

Board of Fire Commissioners

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A Special Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #2 by Chairman Don Kugler at 7:05 PM on September 9, 2010. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were:

Commissioners: B. Chouinard, Kugler, Robarge, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary J. Petkus.
Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes: August 12, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION #245 TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 12, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to approve the August 12, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

2. Update of Co #2 Interior/Exterior Renovations:

Commissioner Waite noted the bill shows these people worked on the project; it does not say what they did. Discussion continued regarding the bill submitted by CT Male, including the Board wanting an explanation of the additional services and requesting CT Male to be more specific in their billing. Secretary Petkus presented the invoices that corresponded to the bill submitted by CT Male. Commissioner Spackmann noted that the bills were for the additional stuff the Board approved to do the re-sheathing of the outside metal on 3 sides, oil tank, duct work, flag pole, for which Commissioner Kugler signed off on it. Commissioner Spackmann commented that he is pretty sure the way they are billing is industry standard. A/C Middlebrook noted that it would be great if they could be more specific. Conversation continued regarding who is going to call CT Male regarding the billing; Commissioner Spackmann noted that if we could find a clerk of the works then they are going to be in charge of all this.

Commissioner B. Chouinard noted he had contacted someone regarding the Clerk of the Works. Commissioner Robarge contacted two people who are not interested. Commissioner Spackmann noted that from his perspective, if we cannot find a Clerk of the Works, the project is going to have to be put on hold; Commissioner Kugler agreed. Commissioner B. Chouinard noted that if the person he contacted is interested, he will see if he can meet sometime with the Board. Commissioner Robarge commented on what someone would be paid for something like this. Commissioner Kugler noted the last time the Board hired a clerk of the Works, he thought they were paid based on a percentage of the bid price. Tentatively added to budget meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION #246 GIVING TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY CLAIM #BR016 for \$5,478.49.

MOTION: Waite

SECOND: Spackmann

RESOLVED to give Treasurer permission to pay Claim #BR016 for \$5,478.49.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Waite noted that regarding the voting machines, to keep the boxes, store them at the stations because if they go back we might get the next time that is a wreck. Commissioner Spackmann noted that cannot store County property. Secretary Petkus noted that as far as she knows, they deliver everything and then pick it all up after the election. Commissioner Spackmann noted that even if it was an official request, he would not be in favor of it; we should not have the responsibility of storing somebody else's property. Commissioner Robarge noted that Walt had told him the town may be obtaining some of the old ones, in case we want to use them for our elections. Secretary Petkus noted that she had looked into it once before several years ago and it costs money, we have to buy the paper and pay somebody to certify it, it really turns out to be expensive, and really the only issue she has is that it is a lot of work because we hold our elections in all four firehouses.

Commissioner Spackmann commented that the meeting yesterday regarding the Co #2 renovations got a little out of hand, and he thinks what is happening is people are confusing the lack of oversight and the lack of having answers readily available regarding billing with the concern that the project is out of control, and the two are not necessarily related. The project is within budget and was approved by the Board months ago; he does not think this project is out of control. It is obviously important to have some oversight. Firefighter B. Bishop questioned what the board's budget is. Brief discussion continued; Commissioner B. Chouinard noted he thought anywhere from \$150-200,000.00.

Commissioner Kugler reminded everyone to read the minutes; it's all in the minutes.

A/C Middlebrook commented that the membership is very happy with the work done so far. Brief discussion continued regarding hearing that the membership wanted to cap the cost of the renovations and wait for a new firehouse, the cost of building a new firehouse versus the cost of the renovations, the renovations extending the life of the firehouse potentially another 20 years. A/C Middlebrook noted the membership did not want to see money wanted and end up with only a band aid and then 5 years having to start this over again. Commissioner Kugler that what they are doing is not a band aid.

Motion made by Commissioner Kugler with a second from Commissioner Spackmann, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Spackmann with a second from Commissioner Robarge to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Special meeting ended at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. Petkus
District Secretary