

Board of Fire Commissioners

Greenfield Fire District
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The November 25, 2024 Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Jay Ellsworth at 7:03 PM. The flag salute and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

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

Joyce noted that there needs to be a correction to the resolution regarding 293 as she forgot to include the following: "upon sale of the Apparatus, will no longer be necessary for the District's uses or purposes".

RESOLUTION #286 APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2024 COMMISSIONER MEETING WITH CORRECTION AS DISCUSSED.

MOTION: Chouinard

SECOND: Etson

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024 Commissioner meeting with correction as discussed.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Ellsworth asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract:

RESOLUTION #287 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #22 DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2024 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #240454 THROUGH VOUCHER #240465, TOTALING \$15,722.81.

A3410.1	\$ 5,945.31
A3410.2	\$ 0.00
A3541.4	\$ 9,322.69
A9000.8	\$ 454.81

Total: \$15,722.81

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to approve payment of Abstract #22, dated November 25, 2024 from the General Fund, Voucher #240454 through Voucher #240465, totaling \$15,722.81.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Administrator:** Joyce Petkus

- Read letter received from Bryan Chouinard requesting his name be added to the ballot for the December Commissioner Election for the 5-year term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.
- Quick Response is having their Annual Holiday Lights VIP Night. Flyers in baskets.
- Annual Cancer Coverage forms completed and submitted: EOSB 210.8C and 210.8R.
- Has been receiving resumes for the district secretary position. Brief discussion; will begin setting up interviews.
- Knox key list was previously requested but will take 4-6 weeks to receive.
- Moving forward on the upcoming Commissioner election.
- Questioned what the board would like to do regarding the vacated Commissioner seat. Brief discussion, Joyce to advertise for open seat.
- Has worked out schedule for 293 mandatory referendum, with a tentative vote to be held on January 28, 2025. Brief discussion continued; will need to know when the board is ready to move forward as soon as possible or the vote date may have to be moved.
- Chief Barss had mentioned at the last meeting that a Sheriff had allegedly dropped off insurance paperwork for the training building, but no one at the district office received it; does anyone know the outcome? No information available.
- **Director of Purchasing:** Douglas Olson not present, report given by Joyce
 - West Valley Fire District # 1 has chosen not to purchase the Fol-da-tank for \$2,000.00, so he will look into the next best option for selling it before Auctions International.
 - Luzerne-Hadley Fire District donated an inflatable raft to Middle Grove.
 - Bay door at Co #2 was repaired on the 20th, waiting on parts for Co #3 door opener.
 - Remainder of 2024 PPE was ordered and should arrive by mid-December.
 - Someone needs to take F283 to Ryan's in the morning on 12/2 for inspection. Commissioner Ellsworth will handle.
 - Several 4 gas meters are awaiting sensors to arrive and then will be calibrated.
 - Co #3 submitted for 5 flash drives on 11/14/24. Purchase requests were due by 10/31. It was noted they are for New Member Orientation. Brief discussion.
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Petkus
 - Keeping close watch on current finances.
 - Moved money around within the .4 Contractual/Other accounts in order to balance Apparatus, Maintenance & Repairs. Discussion continued.
 - Received check from Auctions International from the sale of the 2005 Jeep, MED296. Money will be deposited tomorrow.

Firefighter/Auxiliary Applications and Changes in membership: None.

- Changes in Membership:
 - Co #1: Gene Carleton: Active probationary to Active firefighter
 - Co #2: Jonathan Davis: requested one year leave of absence

RESOLUTION #288 GIVING THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN OFF ON ABOVE CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

MOTION: Chouinard

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to give the Chairman permission to sign off on above changes in membership.

VOTE: All in Favor, motion carried.

Report of the Chief – Derrick Barss

- Not present this evening.

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – report given by D/C Z. King

- They would like to use FMI for tool mounting on new 261. Lengthy discussion continued; D/C King will make arrangements with Vischer Ferry to look at their truck.

Company #2 –

- No one present this evening.

Company #3 – D/C Petkus & firefighter Chris Thurman

- Questioned the status of the compressor; Joyce noted she does not believe it was delivered.
- Premier will be up in the morning to finish 282.
- Thanks for completing the window replacement project.
- The new maintenance guy did a great job on the yard.

Company #4 – D/C Z. King

- Nothing at this time.

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

- Natural gas class was last week.
- Fire alarm class was postponed until after the New Year.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Chouinard
 - Nothing at this time.
- Etson
 - Met with a couple of well drilling companies regarding Co #4 ongoing water issue.
 - Commissioner Ellsworth questioned the status of the extractor grant; Commissioner Etson noted he is waiting on the committee; D/C Petkus is the Chair of that committee; he noted that they sent paperwork on a couple of vendors over to Douglas. Brief discussion continued. Commissioner Chouinard questioned if the plumbing and electrical work will need to be put out to bid. D/C King noted that Co #4 was supposed to have some stuff done in conjunction with the new water line but that is now not happening since the board decided not to do the waterline. Lengthy and lively discussion continued regarding multiple topics. Joyce noted the easement for the water line was signed and submitted to the Town of Wilton; she is just waiting for the Town Supervisor to sign it and sent a copy back for district records.
- Russo
 - Nothing at this time.
- Ellsworth
 - Wilton's ladder truck went down to Premier, and their report was received and forwarded to Wilton Chairman Fish; waiting to hear back from their board. Brief discussion continued; Commissioner Ellsworth will call Premier to see how much they feel the ladder truck is worth.
 - Premier has not been able to find a replacement generator for 263, they are still looking but may have to purchase a different generator. Brief discussion continued.

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

- **Town of Greenfield:** Commissioner Etson
 - Nothing at this time.
- **Town of Wilton:** Commissioner Chouinard
 - Nothing at this time.

District Policy Review:

- BLS Glucometer Storage: no changes made.
- BLS Glucometer Use: no changes made.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

- None.

RESOLUTION #289 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Ellsworth

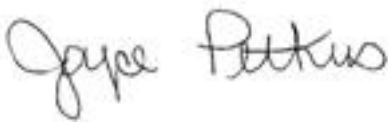
SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ellsworth with a second from Commissioner Chouinard to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Petkus".

Joyce A. Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer