

Board of Fire Commissioners
Greenfield Fire District
Greenfield Center, NY 12833

The **May 13,2026** Commissioners Meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at the District Office by Commissioner Etson at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence were recognized for departed members.

Present were: Commissioners Etson, Chouinard, Russo, Davis and Ellsworth; D/S Gimbel, D/P Acunto. Please see sign in sheet for others in attendance.

RESOLUTION #97 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 22,2026 BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the April 22,2026 Board of fire commissioners meeting

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

RESOLUTION #98 TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR EMPLOYMENT MATTERS CONCERNING A CERTAIN PERSON AT 7:05

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED To enter into executive session for employment matters concerning a certain person at 7:05

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

RESOLUTION #99 TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:24 PM

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED To reconvene from executive session at 7:24 PM

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Chairman asked for questions/comments regarding the abstract: Commissioner Ellsworth questioned the pricing on the brakes done to Car 26 and Car 260, both Tahoe's. The prices were over \$300.00 in difference. After pulling the invoice it was noted that Car 26 also had calipers installed

RESOLUTION #100 APPROVING PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT #8 DATED MAY 13,2026 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, VOUCHER #260158 THROUGH VOUCHER #260190, TOTALING \$76,153.56

A3410.1	\$	13,997.50
A3410.2	\$	1,255.77
A3541.4	\$	59,674.01
A9000	\$	1,226.28
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Total:	\$	76,153.56

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED approving payment of abstract #8 dated May 13,2026 from the general fund, voucher #260158 through voucher #260190, totaling \$76,153.56

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Firefighter/Auxiliary Applications and Changes in membership:

2 members have turned 18 years old this week and are now Active fire fighters

- **Blake Whitcomb** – Co#2 from Junior Firefighter to Active Fire Fighter
- **Lochlan Fuller** – Co#2 from Junior Firefighter to Active Fire Fighter

RESOLUTION #101 APPROVING THE CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF BLAKE WHITCOMB AND LOCHLAN FULLER TO FULL FIREFIGHTER STATUS AS THEY HAVE TURNED 18 YEARS OF AGE.

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED: approving the change in membership of Blake Whitcomb and Lochlan Fuller to full firefighter status as they have turned 18 years of age.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Staff:

- **District Secretary:** Kim Gimbel
 - Working with Tom V on the CME Recertification Program.
 - The last day for physicals is May 31.
 - Submitted and article written By Bill to the town newsletter. (see attached)
 - Working with Duane Cornell on details of the Forgotten Crossroads movie showing May 20th at Co#1.

- Drove to Utica on Friday and picked up uniforms for Chief Bogardus and Chief Petkus
- Received the endorsement for the storage building at Porter Corners Co#2. This added \$58.72 to the policy (see attached)
- Mailed out the Thank You cards to Tom W and Granite and Marble Works
- Seal Coating RFP has been published in the Gazette and is posted on the Website as a pop up . The end date is Thursday May 21,2026 at 1:00 PM with a bid reading at the May 27, 2026 Commissioner Meeting. There has been no quotes received yet.

Discussion continued concerning the need of seal coating the parking lots. Should we repave each parking lot as needed. **We will cancel the RFP for Seal Coating and put out an RFP for Paving in 2027.** The need for striping the parking lots was discussed.

- It was asked that all invoices for truck repairs be sent out to the chiefs and the board so they can be reviewed

Director of Purchasing: Fred Acunto

- The truck committee has arranged for Auto Solutions to install the new portable chargers in all Chief's vehicles.
 - Installation is scheduled for May 8, 2026, at Company 1.
- Maple Ave:
 - Dream Floors targeting repair work the week of May 11 or May 18.
 - Sourcing drainage grates: one unit ordered from Grainger for sizing confirmation. Sourcing the correct size has been problematic.
 - NY Fire & Security scheduled May 13 (1:00–1:30 PM) for annual fire alarm inspection; Zak King notified.
 - During the next BoFC Meeting on May 13, 2026, there will be a motion to accept bids for new lockers. See attached PDF for all bids or refer to the email sent on April 29th.
- Porter Corners:
 - Bay 1 overhead door repaired May 5; issue related to limit adjustment.
 - FLIR camera order placed; on backorder, expected within 2–3 weeks.
- Greenfield:
 - LED sign installation is expected the week of May 18th; however, the specific date has not been determined.
 - Jeff Packard is confident he will have the date this week and I will advise of that date when shared with me.
 - Creeping pre-assembly issues with the installer have been sighted for the delay.
- Middle Grove:

- Awaiting update from Vast Horizon on spare radio reprogramming to replace unit 282-5.
- PO: MG2026SIGN has been issued to ensure LED Sign installation occurs within 90 days of receipt.
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - As previously reported, I'm continuing to work on moving up the manufacturing date of the extractors.
 - All requested extractor documentation has been submitted to Julie Burline, at MJ Burben, Inc; however, we have just been made aware of potential supply chain issues due to "global volatility"
 - FIT testing machine returned to TSI for warranty repair
 - Quarterly air quality testing completed; documentation received.
 - Pop-up canopy fabric delivered May 12; Brandon Murray notified. Framing arrived May 5th.
 - 2026 seal coating RFP issued: bids due May 21.
 - Working on square footage rate for flooring replacement at Companies 1-3.

Treasurer: prepared by **Clint McGowan** / read By Kim Gimbel

- I had a meeting last week with Arrow bank to discuss the ICS accounts. And the subject of credit cards came up. To aid in any discussions you have on this topic this is what I got for initial comments on their cards
- Reminder Fred and Bryan have their cards already through arrow
- Cards will be issued in name of GFD sub name of the employee
- They do NOT require you to provide ss# or DOB when applying for cards
- Just want basic info like your home address
- They have you sign an form that states that the card will not appear under your personal profile when doing credit checks
- The believe I can be added as the admin for all cards so I can go online and pay the cards, get statements etc. without having to have a card issued to me.

Employee Health Insurance.

Through MVP, current monthly charge is \$832/month. New premium starting in July will be \$955.77. I have sent the board under separate email a copy of the notice for further discussion.

National Grid

National Grid has notified us that they were overcharging us. They have issued a credit of \$555.25

Report of the Chief – District Chief Duane Bogardus

- Discussion about Fit Testing deadline will be waived until the machine is back
- Learned a lot at FDIC. Definitely worth the money

Reports from Companies:

Company #1 – Deputy Chief Jerrid Marshall – All Good

Company #2 – Deputy Chief Christian Alvord– All Good

Company #3 – Deputy Chief Ed Petkus – All Good

- Chief Petkus spoke about the gear fitting. 20 of the 24 members receiving new sets of gear were fitted.

Company #4 – Deputy Chief Zak King –

- The cleaning company did an amazing job. The deep clean was well worth it to have done. After the grinding of the floor and the deep clean there was 55 pounds of dust removed
- Air Drops need to be fixed.

Discussion continued about Bryan having problems with his ipad , Fred will work with him on it

Reports of the Committees:

Training DC Zak King – FDIC was a

Truck Committee – DC Jerrid Marshall

- The Chiefs cars have the chargers installed. Chief Alvord's car needs an extra plate. They will schedule that out.
- 281- came back from Premier with stuff still not working. Then it was fixed at the firehouse by Premier. There should not be a service call charge. Commissioner Ellsworth spoke with them about it.
- 271- door needs to be fixed soon.
- 293- Air Inject is fixed
- 272- Oil Leak – Chief Alvord will look to see if its coming from the plug or the filter
- 261 – FMI working with VanderMolen on warranty items
- Chief Marshall will set up a meeting with the reps from premier and other truck committee members to find out more about the customer portal and tracking of work.

New 275 – Chief Christian Alvord

Greenwich Ford	\$63,427.26
Emergency Vehicle Upfitters	\$8,700.00
East Coast Emergency Lighting	\$11,263.58
Coles Collision	\$6,471.90
AJ Signs	\$2,600.00
Sunnyside Cap Package	\$8,525.00
TOTAL	\$100,987.74

RESOLUTION #102 ACCEPTING THE BID FROM GREENWICH FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,427.26 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F350 6.7 TURBO DIESEL UTILITY VEHICLE.

MOTION: Etson

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED: accepting the bid from Greenwich Ford in the amount of \$63,427.26 for the purchase of a 2026 Ford F350 6.7 turbo diesel utility vehicle.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #103 ACCEPTING THE BIDS FROM EMERGENCY VEHICLE UPFITTERS \$8,700.00 , EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING \$11,263.58 , COLES COLLISION \$6,471.90 , AJ SIGNS \$2,600.00 , SUNNYSIDE CAP PACKAGE \$8,525.00

MOTION: Etson

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED: accepting the bids from Emergency Vehicle Upfitters \$8,700.00 , East Coast Emergency Lighting \$11,263.58 , Coles Collision \$6,471.90 , AJ Signs \$2,600.00 , Sunnyside Cap Package \$8,525.00

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

This resolution and the expenditure of the funds as proposed herein are subject to a permissive referendum in accordance with Section §6-g(7) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

RESOLUTION #104 TO WITHDRAW AND EXPEND AN AMOUNT UP TO ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$110,500.00) FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF (1) 2026 FORD F350 6.7

TURBO DIESEL UTILITY VEHICLE AND ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND MODIFICATIONS.

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Russo

RESOLVED: resolution to withdraw and expend an amount up to One Hundred Ten Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$110,500.00) from the Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of (1) 2026 Ford F350 6.7 turbo diesel utility vehicle and all necessary equipment and modifications ..

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Reports of the Commissioners:

- Etson – All Set
- Russo – All Set
- Chouinard – All Set
- Davis- The bollards at Co#1 really should be removed and not replaced. Discussion continued this is an unnecessary expense. Have Bryan A look at them and if he take them out. If he cannot we will call O'Connor Concrete.
- Ellsworth –
 - The three quotes for the lockers for Co#4 came in and Grid Gear is the correct bid accepted.
 - The commission for the sale of 291 is \$16,800.00 and needs to be paid this week

RESOLUTION #105 TO PAY GARAGE THE COMMISSION OF \$16,800.00 ON THE SALE OF \$280,000.00.

MOTION: Ellsworth

SECOND: Etson

RESOLVED: to pay Garage the commission of \$16,800.00 on the sale of \$280,000.00.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

The sale price of the truck is \$280,000.00. The check in the amount of this should be deposited in the Equipment Reserve Fund with the check for the commission of \$16,800.00 being taken out of the equipment reserve fund. The total after the commissioner charge is \$263,200

Reports of the Town Board/Planning Board Liaisons

Greenfield: Commissioner Etson

- Tonya Yasenchak, Zoning Board Chair came and spoke with DC Marshall of Co#1 to go over the new expansion in the Brookview Mobile Home Park. To be sure the off sets and turning radiuses are all set.
- Supervisor Gyarmathy offered thanks to everyone and is looking forward to the Community Day Parade on June 20

Wilton: Commissioner Chouinard

- New construction on Maple Ave

District Policy Review: No Changes Made

#40 Whistleblower Policy
#28 Workplace Violence Prevention

Old Business:

None

New Business

- The new radios ordered will programmed tomorrow. They will be wifi capable so they will work in the schools if needed.
- The ipads will be looked at by Connor with Vector
- Commissioner Ellsworth went to Premier and while there was able to look at a Demo truck , short , 12-16 months order time, side mount at \$695,000. It is an E1 and fully equipped Drew felt we could get into it for \$750,000. 6 or 8 man cab, 1000 gal. Would like to have them bring it up and look.

Motions

RESOLUTION #106 MOVE TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE RESIGNATION OF CLINT MCGOWAN AS TREASURER OF THE GREENFIELD FIRE DISTRICT FOR PERSONAL REASONS. WE THANK CLINT FOR HIS SERVICE AND NOTE THAT HE HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO REMAIN IN THE POSITION THROUGH THE TRANSITION PERIOD TO ENSURE A SMOOTH HANDOVER.

MOTION: Etson

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED : move to accept, with regret, the resignation of Clint McGowan as Treasurer of the Greenfield Fire District for personal reasons.

We thank Clint for his service and note that he has graciously agreed to remain in the position through the transition period to ensure a smooth handover.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

RESOLUTION #107 MOVE TO APPOINT KAREN FOSTER AS TREASURER OF THE GREENFIELD FIRE DISTRICT, EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 2026 / UPON COMPLETION OF THE TRANSITION, WITH COMPENSATION AS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

MOTION: Etson

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED: move to appoint Karen Foster as Treasurer of the Greenfield Fire District, effective May 14, 2026 / upon completion of the transition, with compensation as established by the Board.

VOTE: Commissioner Ellsworth abstained, Commissioners Etson, Chouinard, Davis and Russo voted yes

RESOLUTION #108 ACCEPTING THE BID FROM GEAR GRID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,782.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW GEAR LOCKERS AND ALL ASSOCIATED HARDWARE PROVIDED BY GEAR GRID. INSTALLATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS QUOTE.

MOTION: Etson

SECOND: Davis

RESOLVED: accepting the bid from Gear Grid in the amount of \$17,782.00 for the purchase of new gear lockers and all associated hardware provided by Gear Grid. Installation is not included in this quote.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Special Topics of Discussion/Final Comments:

RESOLUTION #109 TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Etson

SECOND: Ellsworth

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Etson with a second from Commissioner Chouinard to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Gimbel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly A. Gimbel
District Secretary