

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The June 2010 meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #3 by Acting Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:02 PM on June 9, 2010. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members and our troops overseas.

Present were:

Commissioners: B. Chouinard, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary J. Petkus, P/A J. Chouinard, Treasurer J. Bishop, Deputy Treasurer Perkins.

Commissioner Spackmann noted that Commissioners Kugler and Robarge are excused from tonight's meeting due to prior personal engagements.

Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #135 TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2010 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AND THE MAY 19, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION: B. Chouinard

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to approve the May 12, 2010 Commissioner Meeting Minutes and the May 19, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Acting Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Treasurer J. Bishop noted the following:

- She just received 2 bills from Bonesteel;
- Would like approval to make LOSAP payment of \$115,000.00;
- Approve payment to Fashion Floors for up to \$5000.00 allotted for Co #3 upstairs flooring when completed.

RESOLUTION #136 AUTHORIZING TREASURER TO SEND PAYMENT OF \$115,000.00 TO RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR 2009 LOSAP.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to authorize Treasurer to send payment of \$115,000.00 to RBC Wealth Management for 2009 LOSAP.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #137 AUTHORIZING TREASURER TO RELEASE PAYMENT TO FASHION FLOORS FOR CO #3 UPSTAIRS FLOORING PENDING APPROVAL OF CO #3 FLOOR COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to authorize Treasurer to release payment to Fashion Floors for Co #3 upstairs flooring pending approval of Co #3 floor committee.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Regarding the bills from Bonesteel Truck Repair, Mr. Bonesteel realized the invoices had not gone out before this meeting and faxed them over to the District Secretary, who explained the 30 day billing cycle. Brief discussion; Chief Lant noted everyone seems to be happy with his work. Bills to be approved for payment.

RESOLUTION #138 AUTHORIZING TREASURER TO PAY BILLS RECEIVED FROM BONESTEEL TRUCK REPAIR, TOTALING \$982.00.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to authorize Treasurer to pay bills received from Bonesteel Truck Repair, totaling \$982.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Lant noted claim numbers 10344 and 10348 for tags and reflective vests for Co #3, they are mandates and should not have to come out of their allotment. Brief discussion; money to come out of gear account. He also noted claim #10342 the repair on 266, asked if the Treasurer has the repair order and exactly what is listed. Treasurer pulled the invoice, noting parts and labor to replace 1 absorber at \$126.00 and replace 1 right front suppression strut \$90. Chief Lant noted that the other strut should have been replaced as well. Brief discussion; Chief Lant to take care of. Claim #10332 for NYS inspection and inspection of 266 right front strut assembly, PM with oil, air, tires for \$165.00. D/C G. Gibbins felt that claim #10332 should not be paid because the battery terminals were never cleaned when the batteries were tested and 2 weeks later Bonesteel had to come up and replace 4 out of the 6 failed batteries. Brief discussion; Chief Lant to speak to Mr. Kenyon.

RESOLUTION #139 NOT TO PAY CLAIM #10332 TOTALING \$137.50.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to not pay claim #10332 totaling \$137.50.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #140 TO PAY CLAIM #10307 THROUGH CLAIM #10358 EXCLUDING \$137.50 FROM CLAIM #10332, TOTALING \$36,479.94.

A3410.1	\$ 4,426.86
A3410.2	13,150.64
A3410.4	18,536.27

A9030.8 366.17

Total: \$ 36,479.94

MOTION: B. Chouinard
SECOND: Waite
RESOLVED: to pay Claim #10307 through Claim #10358 excluding \$137.50 from Claim #10332, totaling \$36,479.94.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #141 TO PAY CLAIM #ER1005 THROUGH CLAIM #ER1006 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, PER PREVIOUS PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, TOTALING \$26,442.85.

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Total: \$26,442.85

MOTION: Waite
SECOND: B. Chouinard
RESOLVED to pay Claim #ER1005 through Claim #ER1006 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, per previous permissive referendum, totaling \$26,442.85.
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Secretary J. Petkus

- Still have some Chief show tickets; if no one takes them tonight she will be giving them to the Treasurer to take with her to the show.
- Will be away from July 6th through July 12th.

Purchasing: P/A J. Chouinard

- Asked D/C Ellsworth regarding voice amp for SCBA mask, needs to know what type of mask it is, and asked if anyone has a spare mask. Brief discussion, new one to be ordered.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.
Porter Corners Company #2: None.
Middle Grove Company #3: Kesshiah McConchie, Christopher Thurman
Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

Requests for Change in Membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1:
Porter Corners Company #2:
Middle Grove Company #3:
Maple Avenue Company #4: Alexander Dillon, John Kehoe, both requested 6 month leave of absence.

RESOLUTION #142 TO ACCEPT ABOVE CHANGES AND NEW MEMBERS.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept above changes and new members.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants:

- Gary Bullard working on one, but he is not present this evening.

Report of the Chief: John Lant

- Truck repairs:
 - 293 and 261: all batteries had to be replaced
 - 272 & 294: tarps put on, handles were fixed as well
 - 284: problem with the drain and was replaced
 - 293: at KME, turbo is leaking, being fixed
 - 292: down at Mack with exhaust manifold leak, recommended having oil tested, will cost \$832 to replace gasket.

RESOLUTION #143 AUTHORIZING CHIEF TO HAVE MACK FIX GASKET ON 292.

MOTION: B. Chouinard

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to authorize Chief to have Mack fix gasket on 292.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Training: recapped various company drills/training for the past month. Damage to FF Sam Livsey's vehicle the other night at the Propane Emergencies Seminar, a cart full of chairs hit vehicle and did approximately \$500 of damage. Secretary to call Adirondack Insurance carrier and Cornell's for copy of estimate.

RESOLUTION #144 GIVING THE CHIEF PERMISSION TO COORDINATE WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED REGARDING THE DAMAGE TO FF SAM LIVSEY'S VEHICLE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give the Chief permission to coordinate with all parties involved regarding the damage to FF Sam Livsey's vehicle.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Miscellaneous:
 - Allowing some of the fireman from Maple Avenue use the Chief's truck to go to the Chief's show.

RESOLUTION #145 ALLOWING ALL DISTRICT VEHICLES TO ATTEND THE CHIEF'S SHOW IN TURNING STONE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to allow all district vehicles to attend the Chief's Show in Turning Stone.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Suggested emailing all our vendors asking them to notify us when a truck is out of service; he was not aware that Co #3 truck was having a radio installed and it was out of service. Brief discussion continued; D/C Ellsworth noted he was aware of it.
- Regarding the meeting on May 19th with the residents of Greenfield there was talk about forming a committee. Based on discussion at the last officers meeting, the officers feel the Commissioners are elected to run the fire district by the residents of the fire district and the Chief Officers are elected by the fire companies, and they should be the committee, with suggestions taken by the residents.
- November 20 and 21 there is a vehicle seminar in CT; it a train the trainer seminar. Cost is \$250 per person plus about \$150 per night for rooms. He would like to see at least one member from each company go. He will give them the Chief's vehicle to take to the seminar. Brief discussion; moved to June workshop agenda to approve those interested in going and the use of the Chief's vehicle.
- Gary Bullard had gotten sample hoses and prices, but he could not be here tonight. Brief discussion; tabled to June workshop

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Gary Gibbins:

- Nothing at this time.

Company #2 – D/C Jon Davis:

- Got a list of priorities regarding the dry hydrants, noting those particular top priority hydrants. Commissioner Spackmann noted that the list should be submitted to the District Secretary for copying/distribution to the Board, to be discussed at budget time. Chief Lant noted that the officers would like to be involved in the budget process; Commissioner Spackmann noted that each year he calls each Deputy Chief and asks for input, and this year especially it should be expected and encouraged to be involved.
- Thanked the board for the special meeting regarding their firehouse.
- A/C Middlebrook is going to take over with Commissioner Waite regarding the exterior alterations of the firehouse, as D/C Davis may bid the outside project and does not want there to be a conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION #146 TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER WAITE AND A/C MIDDLEBROOK TO BE THE POINT PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF HAVING EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGES ON MAKING DECISIONS PERTAINING TO THE EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS OF PORTER CORNERS FIREHOUSE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to appoint Commissioner Waite and A/C Middlebrook to be the point people in charge of having executive privileges on making decisions pertaining to the exterior renovations of Porter Corners firehouse.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Asked If the air bottles were ordered and confirmed they will be getting the red stripe. P/A J. Chouinard noted they have been ordered but has received no update as to when they will be delivered.
- Commissioner Spackmann noted that last month there was discussion that one of D/C Davis' firefighters needed either a helmet or shield and asked what exactly needs to be ordered. D/C Davis noted he got the shield but never got a helmet. P/A J. Chouinard has spare helmet; D/C Davis to speak to her about getting a helmet.
- A/C Middlebrook noted that Suburban still has not picked up the propane tank; P/A J. Chouinard to call again.

Company #3 – D/C Jay Ellsworth:

- New radio installed in truck, thanks to the Board.
- Co #3 coin drop will be July 30th and 31st at the local Stewart's and will include some fire prevention and BP clinic.

RESOLUTION #147 GIVING PERMISSION FOR CO #3 TO HAVE THEIR COIN DROP/FIRE PREVENTION/BP CLINIC ON JULY 30-31, 2010.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to give permission for Co #3 to have their coin drop/fire prevention/BP clinic on July 30-31, 2010.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Handed out copies of Combi tool with fittings, there is some holdover money from Co #3 allotment from last year. Current cost is \$4684 but would like to see if he can get a better price at the Chief's show. Spoke with the officers and they support taking the rest of the money out of the Rescue account. D/C Ellsworth to also contact Commissioner Robarge.

RESOLUTION #148 TO APPROVE \$4684 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMBI TOOL AND MISCELLANEOUS COUPLINGS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING A BETTER PRICE AT THE CHIEF'S SHOW.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to approve \$4684 for the purchase of a Combi tool and miscellaneous couplings with the possibility of getting a better price at the Chief's show.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Need to supply 4x4 plywood for the truck ops course being held at Maple Avenue. Brief discussion; plywood to be purchased and receipts submitted for reimbursement. Money to come out of training account.
- Would like to move forward with out of district resident Cali Haynes; approval from Board to move forward with application process.
- Middle Grove would like to have a company pool party, to be held at A/C E. Petkus' house and would like permission from the Board. Brief discussion, Secretary to coordinate with Michele at Adirondack.

RESOLUTION #149 GIVING CO # 3 PERMISSION TO HAVE A COMPANY POOL PARTY ON AUGUST 21, 2010 AT A/C E. PETKUS' HOUSE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to give Co # 3 permission to have a company pool party on august 21, 2010 at A/C E. Petkus' house.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- The pager that came back from Kevin Veitch is going to be assigned to Kessiah McConchie.
- Asked if the light bar for A/C E. Petkus has been ordered; P/A J. Chouinard noted it has.

Company #4 – D/C John King:

- Had an evacuation drill at Dorothy Nolan School; everything went well and thanked everyone who participated.
- President D. Deuel noted he has an out of district applicant, David Longe, would like to move forward with application. Brief discussion, Board approval to move forward with application process.

Report of District EMS Coordinator: Justin Burwell

- Not present.

Planning Board:

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

- Not present.

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

- Not present.

Fire Police President Jack Atwell noted that this past Saturday he and Commissioner Kugler went down to Time Warner Cable and picked up the van they donated to the District. He would like to have a mechanic take a thorough look at it before the Board starts putting money into painting/lettering it. Currently he and Commissioner Kugler have the keys to it. Chief Lant asked if the service records were given with it; they were not. Brief discussion; Mr. Atwell to coordinate with Cornell's and have them thoroughly check it out.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Waite:

- Has a bill for Complete Construction for the rest of the materials totaling \$15,000.00.

RESOLUTION #150 TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$15,000.00 TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION, PER PREVIOUS PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to approve payment of \$15,000.00 to Complete Construction, per previous permissive referendum.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Based on the meeting with CT Male and moving forward with the two sides to get that taken care of; would like to go out for permissive referendum for \$70,000.00 and that should take care of architect and get the building started. Commissioner Spackmann noted the intended purpose of this money is to complete the exterior renovations. Treasurer J. Bishop asked if this would also be used to cover the additional expenses from CT Male as she has a bill for \$7,000.00 and all we currently have for a permissive referendum is \$3,000.00 and they will have to wait for the other \$4,000.00. Commissioner Waite noted he would try to get a hold of Chris tomorrow. Lengthy discussion continued regarding the bill received, what it covers, the list of hourly charges, change orders. Commissioner Spackmann noted that since there are only three Commissioners present this evening, he is really not comfortable paying these bills until we know what is going on. FF Brian Bishop questioned how much the Board has paid to CT Male so far; Commissioner Waite noted he did not have a running total on that. Treasurer J. Bishop noted it is \$33,500.00. FF B. Bishop commented that the Board should really start checking on CT Male for the amount of money we are paying them for a \$140,000.00 project. Commissioner Spackmann noted people are appointed to maintain a project; he has personally taken a beating over the past several months regarding Porter Corners firehouse, he went on record last week saying that he wants it fixed and fixed properly and to stop doing the same mistakes that we have done for the past 20 years in this District. Commissioner Waite and D/C Davis were appointed to handle this project; D/C Davis to call Chris Shaver and try to get this straightened out. FF B. Bishop noted that every time a change is made to a project it costs another pile of money, and there have been many changes made to this project over the course of the last few months. Brief discussion continued; placed on June workshop agenda for further discussion.

RESOLUTION #151 TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND \$70,000.00 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND FOR EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO PORTER CORNERS FIREHOUSE.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend \$70,000.00 from the Building Reserve Fund for exterior renovations to Porter Corners firehouse.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- There is a crack in the wall on the side where it is dug up and has been suggested that we purge that wall on the side and seal the crack so water does not come in.

RESOLUTION #152 TO ALTER THE SCOPE OF THE WORK TO INCLUDE RESEALING THE BASEMENT WALLS WHILE EVERYTHING IS BEING DUG UP AND RE-GRADED.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: B. Chouinard

RESOLVED to alter the scope of the work to include resealing the basement walls while everything is being dug up and re-graded.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- D/C Ellsworth noted regarding Co #2 renovations, he believes that about a year ago FF George Weingartner had offered his services, this is what he does everyday; sounds like

the Board needs to get together, have a meeting and speak with George and get everybody back on track. Maybe he can point Commissioner Waite and D/C Davis in the right direction and see if CT Male is taking the Board for a ride or not. More discussion continued including that the town was supposed to take the black top out. Commissioner Waite noted that they have not done it and now that it is raining water is running right in. D/C Davis noted the sheet rock is up. Commissioner Waite noted that if the Town can't get to the black top in the next day or so he would like to get someone else in and get it out of there. Commissioner Spackmann asked D/C Davis how much it would cost to have him remove the black top; D/C Davis noted to have the blacktop taken out and get the water to run into the catch basin will be \$600.00.

RESOLUTION #153 GIVING APPROVAL TO JON DAVIS TO REMOVE THE BLACK TOP AT A COST OF \$600.00.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give approval to Jon Davis to remove the black top at a cost of \$600.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- FF Brian Bishop asked who gave the authorization to install the drywall before the leak was cured, it is absolutely ridiculous and another waste of money. Commissioner Waite noted that nobody told them to do it; FF B. Bishop commented that they should tear it back down until the leak is repaired. Taping and spackling has not been done yet. More discussion continued; including taking the sheetrock down, possible extension of deadline that Complete Construction must complete the work, the need to get a better handle on the work being done, hiring a Clerk of the Works for the exterior alterations, which the architect had previously noted the Board should hire. D/C Davis suggested that the Board should advertise for resumes for a Clerk of the Works and interview potential candidates.

RESOLUTION #154 TO ADVERTISE FOR RESUMES FOR A CLERK OF THE WORKS FOR EXTERIOR WORK TO BE DONE AT THE PORTER CORNERS FIREHOUSE, TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to advertise for resumes for a clerk of the works for exterior work to be done at the Porter Corners firehouse, to begin next month.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner B. Chouinard:

- Badges came in and the Chief has all of it. Still working on deciphering the bill, by the workshop he should have the bill for the Treasurer.
- Looked into the *I AM RESPONDING* that D/C Davis brought up last month. It is \$800 per year for the subscription plus 2.8¢ per call. Because the district has four separate tones and four separate stations, the total cost for the yearly subscription would be \$3200.00, plus the cost of calls. Feels it is not worth it. Commissioner Spackmann agreed that it is costly, but there is a competitor system and maybe they can talk to him at the Chief's show.

Commissioner Spackmann:

RESOLUTION #155 TO REIMBURSE COMMISSIONER ROBARGE AND A/C ED PETKUS FOR ANY MILEAGE AND TOLLS FOR THEIR HYDRANT RESEARCH TRIP TO LONG ISLAND THIS WEEKEND.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to reimburse Commissioner Robarge and A/C Ed Petkus for any mileage and tolls for their hydrant research trip to Long Island this weekend.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Noted that last month FF Jack King came to the Board regarding Greenfield being exempted from the 45% out of District membership law by submitting a letter that was drafted to our senators and assemblymen. Secretary J. Petkus spoke to Bill Young regarding this and part of the problem is that the 45% applies district wide, not company wide. Commissioner Spackmann noted that when something like this is presented to legislature, we need to prove we are at/over the 45% and why the district is special or unique that we should be exempted from the 45% limit. He further noted that he does not think we are at 45% and until we get to that point it would be pretty hard to get that legislation pushed through on our behalf. Commissioner Spackmann thanked FF King for drafting that letter on the District's behalf. A/C Middlebrook asked how close we are to the limit. Commissioner Spackmann noted that is part of the problem, he does not think anyone actually did that math yet; in questioning the officers of the number of out of district residents, it does not come close to 45%. He also clarified that because the limit applies at the District level, one company can go over the 45% as long as the district as a whole is not over the 45%.
- Spoke about the upcoming Nevele Conference being held 10/28-10/31 at Honors Haven. Noted that for the past two years he has urged many people to attend, it is wonderful conference, a great learning and educational experience for our officers and he would really encourage officers to attend this time around and to please seriously consider going. Secretary J. Petkus noted that there are not as many rooms available as in past years, so as soon as the information comes out she needs to start making reservations, and that usually happens around July, so please think about attending now and get your name to her ASAP if you would like to attend.

Special Topics/New Business:

- FF Charles Fiorino noted he would like to do a District truck rodeo; he already spoke to Chief Lant about it and received his approval. He noted it is a driving skills test and they used to do them back in the 90's. Board approved FF Fiorino to move forward with putting something together and come back to the Board with the information.
- Captain Dean Deuel, Jr. asked for permission to send the snow blower to Adirondack Equipment Repair for servicing; Board okayed it.
- Commissioner Spackmann asked if D/C G. Gibbins has installed the trickle chargers at Co #2 yet. D/C Gibbins noted it is in the works, and he had spoken to Commissioner B. Chouinard earlier about it.
- Commissioner Spackmann noted that the By-law committee had submitted some by-law amendments to the Board, which he has moved to the June workshop agenda for discussion as there is a lot to think and talk about.

- FF Brian Bishop thanked the Board for allowing Co #3 to purchase the ActiveBaord and related equipment. He then took some time to demonstrate to everyone present how the interactive board works and the advantages of using it as it pertains to firematic use and training purposes

RESOLUTION #156 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: B. Chouinard

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Waite with a second from Commissioner B. Chouinard to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary