

Board of Fire Commissioners
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The November 21, 2022 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 7:00 PM.

Flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

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

RESOLUTION #239 APPROVING THE NOVEMBER 9, 2022 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve the November 9, 2022 Commissioner meeting minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

RESOLUTION #240 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #22 DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2022 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #220538 THROUGH VOUCHER #220552, TOTALING \$18,468.79.

A3410.1	\$ 5,819.55
A3410.2	\$ 352.34
A3410.4	\$11,851.69
A9000.8	\$ 445.21

Total:	\$ 18,468.79

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #22 dated November 21, 2022 from the General Fund, Voucher #220538 through Voucher #220552, totaling \$18,468.79.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Cancer Coverage forms due by December 1st are completed, submitted and accepted.
 - Annual Election is moving forward; commissioner candidate letters are due by 3 pm this Wednesday.
 - Lengthy discussion regarding Chiefs/Commissioner training called "Stay in Your Lane", and sponsored by several fire service organizations.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Douglas Olson
 - Co #3 generator circuit board upgrade should be done around the first week of December.

- Still waiting on a delivery date for the 10 sets of Liberty gear.
- Co #2 gas meter has been ordered and is expected to arrive late December.
- 2nd round of Scott bottles has been sent out for hydro and should be completed by the end of next week.
- 263 is back from Milton Cat for fuel line repair and battery recharge after it was left outside for a week. Thanks to Commissioner Ramsey for helping to pick it up.
- 291 went to Adirondack Truck repair and is back in service. Thanks to Larry.
- Stocked more DEF fluid in case of anticipated shortage.
- Received quote for repairs of 2 TICs and a charger; cost is \$1016.11.

RESOLUTION #241 APPROVING REPAIRS TO TICs AND CHARGER.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve repairs to TICs and charger.

All in favor, motion carried.

- Met with Jerrid and Walker in reference to the generic probationary shields. Discussion continued.
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus
 - Continues to monitor budget. Brief discussion continued.
 - Questioned the status of the Vander Molen invoice she is still holding; Chief Davis requested she continue to hold the invoice at this time.

RESOLUTION #242 GIVING THE TREASURER PERMISSION TO APPROPRIATE \$835.45 RECEIVED FROM GREENFIELD FIRE CO #3 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PURCHASE OF EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND DEPOSITED INTO A2770 OTHER UNCLASSIFIED REVENUES TO .4 OPERATIONS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give the Treasurer permission to appropriate \$835.45 received from Greenfield Fire Co #3 for reimbursement of purchase of exercise equipment and deposited into A2770 Other Unclassified Revenues to .4 Operations.

All in favor, motion carried.

Membership: Joyce Petkus

Firefighter Applications/Changes in membership: None.

Auxiliary Applications/Request for Change in Membership: None.

Explorer Applications/Request for Change in Membership:

- Captain Chandler handed in application of Ashlynn Ray Hickam at tonight's meeting.

Report of the Chief – Jon Davis:

- Thanks to Doug and Larry for dealing with the fleet this past month.
- Questioned the status of 262 front steer tires; Larry noted it is out of alignment. Brief discussion continued. They will be replaced next year.
- Would like to purchase a Bluetooth mic for his radio; brief discussion continued. Board approved. Money to come out of radios.

- Feels it is time the Board researches hiring a district mechanic. Brief discussion continued.
- There was an alarm for a car accident in Co #4 area the other night, and there were 8 tones before Co #2 rolled a truck with one person in it. Concerned about the lack of response, and feels there needs to be a different incentive program, the LOSAP program is not working now. Lengthy discussion continued, including limitations placed on what can be offered to volunteer firefighters, whether or not there is a morale problem, possibly having to hire firefighters during the day, is the Explorer Program translating into new members, the Board putting a curriculum together for new firefighters.
- Chief's election and annual meeting is scheduled for 7 pm December 15th at Co #2.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1: D/C Coffey

- Attended the new truck pre-build meeting today; there are a few things that they need to talk about; waiting for the list first.
- Thanks for installing the compressor.

Company #2: A/C Barss

- Questioned the status of the inverter. Chief Davis noted he spoke to someone about 281 and 271; it will be done in about two weeks.
- Questioned Larry if he looked at the oil in the brush truck; Larry noted both brush trucks are going to Vander Molen. Brief discussion continued, including 281 antifreeze leak.

Company #3 – President Jay Ellsworth:

- The auxiliary would like to hold their annual blood drive on January 28th.

RESOLUTION #243 GIVING CO #3 AUXILIARY PERMISSION TO HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE ON JANUARY 28, 2023.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give Co #3 auxiliary permission to hold a blood drive on January 28, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

Company #4: D/C Bogardus

- Thanks to Larry for getting 291 axle bearing repaired. Brief discussion continued.

Report of District EMS Coordinator: Christian Alvord:

- Not present this evening.

Report of the Training Committee: A/C Barss

- Live Fire was canceled due to construction at the fire training building.
- Year end meeting will be held soon with report to follow.

Report of the Explorer Program: Captain Chandler

- Gained another new member.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Dussault
 - Thanks for the continued hard work; be safe.
- Hays
 - Questioned the status of the apparatus replacement schedule; Chief Davis noted they will get the Board something by February.
 - Thanks to everyone that participated in last week's food drive at Walmart. Next food

drive will be on December 20th; they could use the help.

- Questioned the status of the purchase of the bail out simulator; Chief Davis noted it was paid for by the Officers Fund.
- Ramsey
 - Noted the class required in the Public Information Office policy can be taken through FEMA or there is a class on the LMS system. Brief discussion continued.
- Russo
 - Nothing at this time.
- Chandler
 - Co #2 building renovation plans are almost 90% complete and should be received soon.
 - Chief Davis noted regarding Co #4 water, they are all in town after Thanksgiving, so a date in December needs to be picked to meet.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- Town of Wilton: D/C Bogardus
 - The planning board changed the auto parts store to a bank, the Ingersol Road developments is moving forward, there was a presentation made in front of the planning board in reference to the mall development, and the anticipated date to come to the Town board will not be until at least February. Brief discussion continued.
 - The Town Board will doing a special proclamation for the family of Wes Green.
- Town of Greenfield: Russo
 - Nothing at this time.

District Policy Review:

- Training Facility Use: Tabled to next meeting.
- Unmanned aircraft Systems (UAS): No changes made.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- Commissioner Chandler noted a resignation letter was received from Larry; he is moving on to the Corinth bus garage. They will need to fill the position, but Larry will help as much as he can until a new maintenance person is hired.
- President Ellsworth questioned the status of Co #3 water; Well-Dun was supposed to take a look at it. Discussion continued; Doug will call Well-Dun.
- D/C Coffey noted he found some stuff at Walmart, Chemical Guys Water Stain Remover, that works really well on water stains.
- Captain Chandler questioned the fittings for the jumpers; Doug noted there is currently a coupling issue.

RESOLUTION #244 ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:52 PM IN REFERENCE TO AN EMPLOYMENT ISSUE.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to enter into executive session at 7:52 pm in reference to an employment issue. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #245 RECONVENING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:26 PM.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

RESOLVED to reconvene from executive session at 9:26 pm.

All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #246 NOT ACCEPTING WILLIAM PRATT'S REQUEST TO GO TO CO #3.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to not accept William Pratt's request to go to Co #3.

All in favor, motion carried.

A/C Thurman questioned who would be contacting Mr. Pratt; it was noted the Chief should.

Commissioner Chandler noted they would like to have more communication sessions between the board and the officers quarterly; Joyce to contact Bill Young,

RESOLUTION #247 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Dussault

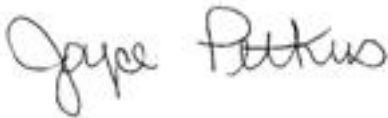
RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Joyce noted that she will need to post the maintenance position, and if changes are going to be made, she needs to know right away. Discussion continued.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chandler with a second from Commissioner Dussault to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer