

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The October 2012 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:04 PM on October 10, 2012. The flag salute and a moment of silence was recognized for recently departed member Curt Bullard and the Bullard Family.

Present were:

Commissioners: Atwell, Chandler, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary Petkus, Director of Purchasing Chouinard, Deputy Treasurer Perkins. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #193 TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to approve the September 12, 2012 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #194 TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to approve the September 16, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Spackmann asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Atwell questioned claim #120691, clarified that it was the hard water testing for Co #1. Claim #120704; fog is for fire prevention day. Claim #120735, Granger, silicone mold release. A/C Burwell noted it is for the slides on the trucks.

D/P Chouinard noted the accounts on 2 claims need to be changed; claim #120688 should be maintenance out of Co #1 for the truck soap and claim #120730 was for the engraved name plate and should come out of the Other account.

RESOLUTION #195 TO PAY ABSTRACT #10, CLAIM #120661 THROUGH CLAIM #120739 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$40,723.71 WITH CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS AS NOTED ABOVE.

A3410.1	\$ 7,304.77
A3410.2	1,054.38
A3410.4	31,805.74

A9030.8 558.82

Total: \$ 40,723.71

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #10, claim #120661 through claim #120739 from the General Fund, totaling \$40,723.71 with changes to the claims as noted above.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Chandler questioned if the Co #3 claim was an additional \$1200 or to total bill for the job? D/T Perkins noted the contract amount was \$2400.

RESOLUTION #196 TO PAY ABSTRACT #6, CLAIM #BR120011 THROUGH CLAIM #BR120012 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND PER PREVIOUS REFERENDUMS, TOTALING \$2,625.00.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #6, claim #BR120011 through claim #BR120012 from the Building Reserve Fund per previous referendums, totaling \$2,625.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #197 TO PAY ABSTRACT #3, CLAIM #EMSR1205 FROM THE EMS RESERVE FUND PER PREVIOUS REFERENDUM, TOTALING \$6,000.00.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to pay Abstract #3, claim #EMSR1205 from the EMS Reserve Fund per previous referendum, totaling \$6,000.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Secretary Petkus

- Received and read a letter dated September 20, 2012 from the Adirondack Trust Company regarding a recent call the department responded to. Copies previously given to each Commissioner and company.
- Received a letter from the Greenfield Playground Project, looking for donations, and volunteers next June. A copy was given to each company. Will keep everyone aware as this progresses.

RESOLUTION #198 TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE AFDSNY HONORS HAVEN CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 1ST – 3RD 2012 IN ELLENVILLE NY: JOYCE PETKUS, JILL CHOUINARD, RICHARD SPACKMANN, BRYAN CHOUINARD, DEAN DEUEL, JACKIE ATWELL.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve the following people to attend the AFDSNY Honors Haven Conference November 1st – 3rd 2012 in Ellenville NY: Joyce Petkus, Jill Chouinard, Richard Spackmann, Bryan Chouinard, Dean Deuel, Jackie Atwell.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Purchasing: D/P Chouinard

- Co #3 dry suits and weights in and delivered.
- DEC Wildland gear grant finalized.
- Met with a seamstress regarding making the black covers for the bar lights. Will be making a sample for 292. She also does other seamstress work i.e. uniforms.
- Has been working on the orders for the new uniform policy.
- Spoke with John Snyder from BRG, has cleaned up everything he is supposed to; it is up to the glass people at this point. Has had some problems coordinating with Allerdice, but received a phone call this afternoon that Co #2 will be taken care of next Wednesday afternoon and Co #4 next Friday morning.
- In the process of moving the uniforms from Co #3 to the District office.
- Spreadsheets previously sent out regarding spelling of names and start years need to be back to the District no later than the workshop on October 24th. If not sent back to her the order will be sent in as noted on the sheets.
- Dana is no longer our Rep for Tyler Fire; they are training the replacement. Charlie the sales rep will be handling things until the new person is trained.
- Hose testing is next Friday, October 19th at Co #2 beginning at 8 am. D/C Middlebrook working on schedule.
- Asked if the Board would like to solicit bids for fuel oil. Brief discussion; George Habig asked if there were any problems with delivery or dirty fuel this year; it was noted there were none other than one minor problem at the beginning. Jill to handle RFP's, due at the October workshop.

Applications for membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: John Van Nostrand, under 18.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

Requests for Change in Membership:

Greenfield Center Company #1: None.

Porter Corners Company #2: None.

Middle Grove Company #3: None.

Maple Avenue Company #4: None.

RESOLUTION #199 TO ACCEPT ABOVE NEW MEMBER.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to accept above new member.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Grants:

- Nothing on the AFG at this time.

