

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The May 9, 2018 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 7:02 PM.

Present were: Commissioners Chandler, Dussault, King, Miller, Sadousky; D/A & Treasurer Petkus, D/P Chouinard. See sign in sheet for others in attendance.

1. Flag salute/moment of silence for departed members.

Bid Acceptance: 2017/2018 F350 Ford – Carmody Ford

It was noted all the bids came in with 2019 Fords only.

RESOLUTION #126 AWARDDING THE BID FOR A 2019 F350 FORD WITH UPGRADED SCREEN AND TOW PACKAGE TO CARMODY FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,594.00.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to award the bid for a 2019 F350 Ford with upgraded screen and tow package to Carmody Ford in the amount of \$35,594.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #127 GIVING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND UP TO \$36,000.00 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE 2019 FORD F350.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: King

RESOLVED to give the District Administrator permission to advertise for a Permissive Referendum to withdraw and expend up to \$36,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of the 2019 Ford F350.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Bid Acceptance: Sealcoating/Striping/2018 – King Enterprises

Nate King, owner of King Enterprises is present at the meeting, discloses that he is a firefighter and District EMS Coordinator for the Greenfield fire District.

RESOLUTION #128 AWARDING KING ENTERPRISES THE 2018 SEALCOATING/STRIPING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,850.90.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to award King Enterprises the 2018 Sealcoating/Striping project in the amount of \$6,850.90.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Bid Acceptance: Co #1 Water Storage Tank – AJ Catalfalmo

RESOLUTION #129 AWARDING THE BID FOR CO #1 WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT INCLUDING WATER PROOFING, TO AJ CATALFALMO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,450.00.

MOTION: King

SECOND: Sadousky

RESOLVED to award the bid for Co #1 Water Storage Tank project including water proofing, to AJ Catalfalmo in the amount of \$63,450.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #130 GIVING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND UP TO \$66,000.00 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND FOR CO #1 WATER STORAGE TANK PROJECT.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Miller

RESOLVED to give the District Administrator permission to advertise for a Permissive Referendum to withdraw and expend up to \$66,000.00 from the Building Reserve Fund for Co #1 Water Storage Tank project.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- 2. Approve Minutes:** April 17, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and the April 25, 2018 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

RESOLUTION #131 APPROVING THE APRIL 17, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND THE APRIL 25, 2018 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Sadousky

SECOND: Miller

RESOLVED to approve the April 27, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and the April 25, 2018 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- 3. Payment of Bills:**

Vouchers #180189 and 180220 totaling \$6,637.45 from Atlantic Detroit Diesel to be withheld from payment.

RESOLUTION #132 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #9, VOUCHER #180189, 180217 THROUGH #180246, EXCLUDING VOUCHERS #180189 AND 180220 TOTALING \$6,637.45 FROM ATLANTIC DETROIT DIESEL, FROM THE GENERAL FUND, TOTALING \$32,718.85.

A3410.1	\$	6,052.50
A3410.2		9,291.24
A3410.4		16,903.76
A9000.8		471.35

Total:	\$	32,718.85

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Sadousky

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #9, Voucher #180189, 180217 through #180246, excluding Vouchers #180189 and 180220 totaling \$6,637.45 from Atlantic Detroit Diesel, from the General Fund, totaling \$32,718.85.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

4. Reports of the Staff

- District Administrator – Joyce Petkus:

- Towing bills have been submitted to Utica.
- We are in the last month of physicals. Information has been added to ER as it comes in. Chief Officers have access to ER, but not all have logged in. Some data entry personnel have started adding calls, but others also have not logged in. Requested another extension for this month. Board okayed.
- Red NMX has been shut down to everyone but Joyce, Jill, Deidre and Gary.
- Co #2 Stair Replacement Project ad put in the papers & on website on 5/13.
- Co #4 Column Repair Project – an email was forwarded to BOFC. Joyce to call Lanson to see if they can make the blueprints.
- EVOC was cancelled due minimum attendees not being met. Received word that there is an EVOC class being held in Rensselaer County on May 19th. Would like to get permission for our people to attend if they would like to.

RESOLUTION #133 GIVING FIREFIGHTERS WALTER RAMSEY, MATTHEW BOYD, JOSEPH RUSSO AND RAY CONNIFF PERMISSION TO ATTEND EVOC AT NASSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT IN RENSSELAER COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2018. PERMISSION ALSO GIVEN TO THE CHIEF TO SEND A DRIVER AND APPARATUS IF NEEDED.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Sadousky

RESOLVED to give firefighters Walter Ramsey, Matthew Boyd, Joseph Russo and Ray Conniff to permission to attend EVOC at Nassau Fire Department in Rensselaer County on May 19, 2018. Permission also given to the Chief to send a driver and apparatus if needed.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- **Director of Purchasing – Jill Chouinard:**

- Still no word on AFG Grant.
- Hose jumpers have been ordered.
- Forcible Entry Door Simulator will be ready for pick up on May 25th.
- Carpet cleaning was done at Co #1, Co #2 and Co #3 today.
- Still no pagers from N. Thurman and D. Hammond.
- Working with Fire Advisory Board to have two portable radios re-programmed. One for Fire Police and one for 273. Has been approved.
- CPR supplies have been received and put downstairs. Invoice went to Joyce.
- Received quote from Kinkaid for the TV in the meeting room is \$2,593.00. My Tech's also quoted at \$2,152.00.

RESOLUTION #134 GIVING DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE TV FOR THE MEETING ROOM FROM MY TECH'S IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,152.00. MONEY TO COME FROM THE COMPUTER ACCOUNT.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Miller

RESOLVED to give the Director of Purchasing permission to purchase TV for the Meeting Room from My Tech's in the amount of \$2,152.00. Money to come from the Computer Account.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Station Keeper asked for a quote on a well pressure tank for Co #4. FW Webb quoted \$1,027.37 for a 119 gallon tank w/ 100 PSI Amtrol Challenger Series Water Pressure Tank.

RESOLUTION #135 GIVING PERMISSION FOR DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING TO PURCHASE AMTROL CHALLENGER SERIES WATER PRESSURE TANK FROM FW WEBB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,027.37. MONEY TO COME FROM THE REPAIRS, BUILDING MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS ACCOUNT.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Sadousky

RESOLVED to give the Director of Purchasing to purchase Amtrol Challenger Series Water Pressure Tank from FW Webb in the amount of \$1,027.37. Money to come from the Repairs, Building, Maintenance & Grounds Account.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Big Truck Day is August 4th at Maple Avenue Middle School. Let Jill know if you are going and she will get stuff put together for the kids. President King noted there is going to be "Touch a Truck" day at the Wilton Mall on May 19th.

- **Treasurer – Joyce Petkus:**

- Nothing at this time.

5. Firefighter/Auxiliary Applications/Changes in Membership:

- **Firefighter Applications for Membership:** None.

- **Firefighter Changes in Membership:**
 - Co #2: Michael Kolakovic, J. Van Nostrand, both taking leave of absence.
 - Co #4: Tyler Bennett, moving out of district.
- **Auxiliary Applications/Changes in Membership:** None.

RESOLUTION #136 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD PERMISSION TO SIGN OFF ON FIREFIGHTER CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Sadousky

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give the Chairman of the Board permission to sign off on Firefighter Changes in Membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

6. Report of the Chief – given by D/C Middlebrook:

- Apparatus:
 - All trucks have been serviced/inspected, including MED's, rehab bus, Chief vehicles, brush trucks.
 - All problems have been repaired.
 - Pump testing will be scheduled.
 - Station Keeper to schedule aerial testing.
 - Station Keeper to handle 262 batteries.
 - 292 needs two new front tires. Quote from ADK Tire for Good Year tires at \$665.97 each; Dunlop is \$584.97 each. Brief discussion; to also look to see if something else is going on regarding tire issues. Board approved purchase of Good Year tires.
 - Lights have been ordered for 294 for \$400.00 and not \$1,800.00.
 - 260 is getting paint fixed; should be back by Monday.
 - 281 was at Vander Molen for AC issue and oil leak; compressor leak and oil leak in front cover. Getting quotes for both repairs.
 - AC issue with 270, will go to Ryan's Garage for repair.
- Working on Class C limitations.
- Simulator should be in service soon.
- Thank you to everyone for their help with recruitment last weekend.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with Friday's storm.

7. Reports of the Companies:

- **Greenfield Center Co #1: D/C Chouinard**
 - Walk-through completed at the horse farm on Wilton Greenfield Road. Brief discussion continued.
- **Porter Corners Co #2: D/C Middlebrook**
 - Has an out of district applicant, Brian Mahoney from Hillside Ave., Porter Corners. Board okayed.
 - President McGowan applied for OBM Grant and was awarded for a battery for the JAWS. Will take 12-16 weeks to receive.
- **Middle Grove Co #3: D/C Petkus**
 - Thanked the Board for their investment in the EAP Program.
 - President Miller thanked Jill for re-arranging carpet cleaning at Co #3.
 - Mann Wireless would like to use the firehouse on June 8th and June 15th.

RESOLUTION #137 GIVING MANN WIRELESS PERMISSION TO USE CO #3 FIREHOUSE FOR TRAINING ON JUNE 8, 2018 AND JUNE 15, 2018.

MOTION: Miller

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give Mann Wireless permission to use Co #3 firehouse for training on June 8, 2018 and June 15, 2018.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- **Maple Avenue Co #4: A/C Bullard**
 - Nothing at this time.

8. Report of the District EMS Coordinator – Nate King:

- Still working on scheduling more dates for CPR.
- Working on EMS supplies.

9. Report of the Training Committee

- No one present this evening.

10. Reports of the Commissioners:

- Dussault
 - Nothing at this time.
- King
 - Read the following statement: "This process for purchasing has left me embarrassed and somewhat angry. I realized that I must take some of the blame. In an attempt to get some competition in the bidding, I asked for other quotes. Several vendors in our area are no longer around here or failed to get back to Justin. But KME and Sutphen stepped up to the plate and submitted plans and costs based on what the truck committee wanted at the time. This was an attempt to get the best bang for our buck obviously to benefit both our taxpayers and our firefighters."

Somewhere along the way actions were taken that, when discussed with our attorney this morning were extremely and highly unethical in nature, and in my opinion is not what I envision as the way the Greenfield Fire District operates and does business. We should have asked all of our vendors to public meetings to be fair, so as not to give the appearance of somebody or something going on, either sneaky or shady. I realize we have come to a preference and we all have had our private and professional reactions after we let our preferences be known. The process continues to its conclusion hopefully tonight, which will benefit again the firefighters who answer the call and taxpayers who pay for this operation.

In the future I'd like to think that we can take a look at the process for purchasing apparatus and make sure that we don't repeat this again."

- Miller
 - Sent an I Am Responding message out tonight asking the Experienced

Members, or “Ex-Men” to attend a meeting on May 22, 2018 at the District Office at 7 p.m. if more than half can make it.

- Received a Fire Police equipment request dated April 10th. The amount budgeted in the account is \$2,500.00 and the amount of the order is \$2,314.00 with unknown shipping cost at this point. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #138 GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE FIRE POLICE EQUIPMENT TOTALING \$2,314.00 PLUS SHIPPING AND HANDLING.

MOTION: Miller

SECOND: Sadousky

RESOLVED to give the Director of Purchasing permission to purchase Fire Police equipment totaling \$2,314.00 plus shipping and handling.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Town Wide Recruitment event went well. Nineteen members helped with handing out smoke detectors and greeting people between Friday and Sunday. Gave away approximately 425 out of 500 smoke detectors. Received an amazing amount of positive compliments from the residents of the Town of Greenfield. Thank you to Maple Avenue for participating. Would like the Board to consider buying a water proof pop up tent and create a recruitment kit. FASNY made banners for us. Brief discussion continued.
- Sadousky
 - Nothing at this time.
- Chandler
 - Questioned if there was any update on the Co #4 land donation; President King will call again.

11. Reports of the Town Board Liaisons:

- Town of Greenfield: Jack Sadousky
 - Nothing at this time.
- Town of Wilton: Scott Dussault
 - Veterans in the Town of Wilton will receive a tax break. Perhaps Greenfield could look into it for their veterans.

12. Reports of the Town Planning Board Liaisons:

- Town of Greenfield: Michael Chandler
 - Stewart’s is still working on their plan.
- Town of Wilton: Gary Bullard
 - Cumberland Farms in under construction
 - Adirondack Trust Bank is underway; there will be two hydrants.

13. Special Topics of Discussion:

- Commissioner Chandler noted he reviewed the new spec received from KME; did still find quite a few differences in the truck which he found disappointing. Agreed with Commissioner King that this has been a tough time for the Board and the truck committee, creating some animosity. KME gave a brief update on the changes made to closer match the Sutphen spec. Commissioner King noted

his appreciation to both vendors for putting up with the Board & truck committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chandler to purchase the Sutphen truck; there was no second on the motion.

RESOLUTION #139 PURCHASING THE KME FIRE TRUCK FOR CO #2.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: Miller

RESOLVED to purchase the KME Fire Truck for Co #2.

VOTE: Chandler, no; Dussault, yes; King; yes; Miller; yes; Sadousky, no.

Motion carried.

14. Final Comments:

- Commissioner Chandler pointed out that this is a first for the District for not taking the recommendation from the Truck Committee.

15. Dispense with the reading of the minutes

RESOLUTION #140 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Sadousky

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.


Motion made by Commissioner Sadousky with a second from Commissioner Dussault to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Deidre Chandler
Operations Secretary

Reviewed/approved by,



Joyce Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer