

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The August 11, 2021 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at 7:04 pm at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler.

Flag salute, moment of silence.

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

RESOLUTION #177 APPROVING THE JULY 28, 2021 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: McGowan

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve the July 28, 2021 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

The Treasurer noted that \$205.04 was transferred from .2 Radios to .2 Hose.

RESOLUTION #178 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #15 DATED AUGUST 11, 2021 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #210327 THROUGH VOUCHER #210350, TOTALING \$24,014.63.

A3410.1	\$	5,868.43
A3410.2	\$	4,963.19
A3410.4	\$	12,734.08
A9000.8	\$	448.93

Total: \$ 24,014.63

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #15 dated August 11, 2021 from the General Fund, Voucher #210327 through Voucher #210350, totaling \$24,014.63.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #179 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #6 DATED AUGUST 11, 2021 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, VOUCHER #ER21007, TOTALING \$75,390.00.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: McGowan

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #6 dated August 11, 2021 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, Voucher #ER21007, totaling \$75,390.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Received letter from NYS DOL regarding the calculation of the 2021 unemployment contribution rate.
 - Received letter from Firefly Admin, Inc; previously scanned and emailed to the Board.
 - 2022 75th Anniversary Installation Inspection planning continues to move forward.
 - Will be going to DMV on the 27th to register and title new 26 and 290.
 - Will be on vacation 13th – 23rd.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Don Ranck
 - Tahoes were delivered and are currently being lettered before they go out for equipment installations.
 - Co #2 had lost internet for 5 days; MyTechs were contacted. Modem needed to be replaced. Brief discussion continued.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Worked with Auditor regarding questions received from OSC regarding LOSAP entries on AUD and new GASB-84 requirements, and received communication that OSC is satisfied with the answers and the AUD has been adjusted.
 - Reminder budget workshop is August 25th.
 - Would like permission to pay deposit for 2021 BBQ at The View. President Miller noted the sign-up sheets have been up since mid-July and only 24 have signed up; 52 total with family members included. Lengthy discussion continued. The Chief and Board thanked President Miller for the time and effort he put into the BBQ.

RESOLUTION #180 CANCELLING THE BBQ, AND APPLYING THE UNUSED FUNDS TOWARD THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY INSTALLATION BANQUET IN APRIL 2022.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to cancel the BBQ, and apply the unused funds toward the 75th Anniversary Installation banquet in April 2022.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Firefighter New Members/Requests for Change in Membership:

Co #4: New member: Joshua Lawton, under 18.

Co #3: Change in Membership: Christopher Stanton, transfer from Co #3 to Co #2.

RESOLUTION #181 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN ABOVE NEW MEMBER APPLICATION AND CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign above new member application and changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Jonathan Davis:

- Asked Don to reach out to KME in reference to the paint warranties on 282, 262 and 292. KME responded they are aware of it and Don will keep on top of it.
- Don is getting all the service done on the small vehicles.
- New Tahoes are in. He is pretty sure he will be Chief next year, so he would like to give Co #3 a new Tahoe and he will take the old Tahoe to keep at the office for whoever needs it.
- Would like to purchase another dual band radio; believes all the command vehicles should have dual band/dual head radios. The Chief will put the dual band radio he had in his vehicle and put it in her personal truck. Lengthy discussion continued, including regarding how to pay for the new radio. Money will need to be transferred from the PPE account to cover coverage in the radio account.

RESOLUTION #182 GIVING THE PURCHASING AGENT PERMISSION TO PURCHASE ONE DUAL BAND/DUAL HEAD RADIO.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to give the Purchasing Agent permission to purchase one dual band/dual head radio.

VOTE: Chandler, yes; Dussault, yes; McGowan, no; Ramsey, yes; Russo, yes. Motion carried.

- Town is confident that ambulance service for the Town of Greenfield will be up and running by January 2022.
- As of last week, Co #4 is running automatic mutual aid with Wilton, south of Ballard Road.
- Spoke to Larry Gates in reference to a vehicle service agreement, and he is okay with transmission or motor issues going to another vendor. Hopes to have a contract signed by the end of the year.
- Training committee met last week to review the Office Qualification form. The Chief reviewed the changes made to the form. Joyce noted that before the Board approves the changes to the form, the corresponding policy also needs to be updated. Discussion continued. Joyce to make changes to the policy and the form when she returns from vacation for the board to review and approve at the August 25th meeting.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – A/C Coffey

- Quiet.

Company #2 –

- No one present this evening.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Regarding the paint issue on 282, the doors are rotted through. Was previously addressed last year but KME did not do anything about it. Brief discussion continued.

Company #4 – Captain King:

- Asked if there was an update on the traffic light; the Chief noted it is with the State.
- Questioned the status of the inverter on 291; the Chief spoke to Rob today, and it is on his list. The Tahoes will be going up in a week or so.
- Questioned the size of the discharge line on 291 from the tank to the pump and the issue with feeding 293 with water. Lengthy discussion continued.
- Received 2 of 3 strainers, thanks to whoever found them; another is on order.
- Needs 3" suction for the portable pump. Co #3 has 2 links of 2½"; Larry to transfer them to Co #4.

District EMS Coordinator Report: Christian Alvord

- Not present this evening.

Report of the Training Committee

- No one present this evening.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Dussault
 - Good.
- McGowan
 - Has been looking into grants, including one for the electronic signs, and has contacted Grantmasters for assistance. Brief discussion continued.
 - AFG grant is coming up, would like ideas. The Chief suggested battery powered jaws for Co #1 & 3; A/C Coffey suggested the Paratech rescue jack system. Brief discussion continued. Battery powered fans and gear extractors were also suggested.
 - Firefighter Stanton questioned if the Board was comfortable picking a sign vendor. Discussion continued. AJ Signs was chosen.
- Ramsey
 - Don delivered a pallet of water to Co #2 for training; if you remove a case from the refrigerator, please replace it with another.
- Russo
 - Nothing at this time.
- Chandler
 - Co #3 bay door replacements to begin tomorrow.
 - Received a Request for Information on 273; a package was put together and Joyce will be delivering to the attorney tomorrow.
 - Rescue trailer is currently in production and should be received by the end of the month.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- **Town of Greenfield:** Ramsey
 - Tomorrow night is the vote for the annexation of Stewarts.
 - Tire recycling program is Tuesday, October 19th; must be pre-registered and there are fees involved.
- **Town of Wilton:** Dussault
 - Ceremony was held at the town board meeting for Abigail Jenks.
 - Another development of 35 homes will be built on the corner of Ingersoll Road and Route 50 south. It will be in this fire district.

District Policy Review:

- Annual Installation-Inspection policy: no changes made.
- District Awards policy: Commissioner Ramsey questioned the last paragraph. Discussion continued; the companies can call similar awards by another name. No changes made.
- Uniform policy: Commissioner Ramsey questioned #9 of the policy. Lengthy discussion continued. Commissioners Chandler and Ramsey to work on the policy. Tabled until the September 8th meeting.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- Commissioner Chandler noted new 271 should be here by the end of September. Has received some interest from Corinth regarding old 271. There are also 2 contracts with brokers, both at 10%. Has not received a final value.

RESOLUTION #183 DECLARING 271 SURPLUS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to declare 271 surplus.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Commissioner Chandler questioned what to do with old 290. Chief Davis noted he had wanted to give it to Northville. Commissioner McGowan recommend surplus it. Commissioner Russo recommended keeping it for now. Lengthy discussion continued. Joyce confirmed that new 290 will get now get new plates. Board agreed.
- Commissioner McGowan questioned what the plan is for Co #2 old trailer. Commissioner Chandler noted he thought the Board agreed to give it to maintenance.
- Commissioner Chandler noted the tractor purchase will be tabled as Don is still waiting for updated numbers. Also noted that he has heard a lot of disagreement from many people regarding this purchase. There is a lot of equipment that is purchased that is never used but the board still keeps it updated. The buildings and grounds are the public's and they need to maintained properly, which means the proper equipment needs to be purchased. He has donated his personal equipment for the last few years, but the district needs to be self-sufficient. Brief discussion continued.
- Commissioner Dussault questioned the number of tablets recently purchased. Firefighter Stanton noted 13, and they are all currently in use. Brief discussion regarding purchasing tablets for Don and Larry, and Captain Thurman requested one for 284. It was noted that the companies did purchase some on their own. Captain Thurman to go back to Co #3 to see if they would purchase one. Question arose regarding the use of e-PCRs and the tablets. Captain Thurman to contact the District EMS Coordinator.
- D/C Ellsworth noted the lawn is now looking good and thanked Larry.
- D/C Ellsworth previously requested via work order, a concrete pad for the dumpster and questioned the status of it. Commissioner Chandler to speak to the person that did Co #2.
- D/C Ellsworth noted the metal around the new doors needs to be painted prior to winter.

RESOLUTION #184 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

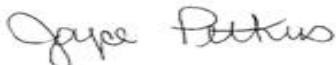
SECOND: Dussault

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 Chandler to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus

