

Board of Fire Commissioners
Greenfield Fire District
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The February 14, 2024 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Commissioner Michael Chandler at 7:02 PM. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were: Commissioners Chandler, Chouinard, Etson, Russo; D/A-Treasurer Petkus, D/P Olson. Excused: Commissioner Ellsworth. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #56 APPROVING THE JANUARY 24, 2024 COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve the January 24, 2024 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Chandler asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

RESOLUTION #57 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #3 DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2024 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #240017 THROUGH VOUCHER #240063, TOTALING \$101,248.52.

A3410.1	\$ 6,755.39
A3410.2	\$ 4,256.25
A3410.4	\$83,813.21
A9000.8	\$ 6,423.67

Total: \$101,248.52

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #3, dated February 14, 2024 from the General Fund, Voucher #240017 through Voucher #240063, totaling \$101,248.52.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus
 - Old M-1 plates have been turned in to DMV and removed from the insurance.
 - OSHA form SH-900.1 has been completed and posted.
 - There will be a primary in March; she has coordinated with President Gibbins for the early voting.
 - 2024 annual physicals will be starting March 1st. Bloodwork scripts given to each company to hand out and forms will also be forthcoming. Brief discussion.
 - Bookmakers at Holiday Inn is having a Firefighter Appreciation Night on February 28th. Flyers given out to each company.

- CAFDA is holding their Annual Officers' Reception on March 9th at the Century House in Latham. Brief discussion; she and D/C Petkus would like to attend.

RESOLUTION #58 GIVING JOYCE PETKUS AND EDWARD PETKUS PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE CAFDA ANNUAL OFFICERS' RECEPTION N MARCH 9, 2024 THE CENTURY HOUSE IN LATHAM.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to give Joyce Petkus and Edward Petkus permission to attend the CAFDA Annual Officers' Reception on March 9, 2024 the Century House in Latham.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Firefighter Chris Thurman would like to attend the Annual Law & Management Conference at the Turning Stone Resort, 4/4-4/7/2024.

RESOLUTION #59 GIVING CHRIS THURMAN PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL LAW & MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AT THE TURNING STONE RESORT, 4/4-4/7/2024.

MOTION: Chouinard

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give Chris Thurman permission to attend the Annual Law & Management Conference at the Turning Stone Resort, 4/4-4/7/2024.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Barss questioned the cost of the conference; Joyce noted there is a \$375 conference registration, but Deidre handles the room reservations; this will all be accrued once this information is received.

- CAFDA has partnered with the OSC for Financial Training for Fire District Officials is being offered. This course is also for Commissioners. If anyone is interested in attending, please let her know.
- 2024 CAFDA Conference is being held in Lake George. Brief discussion; if anyone is interested, please let her know.
- Flowers for Nancy Waite have been ordered.
- Waiting on insurance quotes.
- The contract previously signed with Saratoga Hospital for medical Director services is now null and void. Brief discussion.
- **Director of Purchasing:** Douglas Olson
 - Phone upgrades are moving forward. Brief discussion continued.
 - Has been notified that the alarm boxes are out of code. Center for Security will be coming to look at the system as they may have a solution. Brief discussion continued.
 - Should be receiving the check for the sale of old M-1 from Auctions International soon.
 - Lengthy discussion regarding the purchase of New 26, a 2023 Chevy Tahoe; packet was handed out to the board. DeNooyer Chevy cost is \$53,911.76, Basil Chevrolet is \$54,096.00, and East Syracuse Chevy apparently sent a denial email. Denooyer will need a letter of intent in order to hold the vehicle.

RESOLUTION #60 PURCHASING OF THE 2023 CHEVY TAHOE FROM DENOYER CHEVROLET AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ADVERTISING

A PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM FOR \$80,000 WITH THE STIPULATION THAT ALL THE PROPER PAPERWORK IS RECEIVED.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Etson

RESOLVED to purchase the 2023 Chevy Tahoe from Denooyer Chevrolet and related equipment and advertising a permissive referendum for \$80,000 with the stipulation that all the proper paperwork is received.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- EVU sent estimates for the charger swaps to be completed on 280 and 294 at \$225 each. Also received quote for the auto ejects for 266 and 296; cost is \$1,520 for each vehicle. Brief discussion. 266 to be done but hold on 296.
- Quote for 293 was received from the frame inspector.
- 281 is going to Frank & Sons on February 26th and will be gone for about 2 weeks.
- 260, 270 and 280 all received new tires.
- Thanks for getting the particulate hood issuance receipts back to him.
- Toby Middlebrook completed the distillate valve replacements for the three lift pumps. Brief discussion. He will take care of the garage heater exhaust pipes in the Spring.
- New heater for Co #1 radio room should be arriving soon.
- Helmet shields are about 8 weeks out.
- Co #2 ceiling tiles are installed; thanks to Walt Ramsey for all the work he did as well.
- Structural and extrication gloves have been received.
- Two 5-gas meters and some bottles are at B-Lann.
- Vehicle PM's will be starting on March 4th. Brief discussion.
- Dress uniform fitting scheduled at the district office February 27th at 5 pm. Brief discussion.
- Carpets are scheduled to be cleaned the middle of April.
- Need to order grave markers; they will take 3-9 months to be delivered. Brief discussion; 12 to be ordered.

RESOLUTION #61 GIVING THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE 12 GRAVE MARKERS.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Etson.

RESOLVED to give the Director of Purchasing permission to purchase 12 grave markers.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Fit test machine is going out tomorrow for annual service and calibration and will be gone approximately 2 weeks.
- Current plan in place is to purchase 10 30-year SCBA bottles with sleeves this year and next year. Received only 2 quotes; Dival cost is \$17,410 and MES cost is \$17,891. Contacted Air Gas, Grainger and Feld Fire, but they do not offer the 30-year bottles. Chief Barss asked that a decision not be made until after the training committee report.
- Recently met with the gear committee, Citrus Squeeze can no longer be used as it has been determined that it is destroying gear; Fire Wash has been ordered instead. Brief discussion continued.
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus
 - Saratoga National sent an audit confirmation notice, which she verified and completed.
 - Has begun working on FY2023 independent audit; set for April 8th.

- FY 2023 AFR has been submitted to OSC, copies given to each Commissioner and emailed to the Auditors.
- 2024 tax revenues have been received from both towns, and deposited into appropriate accounts.

Firefighter/Auxiliary Applications and Changes in membership: None.

Report of the Chief – Derrick Barss

- Reflected on the passing of Nancy Waite, past District Secretary and life member of Porter Corners. There will be an honor guard at her service this Friday. Discussion continued.
- Truck committee put a lot of work into new 26.
- The officers want to be part of the budget process.
- Recently had a vendor come up and talk about oil filming. Cost is \$300 per Chief sized vehicles and \$18/foot for anything commercial. Lengthy discussion continued.
- They would like to start ordering the pre-mixed Motomix gas again, instead of mixing their own. Lengthy discussion continued; Douglas to look into where to purchase.
- Designated a safety officer position for the entire district; would like a Safety Officer and a Fire Police Captain district email. Douglas to research.
- Bail out equipment is not to be issued to new firefighters. Brief discussion. Chief Barss noted that bail out equipment is not to be given out unless they have completed Firefighter 1 and in-house bailout.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – D/C Marshall

- All good.

Company #2 – Lt. Ramsey

- Thanks for the new ceiling tiles.
- Meeting room is back in use.

Company #3 – D/C Petkus

- All good with station and trucks.
- There was a gear meeting last week with the Morning Pride vendor; waiting for a call back from Inotex. The gear currently being made is made without PFOAs, and life expectancy of this gear is now 8 years and 35 washes. Discussion continued.

Company #4 A/C Z. King

- Erik has been handling quite a few work orders. The traffic light switch is currently functioning but a new one is needed. It is 110 volts. Brief discussion.
- 295 kneeler issue; brief discussion. Doug to research repair vendor.

Report of the Training Committee: A/C Z. King

- FDIC Conference is 4/16-4/21. They would like to send four people again this year; D/C Marshall, Captain N. King, firefighter Dain LaCross and A/C Z. King. Discussion continued.

RESOLUTION #62 GIVING D/C MARSHALL, CAPTAIN N. KING, FIREFIGHTER DAIN LACROSS AND A/C Z. KING PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE FDIC CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN, 4/15-4/21/2024.

MOTION: Etson

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to give D/C Marshall, Captain N. King, firefighter Dain LaCross and A/C Z. King permission to attend the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis, IN, 4/15-4/21/2024.

VOTE: Chouinard, Etson, Russo, in favor; Chandler, opposed. Motion carried.

- Captain Krueger handed out schedule and presented the SCBA bottle replacement plan through 2042. 43 bottles will be expiring April/May. The recommendation is to have 2 bottles per frame for the apparatus, bringing the total number of bottles to 122. The committee has recommended purchasing 13 bottles this year, 6 new and 7 used from SOS Fire Equipment LLC in Oklahoma at a cost of \$4,845.00; sleeves are not included. Lengthy discussion continued, including surplussing some bottles before their expiration dates. It was also recommended not to use grant funding to purchase SCBA bottles due to the potential to create large bottle loss at one time. It was noted that the grant writer is currently going for a grant for SCBA bottles. Regarding sleeves, MSA has a zip-on Kevlar sleeve for bottles. Brief discussion.

RESOLUTION #63 PURCHASING 6 NEW BOTTLES AND 7 USED BOTTLES.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to purchase 6 new bottles and 7 used bottles.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Report of the Explorer Program: Walker Chandler

- Not present this evening.
- Lt. Crumb noted the 9-11 Memorial trip has been cancelled at this time.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Chouinard
 - Working with Co #4 auxiliary regarding their intentions. Brief discussion.
 - Working with Chief Stanton in reference to the department by-laws.
- Ellsworth
 - Excused.
 - Commissioner Chandler noted that Commissioner Ellsworth had submitted his report earlier. Brief discussion.
- Etson
 - Nothing at this time.
- Russo
 - Thanks to the committees for all their efforts.
 - Thanks to Walt Ramsey on all the progress at Co #2.

- Chandler

RESOLUTION #64 DEDICATING A PAGE OF THE MINUTES TO NANCY WAITE.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to dedicate a page of the minutes to Nancy Waite.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Met with the Waite family on Tuesday night. A/C Stanton is in the officer in charge. Commissioner Chandler will be doing the service. Discussion continued.
- He and Commissioner Ellsworth are also working on finding a new Chaplain.
- Has received an update on the water line at Co #4. It has apparently been stamped by

the health department, and they are now working on easements. Cost will be somewhere between \$80,000 - \$100,000. Will be contacting Past Chief Davis as well. Brief discussion.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- **Town of Greenfield:** Commissioner Etson
 - Justin Reckner, the new Town Building Inspector, is eager to work with the fire district. Building code violation forms should probably be updated. Discussion continued.
 - Councilman Mike Gyarmathy is exploring a better benefit for volunteer firefighters. Joyce noted that FASNY is lobbying the State to increase the Income tax credit from \$200 to \$800.
- **Town of Wilton:** Commissioner Chouinard
 - Nothing at this time.

District Policy Review:

- Disciplinary: no changes made.
- Duties of Fire Officers: no changes made.
- Social Media/District Photography: brief discussion, including adding the use of helmet cams, which is covered under videos already listed in the policy. No changes made.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- 293: Commissioner Chandler noted that there is currently about \$150,000.00 of repairs by the beginning of March. The swivel will take about 18 weeks to arrive from the day it is ordered. He spoke to the DOT Sergeant in reference to NYS inspections. He also contacted the Wilton Fire District Chairman, and the truck is currently not for sale at the moment, and they have not even considered a selling price. Lengthy discussion continued. The Treasurer to research how to pay for the repairs to 293.

RESOLUTION #65 APPROVING REPAIRS TO 293.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to approve repairs to 293.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #66 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

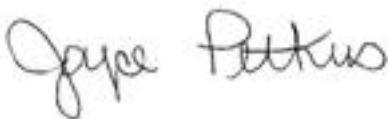
SECOND: Russo

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 8:30 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce A. Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer

IN MEMORY OF OUR

DEPARTED SISTER

Nancy Waite

YOU WILL BE

MISSED BY ALL

Commissioner Ellsworth report for Wednesday

1 chiefs Tahoe pricing and specs have been sent to you as well as copy's in your baskets. We tried to keep it under 75k how ever the command center wouldn't fit in new Tahoe from 270.

2 270 will go to greenfield in place of 266 and 266 will replace 296 and 296 will go to auction.

3. Pricing has been sent for meds and 294 for shore power.

4. You all have received Tim Hannigan's comments on helmet cams. This needs to go into the social media policy.

5. I've talked to the chief on the cancer screening and he is getting numbers together and will be working with Joyce.

6. EL-293 I think at this point we have no choice but to send it out for frame repair and undercoating. When this gets done then repairs need to be done at premiere. After that then we need to decide to sell it or keep it.

If anyone has questions or needs to call me during Wednesday meeting please feel free.

Thanks. Jay

122 Minimum Surplus Option

SCBA Bottles Purchase Plan 2024-2042:

Starting Bottle Count 113 after taking out the 43 expiring in 2024

KEY: **RED** = End Of Life (E.O.L.)-- **GREEN** = Purchase-- **YELLOW** = Surplus

YEAR	OPTION ADDING 4 PER YEAR	OPTION ADDING 6 PER YEAR
2024	-43 E.O.L. +13 (6 new, 7 used): Bottle Count=126	-43 E.O.L. +13 (6 new, 7 used): Bottle Count=126
2025	+4 : Bottle Count=122 -8 Surplus 8 bottles expiring in 2030	+6 : Bottle Count=129 -3 Surplus 3 bottles expiring in 2030
2026	+4 : Bottle Count=122 -4 Surplus 4 bottles expiring in 2031	+6 : Bottle Count=132 -3 Surplus 3 bottles expiring in 2031
2027	+4 : Bottle Count=118 -8 Surplus 4 bottles expiring in 2032	+6 : Bottle Count=135 -3 Surplus 3 bottles expiring in 2032
2028	+4 : Bottle Count=122	+6 : Bottle Count=138 -3 Surplus 3 bottles expiring in 2033
2029	-1 E.O.L. +4 : Bottle Count=125	-1 E.O.L. +6 : Bottle Count=141 -2 Surplus 2 bottles expiring in 2034
2030	-15 E.O.L. -1 60min RIT bottle +4 : Bottle Count=114 +1 60min RIT bottle	-20 E.O.L. -1 60min RIT bottle +6 : Bottle Count=127 +1 60min RIT bottle

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2031	-8 E.O.L. +4: Bottle Count=110	-9 E.O.L. +6: Bottle Count=124
2032	-10 E.O.L. +4: Bottle Count=104	-15 E.O.L. +6: Bottle Count=115
2033	-10 E.O.L. +4: Bottle Count=98	-7 E.O.L. +6: Bottle Count=114
2034	-5 E.O.L. +4: Bottle Count=97	-7 E.O.L. +6: Bottle Count=113
2035	-9 E.O.L. -1 60min RIT bottle +4: Bottle Count=92 +1 60min RIT bottle	-9 E.O.L. -1 60min RIT bottle +6: Bottle Count=110 +1 60min RIT bottle
2036	-11 E.O.L. +4: Bottle Count=87	-11 E.O.L. +6: Bottle Count=105
2037	-11 E.O.L. +4: Bottle Count=78	-11 E.O.L. +6: Bottle Count=100
2038	-1 E.O.L. +4: Bottle Count=81	-1 E.O.L. +6: Bottle Count=105
2039	+4: Bottle Count=85	+6: Bottle Count=111
2040	+4: Bottle Count=89	+6: Bottle Count=117
2041	+4: Bottle Count=93	+6: Bottle Count=123
2042	+4: Bottle Count=97	+6: Bottle Count=129

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If going with the 4 bottle per year option: At 2030 (or sooner) we should look to purchase more used bottles to get inventory back up to a minimum of 122. But should go slightly above due to the large loss in the next few years. Bottles purchased in 2030 should have an End Of Life between 2039 to 2042. This is to stagger the End Of Life as we currently do not have any SCBA Bottles expiring during that time frame.

If going with the 6 bottle per year option: At 2032 (or sooner) we should look to purchase more used bottles to get inventory back up to a minimum of 122. Bottles purchased in 2032 should have an End Of Life between 2039 to 2042. This is to stagger the End Of Life as we currently do not have any SCBA Bottles expiring during that time frame.

We recommend in the future not to use Grant Funding to purchase SCBA Bottles as it has the potential to create another large bottle loss in one year like we currently have.



USED: Scott 4.5 cylinder, 45min 30year

SCOTT

\$595.00

Shipping calculated at checkout

Purchase 1

Year

2014

Quantity

1

We have 18 in stock

ADD TO CART

Buy with shop Pay

More payment options

Used Scott 45min scba cylinders. Mfg 2013-2019. Includes CGA cylinder valve.
30 year extended life cylinder

Current on hydro test.

Even Skinning



**USED: Scott 4.5 cylinder, 45min
30year**

Purchase all 5

SCOTT
\$695.00

Shipping calculated at checkout.

Year	2015
Quantity	1



We have 5 in stock

ADD TO CART

Buy with shop Pay

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Used Scott 45min scba cylinders. Mfg 2013-2019. Includes CGA cylinder valve.
30 year extended life cylinder

Current on hydro test.

Free Shipping



USED: Scott 4.5 cylinder, 45min 30year

SCOTT

\$775.00

Shipping calculated at checkout.

Purchase 1

Year

2019

Quantity

1

We have 1 in stock

ADD TO CART

Buy with shop Pay

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Used Scott 45min scba cylinders. Mfg 2013-2019. Includes CGA cylinder valve. 30 year extended life cylinder

Current on hydro test.

Free Shipping