Report of the Chief – John Lant:

- The past couple of weeks have been very hard on the firefighters, Curt Bullard and the family. Friday night members of the District went to Wesley to honor Curt as Honorary Deputy Chief. Noted the brotherhood really showed in the Fire District and is very proud of everyone. Would like to see Curt's badge be retired and send each family member a copy of tonight's minutes with Curt's dedication page.

RESOLUTION #200 TO DEDICATE A PAGE OF THE MINUTES IN HONOR OF FIREFIGHTER CURT BULLARD, MAIL A COPY OF THE MINUTES TO HIS FAMILY AND TO RETIRE HIS NUMBER AT CO #4.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to dedicate a page of the minutes in honor of firefighter Curt Bullard, mail a copy of the minutes to his family and to retire his number at Co #4.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Reviewed various company/department training over the past month.
- Officers would like to see the 5" hose tested as well. Commissioner Atwell noted the problem with testing 5" hose to NFPA.
- First Due Ops training with Scott Hickey this past Tuesday and Sunday; went well. He also does a ventilation seminar with thermal imaging cameras and rescuing your own firefighters. Would like to set that up for next year. Would also like to schedule the FASNY Heavy Rescue Course. Joyce to look into.
- Would like the Board to look into dress uniform overcoats. Wilton's looked very nice. Jill to look into it. Also noted in the uniform policy the nameplate is to be worn on the shirt. Would like to see them be able to wear it anywhere. Brief discussion continued.
- Would like to see the Board help out with the cost of the food associated with the recent wake of Curt Bullard.
- Reviewed various recent apparatus repairs/maintenance:
 - 262 fixed except for the switches.
 - 291 needs a muffler and brake canister.
- Thanked everyone for all that was done for the Bullard family.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Kenyon:

- Thanked the Board for purchasing the auto pulses.
- Fire Prevention is this Friday for Greenfield Elementary.
- Lion's Club would like to have their annual Halloween party on October 27th.

RESOLUTION #201 GIVING THE LION'S CLUB PERMISSION TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY ON OCTOBER 27, 2012 AT CO #1.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Atwell

RESOLVED to give the Lion's Club permission to hold their annual Halloween party on October 27, 2012 at Co #1.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary Petkus noted they will need to forward an updated copy of their certificate of Insurance, as usual.

Company #2 – D/C Middlebrook:

- October 13th is Greenfield Elementary’s fall festival and Co #2 will be there doing fire prevention.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Garage door that was recently repaired has some issues; Joyce to look at it in the morning.
- Maybe the Board should stock some hats/helmets and come up with a standard.
- Asked if there was an update on the roof issue. Commissioner Chandler will contact Munter and find out. Brief discussion continued.

Company #4 – D/C King:

- Thanked everybody for their support of the Bullard Family. Suggested that the District buy flags to be presented to the families. Commissioner Chandler suggested having a written policy; brief discussion; Joyce and Jill to research.
- Chief Lant noted MacBoston would like to do a coin drop in front of Maple Avenue on October 27th.

RESOLUTION #202 GIVING MACBOSTON PERMISSION TO HOLD THEIR COIN DROP IN FRONT OF MAPLE AVENUE ON OCTOBER 27, 2012.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to give MacBoston permission to hold their coin drop in front of Maple Avenue on October 27, 2012.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of District EMS Coordinator – Tim Kemp:

- One of the auto pulses is currently in service. Waiting on the batteries for the second auto pulse, which are on order.

Planning Board:

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

- Development on Goose Hollow Road in the planning board stages; preliminary 22 lots on property.
- Development off Coy Road has been preliminarily to the Town but has not come before the planning board yet, still in engineering stages.

Reports of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Atwell:

- New Member Orientation class last night was rescheduled to next week. New schedule emailed out and put on Firetracker.
- Co #3 auxiliary requested using District logo for fundraiser quilt. Brief discussion, Board okayed using logo. Joyce to notify Co #3 auxiliary President.
- Joyce met with Utica Mutual Rep regarding Co #3 water damage claim last June. Brief discussion.
- Co #3 radio room light not working; Joyce to call the electrician.

- Co #1 auxiliary usually holds a bake sale during the election every year. Problem is they hold the bake sale in the entryway and block access to the District offices. Brief discussion; auxiliary can move to kitchen or fireman's room.
- Asked about email received regarding wheel covers purchased at Arrowhead back in April. Brief discussion, was for 291.
- Feels that hose testing and pump testing are very important, but would like to get it done before October. Brief discussion.
- Asked the Board to give some thought to purchasing a separate generator for the District building rather than trying to tie into the existing generator, which would probably be much cheaper anyway.

Commissioner Barss:

- Not present this evening.

Commissioner Chandler:

- Trying to get uniforms moved; fire police moved their stuff out already to Co #2, EMS needs to move their stuff out as well and then the uniforms can be relocated to District office.

Commissioner Waite:

- Air to air as far as he knows is now solved, electrician is working on it. Joyce will give the electrician Commissioner Chandler's number and have him call.

Commissioner Spackmann:

- Nothing at this time.

Special Topics of Discussion:

- Joyce to invite Mr. Leary to the workshop as there are a lot of things to discuss regarding the district office building. If not the workshop; after the budget hearing.

RESOLUTION #203 TO ADOPT THE NEW MEMBER LIVE BURN POLICY.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to adopt the New Member Live Burn Policy.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #204 TO APPROVE CO #4 HAUNTED HAYRIDE AND USE OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTY ON OCTOBER 31, 2012.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to approve Co #4 Haunted Hayride and use of the adjacent property on October 31, 2012.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Lengthy discussion regarding the replacement of Co #3 furnace, current oil vs. conversion to propane, possibly eventually converting all the furnaces to propane, possible eventual installation of radiant heat flooring, price of propane, efficiency, length of time to break even if switching to propane, how it affects the air conditioning, where to put boiler in if

installing radiant heat, where to put the propane tank. Commissioner Chandler will review the propane proposals.

RESOLUTION #205 TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL TO CONVERT CO #3 FURNACE TO PROPANE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Waite

RESOLVED to accept the proposal to convert Co #3 furnace to propane.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #206 TO ADVERTISE A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND \$20,000 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FURNACE PROJECT AT CO #3.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to advertise a permissive referendum to withdraw and expend \$20,000 from the Building Reserve Fund for the purposes of the furnace project at Co #3.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Discussion regarding the purchase of an Argo for Co #2. Quote for \$26,664.29. Stokes basket approximately an additional \$700.00. Jill to do purchase order.

RESOLUTION #207 APPROVING PURCHASE OF ARGO AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to approve purchase of Argo and related equipment.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Jill noted the new gas cards are in, she will head over to Co #4 to replace them this evening.
- Resident George Habig noted he was behind 271 last night and has a problem with the placement of the American flag on the back of the truck in the wrong position; it should be on the front fender. Asked if there was a flag policy and proper display. Commissioner Spackmann noted they try to follow military display. Brief discussion continued.
- Lt. Chouinard asked for permission to take MED296 to the Honors Haven conference.

RESOLUTION #208 PERMISSION TO TAKE MED296 TO THE HONORS HAVEN CONFERENCE.

MOTION: Spackmann

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to give permission to take MED296 to the Honors Haven Conference.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Lt. Chouinard noted the lights in the front of Co #4 are still not working; Joyce to add to list for electrician.
- Chief Lant noted he spoke to Tom Rug, who owns the property south of Co #4 firehouse. If property was donated to us, the District would probably have to pay for the survey.
- D/C Ellsworth asked if there was an update on the ambulance committee. Commissioner Chandler noted some committee members were supposed to go to Empire Ambulance yesterday.
- Commissioner Spackmann echoed the Chief's sentiment about the Brotherhood really coming together, felt year end money should be allocated for uniforms including coats and to purchase a funeral truck. Chief Lant noted the purpose of the MacBoston truck was so that everybody could use that truck for that purpose. Brief discussion, including joining the membership of MacBoston.

RESOLUTION #209 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Atwell

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

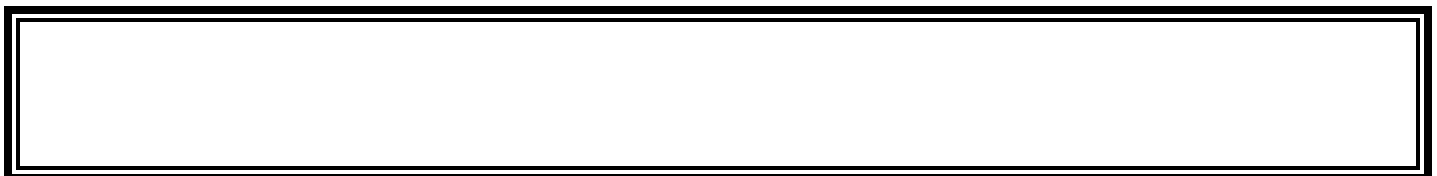
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chandler with a second from Commissioner Waite to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary



*IN MEMORY OF OUR
DEPARTED BROTHER*

CURT BULLARD

YOU WILL BE

MISSED BY ALL