

Board of Fire Commissioners
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The May 24, 2023 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Vice Chairman Walter Ramsey at 7:00 PM.

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

Present were: Commissioners Ellsworth, Hays, Ramsey, Russo; D/A-Treasurer Petkus.
Excused: Commissioner Chandler, D/P Olson. See sign in sheet for others in attendance.

Co #1 & Co #2 Parking lost seal coating and striping RFP: Joyce noted none were received. Brief discussion; will have Douglas put it out again.

RESOLUTION #145 APPROVING THE MAY 10, 2023 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Ramsey

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve the May 10, 2023 Commissioner meeting minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Vice Chairman Ramsey asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

RESOLUTION #146 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #10 DATED MAY 24, 2023 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #230214 THROUGH VOUCHER #230235, TOTALING \$221,055.86.

A3410.1	\$ 6,067.00
A3410.2	\$ 6,600.84
A3410.4	\$ 77,888.49
A9000.8	\$130,499.53

Total: \$221,055.86

MOTION: Ramsey

SECOND: Hays

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #10 dated May 24, 2023 from the General Fund, Voucher #230215 through Voucher #230235, totaling \$221,055.86.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #147 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #3 DATED MAY 24, 2023 FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND, VOUCHER #BR23003, TOTALING \$35,500.00.

MOTION: Ramsey

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #3 dated May 24, 2023 from the Building Reserve Fund, Voucher #BR23003, totaling \$35,500.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Updated annual physicals report given to the Chief, each company and Commissioners. Brief discussion.
 - There has apparently been a change as to how to get NYSAFC Chief tickets. Brief discussion continued. Reminder also that if anyone wants to go, the list of names must be submitted for approval by the board at the June 14th meeting.
 - Meeting with the bookmobile people tomorrow morning; Commissioners Ramsey and Hays will be there. Brief discussion continued.
 - AFDSNY vote to allow proxy voting did not pass. Brief discussion.
 - Annual LOSAP review meeting confirmed for June 28th beginning at 6 pm.
 - Worked with Bill Young in reference to the 284 mutual aid insurance claim. Douglas got a quote from Frank & Sons, and she has submitted the claim to the carrier.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Douglas Olson
 - Not present this evening; Joyce gave report as follows:
 - Heating oil/propane RFP due June 14th.
 - Butt tags ordered from Morris-Crocker still have not arrived.
 - Hose testing 6/26 & 6/27. No makeup day. Co 1 & 2 on the 26th; Co 3 & 4 on the 27th.
 - 262 going to Premier for PM service on the 30th.
 - 264 going to Ryan's June 8th for air bag installation.
 - Co #3 flooring install to start May 30th.
 - Two Co #4 packs at Dival; all others are back. RIT pack replacement piece cost \$927.10; manufacturer suggested it was "most likely due from being dropped". Reminder they are aluminum valve pieces and packs should not be dropped.
 - Hot water tanks scheduled to be turned off and flushed on 6/1 & 6/2.
 - Will try to get down to Albany next week to get Co #4 floor epoxy and pick up remaining meters at AJ Vel.
 - 262 tire pressure equalizers are in; Erik to install.
 - He will not be in the office for the rest of the week; contact Erik Welmaker or Commissioners Ellsworth or Russo if necessary.
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus
 - National Grid issues ongoing.
 - FY 2022 audit was last Monday. Discussion continued.

Firefighter/Auxiliary/Explorer Membership: Joyce Petkus

- None.

Report of the Chief – Jon Davis:

- Not present this evening; report given by D/C Petkus:
 - Live burn was completed last Tuesday
 - Attended county rehab meeting.
 - Truck committee meeting was held this past Sunday to discuss the future of vehicles in the district. Commissioner Ramsey questioned when this information will be shared; it was noted when it is set in stone. Commissioner Hays questioned if discussion involved the list of current apparatus and replacement schedule; it was noted no. Commissioner Ellsworth questioned if there was any discussion on using the general spec that was adopted several years ago; D/C Bogardus noted they did not have that spec with them. Commissioner Ellsworth also questioned if there was any discussion on

buying another Chief's vehicle, utility vehicle for Co #2 and air system vehicle for Co #1. D/C Bogardus noted no to the purchase of another Chief's vehicle, and there was some general discussion regarding the utility vehicle for Co #2 and air system vehicle for Co #1. D/C Petkus added that the general consensus is that Co #2 new tanker mirror 273 now with a side pump and 3 man cab. Discussion continued.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1:

- No one present this evening.

Company #2: A/C W. Chandler

- Thanks to the Board and Chief for getting the inverter done and 271 equipment.

Company #3: D/C Petkus

- Thank you for the repairs to be done on 284.
- Noted that fit testing times do not work for the firefighters. Discussion continued.
- A/C Thurman requested new rugs for the new floor install. Would like six 4x6 carpets similar to Co #1.
- A/C Thurman requested permission to remove the damaged brush guard from 284 as the vehicle is going to be used in a parade. Brief discussion; it was noted no.

RESOLUTION #148 APPROVING 284 REPAIRS TO BE MADE AT FRANK & SONS.

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve 284 repairs to be made at Frank & Sons.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Company #4: D/C Bogardus

- Co #4 will be holding a blood drive on June 3rd.

RESOLUTION # 149 GIVING CO #4 PERMISSION TO HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE ON JUNE 3RD.

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Hays

RESOLVED to give Co #4 permission to hold a blood drive on June 3rd.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Co #4 would like to hold a fundraiser for the Leukemia-Lymphoma society on September 30th.

RESOLUTION #150 GIVING CO #4 PERMISSION TO USE THE FIREHOUSE FOR A FUNDRAISER FOR THE LEUKEMIA-LYMPHOMA SOCIETY ON SEPTEMBER 30TH.

MOTION: Ramsey

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give Co #4 permission to use the firehouse for a fundraiser for the Leukemia-Lymphoma society on September 30th.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Training Committee: A/C Walker Chandler

- PTSD Training is June 6th at Co #1.
- Commissioner Ramsey noted last night's training was great.
- Would like to look into Firefighters Guide books. Brief discussion.

Report of the Explorer Program: A/C W. Chandler

- Has a new member application, will get it to Joyce.
- FASNY museum is hosting a Water Wars for Juniors on July 22nd; the Chief has approved it. Brief discussion. Board okayed; need to make sure insurance is in order for the Explorers.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Ellsworth
 - Estimate on 284 came back at \$3,600, and he believes there will be a supplement making it over \$4,000.
 - Would like to move forward with the painting of 282. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #151 SENDING 282 TO FRANK & SONS FOR PAINTING, ESTIMATED AT \$5,000.00.

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Ramsey

RESOLVED to send 282 to Frank & Sons for painting, estimated at \$5,000.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Spent time at Co #4 last Thursday for the cell tower installation. Met the owner and they worked through a lot of questions. Right of ways are taken care of, as well as the fencing. Thinks it is a good idea to pave the stone driveway, and called the Town Highway Supervisor, and they would be willing to do it for the cost of the materials. Discussion continued.
- Co #2 retaining wall will be re-done by the Town; they will push the bus out of the way if it is not gone when they are ready to start the project. Discussion continued.
- Suggested the Board take a look at 261, as he believes Premier did a terrific job on it. Brief discussion continued.
- There was some confusion with the flooring company regarding Co #3 floor project, but it is still starting next week as scheduled.
- Would like to see Doug put a spec together for another maintenance vehicle. Discussion continued. He will speak to Doug about this.
- Hays
 - Reminder that there is a process in place for member applications. Lengthy discussion continued. The Member Application policy needs to be followed, the checklist used, the Company Presidents need to be involved, and follow up must occur. Joyce will also contact the website administrator to add more information to the Contact section of the website to better determine which company a request should go to.
- Ramsey
 - Co #2 has birds in the stove vent; will have Erik to look at it tomorrow.
 - Explained the process behind per diem.
- Russo
 - Good.
- Chandler
 - Not present this evening.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- Town of Greenfield:
 - Commissioner Ellsworth noted there is a new full-time building inspector. Brief discussion continued.
- Town of Wilton: D/C Bogardus
 - Olde Saratoga Mini Golf is looking to add a pizza place and additional parking to their property. Discussion continued.
 - Golden Corral building has been sold and a Japanese Steakhouse is supposed to be going in.

District Policy Review:

- Elections: no changes made.
- Public Access to Records (FOIL): no changes made.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- Commissioner Ellsworth noted Erik seems to be working out well. Brief discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #152 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Ramsey

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ramsey with a second from Commissioner Russo to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer