago regarding speedy dry and DOT; handed out copies of the letter received to the Commissioners. Joyce to call Bill Young, send copies and speak to him.

*They were at the mall area a few weeks ago pumping water and mall security came out and said the toilets were not working; he called public works commissioner and Art Johnson and apparently the line from the city is shut off. Concerned that if they hook up two engines there won't be any water. Asked Skip Scirocco and they turned off a bunch of valves and the City is trying to get a map of what has been turned off. Art Johnson told him that if anything happens he has the authority to turn it on. A/C Lant will try to get a copy of that map. Brief discussion continued.

Report of Chief McConkey:

*Not present.

Report of EMS Coordinator Gary Gibbins:

*Life blankets received; liners were not. Apparently there was a miscommunication and he will straighten it out.

Planning Board:

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

*Quiet at the planning board.

*had an incident with the zoning board and so has tried to be a little more involved. Right now there is an application to put a road on Daniels to loop to Braim; apparently an applicant bad mouthed the fire department and the zoning board was hot on them in support of the fire department.

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

*Quiet.

*Nothing on the actual building of Aldi's yet, everything has been approved.

*CVS is only thing going in right now on Route 9.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner B. Bishop:

*Software update: looked at four vendors and received three proposals back. Handed out report to Commissioners; gave brief overview and recommended Fire Tracker software from Binary Connections. A one year subscription would be \$3780.00. Brief discussion continued, including testing it out at Middle Grove, bringing in the key people from each company and training them on it and going live on January 1st.

RESOLUTION #209 TO ENTER INTO A ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION WITH BINARY CONNECTIONS FOR THEIR FIRE TRACKER SOFTWARE.

MOTION: B. Bishop

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to enter into a one year subscription with Binary Connections for their Fire Tracker software.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Reminder that the Firefighter Injury policy has been revised and becomes effective August 1, 2008. Gave brief overview. Discussion continued about how to disseminate important information like this to the membership including having something on the website just for members only. Commissioner Spackmann noted that the website can be expanded to do that and would be a great discussion for 2009. Joyce to send out policy as an attachment to those members she has email addresses on.

*Picnic is set for August 16th at the O.B. Beyer Park in Porter Corners. Will be sending a poster and sign up sheet around to each firehouse tomorrow. A list of events will also be going around next week for the firefighter Olympics. The dunking booth will be a part of it so prepare to get a little wet. Members, auxiliary and their families are invited. Secretary Petkus noted that Commissioner Robarge made arrangements for Stewart's to donate ice cream and a cooler to keep it in for the picnic.

Commissioner Robarge:

*Water softener to be installed hopefully on Friday for the whole building.

*Spoke to Dave Lavender at Kinsley and there is still some hitch with the enclosure for Co #3 generator. Explained that it was a time sensitive issue. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #210 TO SEND A LETTER, CERTIFIED MAIL, TO KINSLEY POWER THAT DUE TO THE TIME SENSITIVE ISSUE, THE GENERATOR MUST BE DELIVERED BY JULY 18, 2008 OR THE BOARD WILL BE FORCED TO MOVE TO THE NEXT HIGHEST BIDDER.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to send a letter, certified mail, to Kinsley Power that due to the time sensitive issue, the generator must be delivered by July 18, 2008 or the Board will be forced to move to the next highest bidder.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Training: apparently some of the training paperwork is not getting filled out. Secretary Petkus noted she has an issue with regard to LOSAP, and that she has no record of anybody approving these trainings, so she is not sure if these guys are supposed to get credit for it. She has checked for a PO, checked with the Commissioner in charge of training, and also with Gary regarding some EMS training, who was not aware of the courses taken. Also, if they are going out of County, even if the course is free, if it is not approved by resolution by the Commissioners they will not be covered under VFBL. She also noted, that in that resolution, the names of those attending need to be listed in the resolution. She noted she did speak with Bill Young about this as well. Discussion continued including the problem of not getting the information from the County for courses far enough in advance to get a resolution. She noted she is at a loss as to whether she should just give them credit or not. Commissioner Robarge explained that if a firefighter wants credit for a course, then they have to follow the training policy. More discussion continued.

*Asked about 293 and the oil problem. Commissioner Spackmann said he spoke to Dave about this and emailed out the officers, and Dave was supposed to be getting a letter from Atlantic Detroit Diesel about this issue. Commissioner Robarge also asked about the inspection sticker too and did we receive it? Secretary Petkus noted she had received something in the mail from the aerial inspection company a couple of weeks ago, but it was addressed to the Chief and she just slipped it under his office door. More discussion continued.

Commissioner Spackmann:

*Access system: Will be doing Co #3 garage and chief office, as well at the Commissioners office and District Chief's office, along with internet connection service that has already been installed.

RESOLUTION #211 TO ADOPT THE 2008 ACCESS SYSTEM INSTALLATION PROPOSAL.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to adopt the 2008 Access System Installation Proposal.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Signed quotes will go over the Center for Security tomorrow. Secretary Petkus will let A/C Ellsworth know when the wire gets dropped off.

Commissioner Waite:

*284: Dave Kenyon was going to do something with the alternator on it and after that Adirondack was going to come down and work on it.

*Mike Smith's Minitor 5 went down to be programmed and came back and it doesn't work. Still under warranty. Having better luck with Adirondack than Albany Communications, spoke to him last Thursday and when the pagers are all done to drop them off at Lant's garage.

Commissioner Kugler:

*Has nothing except the LOSAP documents:

RESOLUTION #212 TO ACCEPT THE GREENFIELD FIRE DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM TRUST DOCUMENT AND PLAN DOCUMENT, DATED JULY 2008.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to accept the Greenfield Fire District Service Award Program Trust Document and Plan Document, dated July 2008.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

*A/C Gibbins was able to have a port-o-john donated to the District by Bradley Septic, to be housed at Co #1. Would charge us only to clean it when necessary, at \$45.00. Has not yet been received, but should be here soon. Discussion about purchasing a small utility trailer to transport to fire scenes. A/C Gibbins to research out a trailer.

RESOLUTION #213 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05 PM CONCERNING A PERSONNEL ISSUE REGARDING FIREFIGHTER MIKE SMITH.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 8:05 PM concerning a personnel issue regarding firefighter Mike Smith.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #214 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:25 PM.

MOTION: Kugler

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 8:25 PM.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*A reminder was made to swipe your access card or fob and sign the sheets in order to receive credit for LOSAP.

*A/C Gibbins brought to the attention of the board, a person who lived out of district and would like to join Co #1. Discussion occurred regarding out of district applicants and whether they need to be present or not. Commissioner B. Bishop read the section in the by-laws that requires the application be presented, not the applicant be present, to the Board for consideration. A/C Gibbins noted he did not read that and that he admits that he screwed up on this. He then explained the reason for the applicant wanting to join Co #1; the Board agreed that Co #1 could proceed with the application process.

*Treasurer J. Bishop asked for permission to pay the Time Warner Cable bills as they are received.

RESOLUTION #215 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY TIME WARNER CABLE BILLS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay Time Warner Cable bills as they are received.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Foreign Insurance check came in on July 1st; would like permission to make out a check for \$3829.51 to each company for their portion.

RESOLUTION #216 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3829.51 TO EACH COMPANY FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE FOREIGN INSURANCE MONEY.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to issue a check in the amount of \$3829.51 to each company for their portion of the foreign insurance money.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Treasurer J. Bishop asked for permission to move money between accounts because some of the accounts are already empty.

RESOLUTION #217 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO MOVE MONEY BETWEEN ACCOUNTS.

MOTION: Robarge

SECOND: B. Bishop

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to move money between accounts.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*A/C Ellsworth noted that the light bar on 82 intermittently does not work and now the emergency lights are not working. Paul to be called.

*A/C Lant noted radio on 291 is not working and it is not a county radio. Commissioner Waite to handle it.

*Commissioner B. Bishop has been in touch with East-West Apparatus Consultants; at the point where we need to let them know what we want them to look at. Need to set truck committee meeting. Also set by-law committee meeting for July 30th at Co #1 at 7 PM.

*FF Mike Lagalles asked if the Board was going to pursue a dry hydrant on Murray Road at the pond that was built. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #218 GIVING MIKE LAGALLES PERMISSION TO FURTHER PURSUE A DRY HYDRANT FOR THE POND ON MURRAY ROAD.

MOTION: B. Bishop

SECOND: Robarge

RESOLVED to give Mike Lagalles permission to further pursue a dry hydrant for the pond on Murray Road.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

*Dean Deuel Jr. noted he needs four more chargers for the Minitor 5's.

RESOLUTION #219 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 Robarge with a second from Commissioner Spackmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary