

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The September 22, 2021 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at 7:02 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 #202 APPROVING THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve the September 8, 2021 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

RESOLUTION #203 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #18 DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #210384 THROUGH VOUCHER #210408, TOTALING \$42,253.54.

A3410.1	\$	5,987.71
A3410.2	\$	10,778.95
A3410.4	\$	25,028.82
A9000.8	\$	458.06

Total: \$ 42,253.54

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: McGowan

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #18 dated September 22, 2021 from the General Fund, Voucher #210384 through Voucher #210408, totaling \$42,253.54

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #204 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #9 DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND, VOUCHER #ER21011, TOTALING \$535,168.46.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #9 dated September 22, 2021 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, Voucher #ER21011, totaling \$535,168.46.

VOTE: All in favor motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus

- Letter received from resident James Wimet, who resides on Middle Grove Road, in reference to the 370 Middle Grove Road solar project, and has requested recommendations/suggestions be submitted to the Planning board in writing from the fire district. A copy of the letter was also submitted to the Chief.
- Claim submitted regarding the damage to the new trailer. Brief discussion continued.
- Insurance coverage for the new Sutphen; it will be insured as of Saturday.
- The Board had previously requested that the old trailer get a plate after the new trailer had been delivered, but she has no information on the old trailer. Discussion continued. Co #2 to look for documentation. The new trailer will not be plated.
- She will not be in the office on Friday.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Don Ranck
 - Reminder that district email needs to be cleaned out on a regular basis. If assistance is needed, please contact him. Brief discussion continued.
 - Received pricing of Co #2 Ansul system hood; to re-service the 12-year annual service of the current hood, the cost is \$2,200, not including the bi-annual regular servicing. For a new Ansul system, the cost is \$3,594. Brief discussion; two new residential stoves will instead be purchased.
 - Annual air pack testing is the week of October 25th. Air packs not in the firehouses must be brought back to the firehouses for testing that week.
 - New 290 should be wrapping up at the end of the week.
 - Co #4 compressor should be delivered this Monday.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Nothing at this time.

Firefighter/Auxiliary New Members/Requests for Change in Membership:

Co #1: Thomas Vumbaco; change from active probationary to active firefighter.

RESOLUTION #205 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN ABOVE FIREFIGHTER CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Dussault

SECOND: McGowan

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign above firefighter change in membership.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Jonathan Davis:

- Small oil leak under 281; Larry to look at tomorrow.
- Vander Molen has not looked at 291 deck gun; should be looked at tomorrow.
- Received Vander Molen annual service agreement, but he has not had time to review it; will be working with Don to do comparison spreadsheet. Commissioner Chandler questioned why it would cost \$3,300 for 283. Commissioner McGowan questioned what constitutes “after hours”. Commissioner Chandler noted this is just an annual service agreement.
- New 271 is at Vander Molen. Light tower and on-spots came from the factory. Truck should be delivered to Co #2 at 8 am on Saturday, with a training session to be done. Don is working on lettering quote. Need to retro fit the equipment from old 271 to new 271; believes Don and Larry can do the majority of the work. Discussion regarding where to move old 271; to be brought to the district office.
- Questioned if the Board is okay with running the new truck without lettering; Board okayed.
- Vander Molen needs an air pack to adjust the brackets; Don to run one down to them tomorrow.
- Believes the radios can be swapped out; he can get Rob to come down and wire them.
- Don is waiting on quote on four rear tires for new 271.

- Spoke to Vander Molen in reference to the unfinished Plymovent project. Lengthy discussion continued; someone needs to get after Plymovent. Commissioner Russo questioned the Plymovent system on old 271 and will it be transferred to new 271. It is also noted that the system is programmed to the ignitions. Problems noted as follows:
 - 283 does not release and rips off; 292 also has the same issue. 272 had to be adjusted for the same reason.
 - The system hangs right in front of the door by 283 and needs to be adjusted; 271 has the same issue as well.
 - The tension may also need to be adjusted.
 - New sensor should be installed in new 271 while at Vander Molen.
- Starting Officer 1 course so he will not be able to attend the commissioner meetings for the rest of the year. Will email reports to the Chairman.
- Questioned the status of the fans; it was noted that the Chief is supposed to have a meeting with the officers and decide on list of equipment needed, including the fans.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – Captain Marshall

- All good.

Company #2 – D/C Richards:

- New trailer is in service.
- 271 coming in soon.
- The state is changing the way firefighters register for classes. The training committee will be getting together to update the policy. They have until November 10th. Brief discussion continued.

Company #3 – D/C Ellsworth:

- All good.

Company #4: Captain N. King

- Nothing at this time.
- Chief Davis noted that Co #4 will be taking 293 to Corinth to set up the flag for homecoming.

District EMS Coordinator Report: Christian Alvord

- Not present this evening.

Report of the Training Committee: Captain W. Chandler

- Believes there will be a meeting tomorrow night, to schedule live burn and extrication drill.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Dussault
 - Nothing at this time.
- McGowan
 - Noted he received a text from firefighter Middlebrook; the old trailer was purchased about 17 years ago through Herba Honda, which is now called Outdoor Power Sports. Brief discussion continued regarding trying to get the VIN number off the trailer.
- Ramsey
 - Nothing at this time.
- Russo
 - Nothing at this time.
- Chandler
 - In reference to today's incident with the new trailer, everyone needs to slow down when coming into the firehouses. Joyce noted she had received an email from our carrier,

which she forwarded to the Board; it should go through the firefighter's insurance directly. Commissioner Chandler had the trailer company come and look at the trailer. Don to call Frank's to see if they can look at the trailer. Brief discussion continued.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- **Town of Wilton:** Dussault
 - Target put in application for solar panels at their distribution center.
 - Verizon tower by McGregor Links is moving along as planned.
 - 570 Maple Avenue, across from Cumberland Farms is to become office space.
 - Another sub-division to be added at Route 50 and Ingersol Road, on the swamp land in the front.
 - Valvoline to go in next to Cumberland Farms.
- **Town of Greenfield:** Ramsey
 - Lot of discussion regarding the solar field on Middle Grove Road.

District Policy Review:

- Elections Policy: no changes made. Joyce did note that the State finally increased the pay for the election people.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- 2022 Budget: Joyce noted she updated the budget based on last night's workshop, input the updated information into the tax cap form and completed the Statutory Spending Limitation form. She did take \$3,000 and added it to overtime. Brief discussion continued. D/C Ellsworth questioned if there were any provisions in the budget for the firehouse signs; Commissioner Chandler noted no, they are still working on grants, and there is still money in the building reserve.

RESOLUTION #206 ADOPTING THE 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to adopt the 2022 Proposed Budget as submitted.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Joyce will submit the proposed budget to the Towns tomorrow.

- Discussion regarding the access system, including Gansevoort's request for a new fob for their new 241, as well as having access to all GFD firehouses. Discussion regarding who has access to the firehouses. Joyce will need to look in the system. Inventory project to begin before issuing access for 241.
- 290 donation: Chief Davis would like to donate it to Cossayuna Fire Department. Joyce requested their information in order to write the donation letter.

RESOLUTION #207 DECLARING OLD 290 SURPLUS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to declare old 290 surplus.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Chief Davis questioned the surplus of old 271; it was already done in a previous meeting. Commissioner Chandler noted that he has received interest in it from several people. Brief discussion continued.
- Captain W. Chandler noted the Explorer program has been postponed due to COVID concerns.
- Captain N. King questioned if there has been an update on the water line past Co #4. Chief Davis noted it is going to go through; it is currently with the Health Department to sign off on. Discussion regarding whether or not the Board wants to purchase materials to have the line run to the firehouse. Chief Davis noted he will be doing the job and they will have the permit and bond from the State. Chief Davis to get a proposal on the cost to the fire district for materials, and he will donate the time. Discussion continued.
- D/C Ellsworth asked if the Chairman could speak to KME regarding 282 roll up doors; the Chief noted similar issues with 292, and the headlights are getting bad. Brief discussion continued.
- Captain Marshall noted that fire prevention is moving forward; it will be held at Greenfield Elementary on October 8th. Has not yet received a definite date from Dorothy Nolan. Brief discussion continued; masks will need to be worn at the schools. The committee met this past Saturday and created a new program for this year.
- Commissioner Ramsey questioned if anyone has heard anything more in reference to the trail behind Co #4; there has been nothing.
- Chief Davis questioned the status of the grant; Commissioner McGowan noted the grant has not opened yet.

RESOLUTION #208 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 Chandler with a second from Commissioner Dussault to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus

District Administrator/Treasurer