

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The July 28, 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 #171 APPROVING THE JULY 14, 2021 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: McGowan

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

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

RESOLUTION #172 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #14 DATED JULY 28, 2021 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #210304 THROUGH VOUCHER #210326, TOTALING \$42,972.99.

A3410.1	\$ 5,886.41
A3410.2	\$ 20,077.10
A3410.4	\$ 16,559.17
A9000.8	\$ 450.31

Total: \$ 42,972.99

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #14 dated July 28, 2021 from the General Fund, Voucher #210304 through Voucher #210326, totaling \$42,972.99.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Received anonymous letter questioning why unvaccinated members/officers are not masked while in the firehouse, per CDC guidelines. It is explained that while correspondence is appreciated from the public, the Board does not address anything sent anonymously.
 - Gear tag project is slowly moving forward.
 - Banquet committee meeting is tomorrow night.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Don Ranck
 - Nothing at this time.
- **Treasurer:**

- 2022 budget: looks like OSC populated the numbers in the tax cap, should have budget worksheet to the Board tomorrow.

Firefighter New Members/Requests for Change in Membership:

Co #1: Alexandra Sutton, change from 16/17 year-old firefighter to Active firefighter;
Courtney Potter, request for 1 year leave of absence.
Co #3: Shawne Perkins, resignation, moving out of district.

RESOLUTION #173 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN ABOVE CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: McGowan

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign above changes in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- **Town of Greenfield:** Ramsey
 - Reviewed various ongoing projects around the Town located on Locust Grove Road, Plank Road, North Creek Road and King Road. The project at 355 Plank Road will have a very long driveway and will need turnarounds. Brief discussion continued.
 - The law regarding Games of Chance is being placed on the November ballot for a vote.
 - August 12th public hearing set up in reference to the Stewart's property annexation.
 - The Town is scheduled to receive funds through the American Rescue Plan Act.
 - The WEMS contract has been approved for the remainder of the year.
 - Mill Road is closed from 7/13-8/13 for bridgework.
- **Town of Wilton:** Dussault
 - The Town is moving ahead with putting a Verizon wireless tower near McGregor Golf Club. The property is located at 240 Northern Pines Road.
 - D/C Bogardus explained that Saratoga Plan has a trail that comes down off the mountain, and they want to extend it through Co #4 property and back up the hill to connect to the Skidmore trail. They contacted D/C Bogardus for his permission; he in turn gave them Chairman Chandler's contact information. The Chairman noted he has not yet been contacted. The trail would be somewhere along the back of the property, but they are not sure at this point. Commissioner Chandler noted the district has a plan to build some kind of training facility back there, and the pavilion is already there so unless the district knows exactly where Saratoga Plan would like to put the trail, they cannot give permission. Lengthy discussion continued.
 - Brief discussion in reference to the future roundabouts along Jones Road and Route 50.

District Policy Review:

- Firefighter & Auxiliary Injury policy
- Physical & Fit Test policy
- Pregnant Firefighter policy

No changes made.

District EMS Coordinator Report: Christian Alvord

- Not present this evening.

Report of the Training Committee – Captain W. Chandler

- The training committee agreed to purchase a Through the Lock training simulator. Cost is \$1,965. Prop can be moved around the District. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #174 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A THROUGH THE LOCK TRAINING SIMULATOR.

MOTION: Russo

SECOND: McGowan

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a Through the Lock training simulator.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- The training with Scott Richards is going well.
- Planning a jaws drill sometime in October.
- Live Burn should be sometime in the fall.
- A/C Barss noted it is nice where the forcible entry door is currently located. Commissioner Chandler added that there was discussion regarding putting a roof over the concrete slab. Brief discussion continued.
- A/C Barss questioned if the roof ladders came in. P/A Ranck explained that it was put on hold because Co #3 has a ladder and he was working on another one. Captain Thurman noted the ladder is still hanging up at Co #3 garage.
- A/C Barss noted the training committee would like to purchase a 2nd forcible entry door to be located at Co #4. The Chief noted the cost is \$6,900 and he is okay with the purchase. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #175 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A FORCIBLE ENTRY DOOR.

MOTION: Russo

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of a forcible entry door.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Jonathan Davis:

- 295 was inspected today.
- 291 step was installed. Questioned who approved where the lights on the steps were installed. Brief discussion continued. Co #4 to work with Larry to have it fixed.
- 282 went to Cummins for a DEF repair.
- Questioned if the Board wanted to replace the foam tanks on 262 and 282. Brief discussion continued. Both are currently empty, and foam inductors have been purchased.
- FAST training, for the most part, is going well.
- Discussed officer qualifications with the Chiefs. The Chiefs and the training committee need to sit down so it can be figured out once and for all. Brief discussion continued.
- Thanked Don and Joyce for their assistance earlier today with the woman whose motor home was destroyed by a fire. Joyce noted Deidre and Larry also assisted.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – A/C Coffey

- Thanked the Board for the foam inductor.
- Pretty quiet.

Company #2 – A/C Barss:

- Very quiet.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- Good.

Company #4 – D/C Bogardus:

- AIM Services has requested Co #4 set up their flag next Tuesday at Gavin Park for their company tournament.
- He will be going over to the Summit for a Meet and Greet, and they have also requested a drill sometime next month.
- Has been working with the Middle School in reference to pre-planning and training. Brief discussion continued.
- Captain N. King noted a pump draft drill was done last night, and it was the first time the draft was done with 291, and it did really well. Brief discussion continued. Requested 2 floating strainers and one low profile strainer. Would also like some needle nose vice grips, and a tool box handle broke. Larry noted there is some equipment stored around the district. Don to work on it.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Dussault
 - Good.
- McGowan
 - Questioned if the noise that old 273 makes when it pumps has been looked into. Commissioner Chandler noted that he thinks it is the gear box. Discussion continued.
 - Reminded everyone present the importance of documentation and completing non-incident forms; this is especially important if there is an accident or injury and insurance notifications need to be made. Joyce added that the reason the Accident/Incident and LDDS forms were created because that is the documentation that the insurance carriers usually ask for when a claim is submitted.
- Ramsey
 - Commissioner Ramsey questioned the uniform credit. Joyce explained that the Uniform policy clearly describes how and why the uniform credit is received, and that the Board has the right to request return of uniforms not worn. It is not subject to LOSAP credit. Chief Davis points out that the Board is spending money on dress uniforms that just hang in closets. Lengthy discussion continued.
 - Thanked the by-law committee for their work.
- Russo
 - Good.
- Chandler
 - Questioned the status of the trees at Co #3. D/C Ellsworth noted they are waiting for the status of the new signs; if they are not going to purchase the signs there is no hurry.
 - Commissioner Chandler questioned if everyone had thought about the signs. Commissioner Ramsey noted they are nice and would look good in front of all the firehouses, but felt the Board should wait on them; Commissioners McGowan and Dussault agreed. Commissioner Chandler asked if the Board was still committed to the project and to try to find the money. Dialog continued, including looking into budgeting one sign per year, the plan for the building reserve fund monies, looking into grants, changes in technology. President Gibbins suggested the Board look at the buildings and trucks instead and work on priorities. Chief Davis noted the Board needs to think about paid firefighters during the day. President Miller added that signs perform a useful, but not critical function. Lengthy discussion continued.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- Commissioner Ramsey questioned the status of the traffic light at Co #4. Chief Davis explained that he has spoken to Stilsing Electric, who has a call in to State DOT. Brief discussion continued.

- President Miller noted the by-law committee has been meeting. All the companies have reviewed the proposed by-law changes made by the committee; he was very pleased with the feedback. Hopes to have it to the Board sometime in September.
- President Miller also noted the District picnic event being hosted by Co #3 is on September 11th. Sign-up sheets have been distributed. Brief discussion continued.
- A/C Petkus noted the local church will be doing a 9/11 ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park on Grange Road at 9 am. Class A uniforms should be worn. Brief discussion continued; more details to come.

RESOLUTION #176 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Ramsey

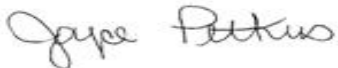
SECOND: Dussault

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 Dussault to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus

District Administrator/Treasurer