

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2024*

Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Diederich, Williams, Norris, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, President Bardeen

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by President Bardeen

Chairperson Gerhard asked to join him in a moment of silence for all the people who were part of the Barnard family and those who were touched by the Barnard family that are no longer with us. Keeping in our thoughts and prayers all our men and women first responders who do battle every day. And please keep in your thoughts past chief of Hilton, and 2nd VP of NYS Fire Chief's Association Jim Hare's family who passed away last week as well as the victims of Hurricane Debbie.

Anyone from the public need to bring anything to the Board currently?

No one from the public was in attendance, therefore no one came forward.

Chairperson Gerhard asked if we have received any correspondence since our last meeting and asked if there are any special dates that need to be noted.

- A note from "that's my brick" informing us they need a black and white logo and a sign off to allow them to use the logo on the brick. Comm. Norris will look into making it Black and White.*
- A note from NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services informing us that the 27th annual NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held on Tuesday October 8th at 11 a.m. at the NYS Fallen firefighter's memorial located at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. This year 32 firefighters died in the line of duty.*
- A message from Captain McKenna listing the turnout gear which is over 10 years old and would like to be declared surplus to Greece Central for the RTE program, and if they do not need it, we will send it to the North County to a good home. This includes 10 turnout coats, 9 turnout pants and 3 pairs of boots.*
- A thank you from Pam Rogers of Hampton Blvd along with \$20 to thank the staff for their help on July 4th and July 28th.*
- Thank you from Chief Brian Smith of Webster thanking the district for their assistance during the Webster function. He stated that "Barnard's willingness to assist them in their time of need reflects the core values of teamwork and community service that are fundamental to our profession. Their hard work and commitment did not go unnoticed, and we are proud to have such reliable and skilled colleagues in our network. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to continuing to work together in the spirit of cooperation and camaraderie."*
- We will be sending a thank you to John Fields who took old doors from the firehouse and turned them into a workbench. Really just so nice, you should look it over.*

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MOTION: Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2024. All commissioners were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.

MOTION: Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Capt McKenna to surplus 10 turnout coats, 9 turnout pants and 3 pairs of boots that are over ten years old to The Greece Central School Districts RTE Program. All commissioners were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.

Monthly Chiefs Report ~ August 12th, 2024

Year 2024 Total Runs 2262

January 345 February 339 March 270 April 310 May 341 June 285 July 372

<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
5	32	Fires in Structures
1	3	Vehicle Fires
1	5	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
5	12	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires
8	54	MVA
258	1618	EMS
0	2	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
30	171	Auto Alarms
6	42	Mutual Aid Given
16	103	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
47	220	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)

Updates from the Fire Chief.

- July was our busiest month this year to date, with 372 runs. This included 1 marine fire on the railroad bed.
- MPS devices are all installed in the apparatus and the iPads removed. We will be keeping 2 iPads available for scene support. Training on the devices and the CAD application was developed and delivered to all line officers by FF Sladden. A huge thank you to FF Sladden for his role in the training program and Lt McGarrity for coordinating the installs and transitions.
- Updates from the Dept; FF Jorge DeJesus has moved to Buffalo and resigned from the Dept. Onboarding is underway for Exterior FF Vaisey and Station Support Gary Ranney and returning to the active role, Dick Young.

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- *The annual town wide memorial service and the open house will be hosted here at the Barnard Station this year on October 6th. This will continue to be a joint venture with all 4 Departments and Districts. The memorial service committee met last week, and planning and logistics are underway. Dean Smith, AC Dorgan and President Bardeen will be our leadership for both events. The service will begin at 12:30 followed immediately by the public open house from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.*
- *SOG's have been reviewed, updated, and approved and this has all been made possible with the efforts of our command staff and Sandy Ballou. A huge thank you for their diligent work to keep this project moving this summer. A log of the new and updated SOG's will be available to review at the meeting.*
In addition, we have three District Polices ready for review and approval this evening.
- *An updated worksheet will be provided at the meeting tracking our finances related to the ongoing station improvement projects that are underway for the balance of 2024.*
- *The bid specifications were developed by Lt Ballou and Sandy as the legal notice is ready to publish for lawn mowing, landscaping and snow plowing for the Station. Our current vendor, after years of faithful service, has opted to end his business operations this fall.*
- *Engine 223 has returned from annual maintenance and testing with no major significant repairs. E-225 is now out for the annual PM and inspections this week.*
- *A written appeal to re-consider the new requirement of the Old Forge Fire School/FASNY regarding the individual members signing a release of liability and hold harmless form for participation, was sent.*
- *As a matter of record, I do wish to confirm during the early morning hours of July 18th, when the Monroe County 911 Center was unable to activate the fire agencies other than by telephone, the Barnard District was manning the radio room, and all alarms were answered and responded to promptly. The radio room remained staffed with 2 FFs for the remainder of the night and into the morning until we were able to confirm the tone activation portion of our county system was stable and working. Thank you to the crews on staff that evening.*
- *The historical committee met last week, they are organizing memorabilia, will not hang anything up until everything is organized and thought out with the District.*

Chief Andrews would like to request an executive session to discuss contractual and personnel issues.

Community Risk Reduction Division:

Monthly Report: August 2024

Submitted By: Dean Smith

A large portion of our community outreach programing takes place in our local schools. The summer months are typically a slower time of the year. This past month I completed a series of fire safety presentations to the summer program at the Villa of Hope and I have been assisting Life Span with an eight week fall prevention program entitled: It's A Matter of Balance, to the

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residents at Beatrice Place. Other summer activities include taking inventory, reordering supplies, preparing for the upcoming school year and participating in various on- line webinars for professional development. As the new school year draws nearer, I will be returning to our schools to introduce myself to the new teachers and administrators and begin preparing my fall classroom schedule.

This year Fire Prevention Week will be October 6-12th. The National Fire Protection Association has announced that this year’s campaign theme will be “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!” with an emphasis on having working smoke alarms in your home as a vital part of your family’s home fire escape plan. I am meeting next week with my fire safety colleagues from our neighboring fire districts to discuss our annual open house and other Fire Prevention Week activities. Barnard will be hosting the Town of Greece Memorial Service this year and our annual Open House will return for the first time since Covid and the completion of the fire station renovation.

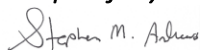
Summary of Programs

Location	Date	Program
Lake Shore FD	7/9/24	Car Safety Seat Fitting Station, 1 seat inspected
Villa of Hope	7/17/24	Summer school program
Villa of Hope	7/18/24	Summer school program
Beatrice Place	7/18/24	Fall prevention
Villa of Hope	7/19/24	Summer school program
Care A Lot Childcare	7/19/24	Summer school program
Beatrice Place	7/25/24	Fall prevention
Beatrice Place	8/1/24	Fall prevention
Beatrice Place	8/8/24	Fall prevention

Scheduled Programs

Lake Shore FD	8/13/24	Car Safety Seat Fitting Station
Beatrice Place	8/15, 8/22 & 8/29	Fall Prevention Program

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen M. Andrews

Fire Chief

MOTION: *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Chief Andrews report for August 12, 2024, as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve moving forward with some improvement projects in the fire house that were removed from the original scope of*

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work from our Capitol Project. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Resolution #24-17 By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the following Policies with both Unions approval: Physicals, Health and Immunizations; Minimum EMS Qualifications; and the Exposure Control Policy.

Poll of Board Members –

Commissioner Diederich	- yes
Commissioner Cappon	- yes
Commissioner Norris	- yes
Commissioner Williams	- yes
Chairman Gerhard	- yes

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

Resolution #24-18 By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the publication of the Legal Notice of Bid for the 2024-2025 Lawncare, snow plowing and snow removal season.

Poll of Board Members –

Commissioner Diederich	- yes
Commissioner Cappon	- yes
Commissioner Norris	- yes
Commissioner Williams	- yes
Chairman Gerhard	- yes

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

Commissioner Diederich – Mentioned it would be nice to have landscaping done around the flagpole.

Commissioner Norris – No Report

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Commissioner Cappon – No Report

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Chairman Gerhard – *Would like to see website updated at least every two weeks. Also, he has heard good feedback about Bands @Barnard.*

President Bardeen – *On Sept 25th @1900 there will be a kickoff meeting for the 100th anniversary celebration.*

The Department would like permission to add an additional Bands at Barnard show on September 4th, 2024, as a department fundraiser. The original show was cancelled due to weather on July 10th.

MOTION: *Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve a make-up show for Bands@Barnard on Wednesday Sept 4th, 2024. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved from July 22nd and August 12th. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Treasurer Report for July 2024. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to go into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel issues. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

Entered executive session at 7:14pm

Return to regular session at 7:30pm

MOTION: *by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Diederich to adjourn. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pattie Morris/Sandy Ballou
Secretaries, Barnard Fire District*