

**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
Greenfield Fire District  
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The August 23, 2023 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 6:59 PM.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** None.

**Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:**

**RESOLUTION #215 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #16 DATED AUGUST 23, 2023 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #230343 THROUGH VOUCHER #230360, TOTALING \$35,229.20.**

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| A3410.1 | \$ 6,703.25  |
| A3410.2 | \$ 823.74    |
| A3410.4 | \$ 27,164.27 |
| A9000.8 | \$ 537.94    |
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| Total:  | \$ 35,229.20 |

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #16 dated August 23, 2023 from the General Fund, Voucher #230343 through Voucher #230360, totaling \$35,229.20.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

**Reports of the Staff:**

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
  - Security system upgrades completed at Co #1 and Co #4; Co #2 and Co #3 are next. If you have not received new access fobs yet, please contact Joyce at the district office. Discussion continued.
  - Tech Valley has been working on IT upgrades as well. New sonic walls will host at least 75 people. Brief discussion continued.
  - Apparatus cards are on back table for pick up. Brief discussion.
  - Meetings with three attorneys have been scheduled. Brief discussion; September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting start time changed to 6:00 pm.
  - There was an oversight regarding firefighter Ludwig's FY 2022 LOSAP points. Deidre made correction, but the Board needs to make a motion fixing the error.

**RESOLUTION #216 ACKNOWLEDGING THE OVERSIGHT OF LOSAP POINTS REGARDING PARTICIPANT ROBERT LUDWIG, AND AUTHORIZING**

**PENFLEX TO ADJUST HIS FY 2022 LOSAP POINTS FROM ZERO (0) TO NINETY-TWO (92), AND DIRECTING PENFLEX TO MAKE THE TWENTY DOLLAR (\$20.00) INCREASE IN FIREFIGHTER LUDWIG'S MONTHLY PAYMENTS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2023.**

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to acknowledge the oversight of LOSAP points regarding participant Robert Ludwig, and authorizing Penflex to adjust his FY 2022 LOSAP points from zero (0) to ninety-two (92), and directing Penflex to make the twenty dollar (\$20.00) increase in firefighter Ludwig's monthly payments retroactive to January 1, 2023.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- May not be in on Friday; will let the board know tomorrow.
- **Purchasing Agent:** Report given by Joyce Petkus
  - Previously purchased disposable CO2 meters are going to start expiring in the next few weeks. About 10 will need to be replaced. Long term meters are \$329 each and 3-year disposables are \$268 each. Brief discussion continued.
  - Two quotes received in reference to a new Tahoe:
    - DeNooyer Chevrolet: \$52,497.50 – does not include work that needs to be done by LaRosa's and Rob as well as the radios.
    - Utilitac: \$67,334.62 includes everything but the radios.Joyce to scan and email quotes to the board.
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus
  - Nothing at this time.

**Firefighter/Auxiliary/Explorer Membership:** Joyce Petkus

- None.

**Report of the Chief – Jon Davis:**

- Questioned the status of the insurance claim on 282; Joyce noted the information has been submitted to our carrier. Commissioner Ellsworth explained that parts have been ordered and there is about a 75-day lead time. Joyce is waiting to hear from the insurance adjuster. Brief discussion continued.
- 273 has a problem and it going to Premier tomorrow. Brief discussion continued.
- 290 has a brake sensor issue. Brief discussion.

**Reports from Companies:**

**Company #1:**

- No one present this evening.

**Company #2: A/C Chandler**

- Thanks for the parking lot seal coating/stripping.
- Thanks to Erik for his help.
- Dehumidifier is needed for the basement.
- New printer is needed.

**Company #3: D/C Petkus**

- Co #3 will be at Galway on Saturday for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration parade and to assist with a stand-by.
- A/C Thurman noted he switched the IAR HDMI cord with a new one and it now works; they would like to keep the TV that was purchased and Co #3 would reimburse the district for it.

#### **Company #4:**

- No one present this evening.

#### **Report of the Training Committee:** W. Chandler

- Nothing at this time.

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

- FASNY is hosting a Trunk or Treat; date is October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- Will be getting a flyer for the spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

#### **Reports of the Commissioners:**

- Ellsworth
  - Spoke to Christian about the EMS budget. Brief discussion.
  - Confirmed that everyone was up to speed on the dent in the trailer that was not a dent.
  - Questioned the cable bills; it was noted the \$144 is for internet only at each of the stations & Co #2 cable bill is \$11 per month, paid by the district. Discussion continued.
  - Brief discussion regarding Co #3 radio programming; identifiers need to be corrected.
  - The training building looks like it has a demolished window that needs to be replaced. Brief discussion continued.
  - Erik is willing to take BOCES classes at night, at district expense. He will coordinate with Erik.
  - Attended the County meeting where there was discussion about ER/ESO. There are many other options out there rather than spending \$20,000. Lengthy discussion continued, including information received on Emergency Networking, as well as that it was mentioned that Vector Solutions may be dropping Halligan.
  - Premier Fire Apparatus has new fob.
  - Questioned why the district is still paying for D/C Bogardus' cell phone; all other were removed from the plan. Brief discussion.
  - Please make sure the Chiefs' vehicles are clean. D/C Petkus noted he cannot find someone to inspect 280; Commissioner Ellsworth will take care of it.
- Hays
  - Not present this evening.
- Ramsey
  - Reminder that the PESH vs NFPA seminar is September 12<sup>th</sup>, and he reserved 3 spots. Brief discussion; Commissioner Ellsworth will attend as well.
  - New sealcoating will be slippery when wet for a while.
  - Secretary training is also scheduled, suggested that company social officers send a rep. Joyce noted it is for fire district secretaries, but Commissioners are encouraged to attend as well.
- Russo
  - Nothing at this time.
- Chandler
  - Spoke to Town Engineer Ryan Ripper; they are currently looking at the plans; the district will need to give an easement once the plans are approved.

#### **Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons**

- Town of Greenfield:
  - Nothing at this time.
- Town of Wilton:
  - Nothing at this time.

#### **District Policy Review:**

- None.

**Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:**

- Moving of National Grid pole: Chief Davis noted he spoke to Walt Schleezer in reference to moving the pole, he said it is not an issue and they can move the pole. Waiting to hear back from him. Brief discussion.
- Commissioner Ellsworth noted that he met with Justin and the cost to pave the road behind the pavilion at Co #4 is about \$10,500.00.
- Lengthy discussion regarding F/Y 2024 budget. The Treasurer explained all the changes that have been made to date by her, Doug and Commissioner Ellsworth. It was noted there are a lot of grants out there, and suggestion made to hire a grant writer. Several changes made; draft budget is currently under the tax cap by \$500.00. Joyce noted if the board is planning on overriding the tax cap, there cannot also be a Contingency line item in the budget. See attached.
- Co #4 President B. Chouinard requested a replacement flag and tarp for 293, the cost is about \$1,000. Brief discussion; he will work with Doug on this.
- Discussion regarding most recent 261 change order; added to the next meeting agenda.
- Commissioner Ramsey noted he is concerned, but not necessarily opposed to, sending Erik to BOCES, but he would like to talk about it with board. Commissioner Ellsworth will look into the cost of BOCES. Brief discussion.
- A/C Thurman noted that the County sent out an email yesterday that all firehouses are becoming NARCAN handouts. Brief discussion.

**RESOLUTION #217 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.**

MOTION: Chandler

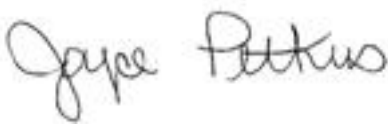
SECOND: Russo

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 Russo to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus  
District Administrator/Treasurer