

Board of Fire Commissioners

Greenfield Fire District
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The April 28, 2021 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at 7:05 pm at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler.

Flag salute, moment of silence.

Present were: Commissioners Chandler, Dussault, Ramsey, Russo; D/A-Treasurer Petkus; S/K-P/A Ranck. Excused: Commissioner McGowan. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

Bid Opening: Sealcoating/stripping Co #1 and Co #2; only one bid was received:

Pregent Paving, Ballston Spa: \$16,350.00

Added to May 12, 2021 meeting agenda.

RESOLUTION #112 APPROVING THE APRIL 14, 2021 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Ramsey

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve the April 14, 2021 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

Commissioner Ramsey questioned why there is gas/diesel invoice from the Town of Wilton; it was noted that Maple Avenue fuels up their trucks at the Town of Wilton.

RESOLUTION #113 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #8 DATED APRIL 28, 2021 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #210165 THROUGH VOUCHER #210185, TOTALING \$30,735.78.

A3410.1	\$	5,982.55
A3410.2	\$	882.60
A3410.4	\$	23,368.13
A9000.8	\$	502.50

Total: \$ 30,735.78

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #8 dated April 28, 2021 from the General Fund, Voucher #210165 through Voucher #210185, totaling \$30,735.78.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #114 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #3 DATED APRIL 28, 2021 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, VOUCHER #BR21004, TOTALING \$93,997.50.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #3 dated April 28, 2021 from the Building Reserve Fund, Voucher #BR21004, totaling \$93,997.50.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Will be away at the AFDSNY Conference May 5-7th. There will be an election for 2nd Vice President. Brief discussion continued; Board okayed vote for Thomas Rinaldi.
 - Updated 2021 annual physical reports are in company baskets. Reminder physicals must be completed by May 31st.
 - New access card and gear tag project is moving forward. Will be distributing cards and tags during fit testing. Brief discussion continued.
 - Anniversary Installation committee site visit tomorrow afternoon; but will be cancelled due to a conflict. Chairman needs to sign contract this evening.
 - Received invoice in the amount of \$450.00 from the City of Saratoga Springs for Corcraft shelving; would like Board to approve payment.

RESOLUTION #115 GIVING THE TREASURER PERMISSION TO PAY INVOICE RECEIVED FROM THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give the Treasurer permission to pay invoice received from the City of Saratoga Springs.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- **Purchasing Agent:** Don Ranck
 - Uniform fitting is May 4th at 6 pm at the district office.
 - Plymovent installation should be completed by Friday; equipment for trucks still needs to be installed.
 - Co #2 and #4 TVs are installed; sound systems still need to be installed.
 - Co #1 has requested two 2½" nozzles; price is \$486.66 each. Total for two is \$973.32 and includes free S&H. Brief discussion continued. Co #4 would also like two.

RESOLUTION #116 GIVING THE PURCHASING AGENT PERMISSION TO PURCHASE 4 NOZZLES. MONEY TO COME FROM MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to give the Purchasing Agent permission to purchase 4 nozzles. Money to come from Miscellaneous Equipment account.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- 273 tires: Adirondack Tire is on State contract for \$4,492.96. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION #117 GIVING THE PURCHASING AGENT PERMISSION TO PURCHASE TIRES FOR 273 FROM ADIRONDACK TIRE ON STATE CONTRACT.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to give the Purchasing Agent permission to purchase tires for 273 from Adirondack Tire on State contract.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Co #3 would like the district to purchase 12 flashlights for their interior firefighters; Co #3 will reimburse the district. Cost is \$825.00. Board okayed.
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus
 - FY 2020 AUD will be submitted tomorrow.

Firefighter/Auxiliary Applications for Membership/Requests for Change in Membership:

Firefighter Applicant:

- Co #4: Dylan Monks

Firefighter Changes in Membership:

- Co #1: Atticus Moll, Timothy Wall: request to go from active Probationary to Active
- Co #4: Kevin Murphy, resignation.

RESOLUTION #118 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN OFF ON THE ABOVE NOTED FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign off on the above noted firefighter application and Changes in Membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Jonathan Davis:

- 292 is at Vander Molen; packings are leaking and need to be replaced and will cost \$350 plus labor. Cooler repair is \$1,070.
- 282 DEF lights are back on.
- 281 new mirror is falling off; Vander Molen should have been there today to look at it again.
- Brief discussion regarding communications with Vander Molen.
- All trucks have completed PM service except for 293. Brief discussion continued.
- 264 sent to Ryan's for coil pack repair and spark plugs.
- Town of Greenfield has put an ambulance committee together; he and Christian Alvord are on committee, along with Matt Fogarty from Jessup's Ambulance, several town residents and two councilmen. First meeting is May 13th; will keep the Board apprised.
- Questioned the status of the mask mandates. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #119 THAT MASK MANDATES ARE VOLUNTARY EXCEPT FOR INTERACTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED that mask mandates are voluntary except for interactions with the public.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- At the recent district truck committee, Co #1 indicated they would wait for their truck replacement. The committee wants to replace 271 with a demo. Don has been researching different demos.
- Questioned the status of the purchase of Co #4 skid unit.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – A/C Coffey

- Thank you for the new blinds, Plymovent and new nozzles.
- Chargers were received last night.
- Questioned the status of the water system; Don is waiting to hear back from Hawk.

Company #2 – D/C Richards:

- Will be forming an in-house truck committee.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Plymovent has done a really nice, clean, professional job.
- Need 2 water cans; one is already on order.
- Requested clarification of physicals B1 status. Discussion continued.
- Questioned the recent status of Dain LaCross; Joyce will call Occupational Medicine.

Company #4 – Captain King:

- Thanks for the nozzles.

District EMS Coordinator Report: Christian Alvord

- Not present this evening.

Report of the Training Committee – Captain Chandler

- Live Burn has been moved to May 25th.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Dussault
 - Observed the Explorers do forcible entry drill; great job by both the Explorers and the Explorer Advisors.
- McGowan
 - Not present this evening.
- Ramsey
 - Nothing at this time.
- Russo
 - Questioned the status of the Chief's cars; Don noted there is no update.
- Chandler
 - Co #1 renovation should be complete. Brief discussion; President Gibbins noted they would do a punch list at the end of the year.
 - The demo trucks are more expensive than he expected.
 - Researching Co #2 expansion; cost looks to be about \$700,000 – \$800,000 with engineering. Brief discussion continued. It will be a couple of years from now.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- **Town of Wilton:** Dussault
 - William Morris is adding on to existing storage units. He and Captain King have suggested hydrants but Town has said it is not part of the code.
 - Car dealership from Queensbury is going to be building somewhere on Route 9.
- **Town of Greenfield:** Ramsey

- There have been some complaints about trucks using Stone Church Road as a cutoff.
- 2021 EMS contract was signed with Corinth and Ballston Spa.
- Regarding the new marijuana law; there is no smoking marijuana at any park except the golf course.

District Policy Review:

- Access Card & Fob: no changes made.
- DMV/LENS: no changes made.
- Membership Application: brief discussion.

A/C Coffey noted that he believes that applicant Bryan Girvin applied at Co #1, but he has never been back, so please destroy the VFIF.

RESOLUTION #120 APPROVING THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION POLICY WITH CHANGE AS SUBMITTED AND DISCUSSED.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to approve the Membership Application Policy with change as submitted and discussed.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- District Photographer/Photography: Discussion regarding changes. Joyce to make the proposed changes and send to the Board for review. Added to May 12th agenda for further discussion and possible approval.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- Captain Chandler noted four Instructors dropped from the Explorer program; there is currently no representation from Co #4. One Explorer has dropped out of the program, and one new one has joined. Discussion continued.
- D/C Ellsworth requested access for Providence Fire District. Brief discussion continued; Joyce to run report for review and deactivation of access as necessary.
- D/C Ellsworth noted the sign company has recommended the trees near the sign be removed. Brief discussion continued. Town is possibly willing to take the trees down. Board okayed.
- President Gibbins asked if the Boy Scouts can start meeting at the firehouse again. It was noted yes.
- President Gibbins questioned what happens with I Am Responding when a firefighter is no longer a member of the department. Joyce noted that they are deactivated from IAR, as well as several other platforms.
- Chief Davis questioned the status of the manpower reimbursement; Joyce noted she has not looked into it, but will do so.

RESOLUTION #121 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

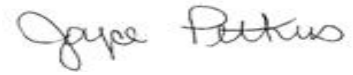
SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dussault with a second from Commissioner Ramsey to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Petkus".

Joyce A. Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer